

Today is Racial Justice Sunday.

The theme this year is 'Dignity for all workers' - recognising the problems faced by people due to racism and ethnic discrimination in the workplace. In a world steeped in violence, conflict, and discrimination, the Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of the human person, the necessity of building peace, prosperity and justice for all. In Octogesima Adveniens and Gaudium et Spes, St Paul VI teaches that "all people have a right to work ... to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level". We are therefore called to ensure people are not exploited while they work, and to open our hearts to those who face this hatred. "As you did this to the one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me..." In our task as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation.

Prayer Cards from the church porch.



A Prayer for our Parish Community

Almighty God,

we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our Church and Parish:

In the ministry of word and sacrament, in teaching and pastoral care, in service to the Diocese and Deanery.

The community and those in need, in ecumenical fellowship and co-operation.

We pray for all members of the congregation, that in their life and work they may advance your kingdom and bear witness to your love, shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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	<p>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 www.ctk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/</p> <p>Parish Hall Bookings: please contact Vinod Thomas on 07527829413 or email moghallbooking@gmail.com</p>	



Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

**17th – 24th
February 2019**

Racial Justice Sunday

Sunday 17.02	10.30am 4pm	People of the Parish	Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26
Monday 18.02			
Tue 19.01	10am		Genesis 6:5-8 7:1-5,10 Mark 8:14-21
Wed 20.02	6.30pm	Tony Doherty RIP 20 th Anniv.	Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22 Mark 8:22-26
Thu 21.02	10am		Genesis 9:1-13 Mark 8:27-33
Friday 22.02	10am		1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19
Sat 23.02	10am	Enrique Paez 80 th Birthday thanksgiving	Hebrew 11:1-7 Mark 9:2-13
Sunday 24.02	10.30am 4pm		1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday, or whenever required.**

Feasts of the week:

Friday, Chair of St. Peter, Apostle. Saturday, St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr.

"Sharing our Stories of Faith" A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN at St Joseph's, Uppingham Road, Leicester, on Saturday 23rd February, 10.00 am - 4.30 pm. The day is open to Catholic woman of any age who would like to come, whether or not they regularly attend mass. There are to be talks and interviews with invited guests during the morning and, following lunch (soup and rolls available at small charge), the afternoon comprises discussions, question-time and a short music meditation. There is no charge for the event, but interested women are asked to confirm that they coming by completing the booking form, available from alison.CWS@outlook.com or catherinebrady@gmail.com. Messages can also be left on 0116 2207881.

Rosmini Centre: Lectio Divina on Saturday 23rd February starting at 3pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by meditation.

English Martyrs Catholic School. On Monday 25th February we are holding a Mass of Hope to mark the first anniversary of the Hinckley Road tragedy. Mass will be offered for those who lost their lives in the explosion. After Mass a Lampedusa Cross given by CAFOD in memory of Sean and Shane will be dedicated in the Sixth Form Centre. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Martin Hardy at 3.45pm in the Auditorium and people are welcome to gather from 3.15pm. Refreshments will be available. Any member of the Community who wishes to attend is very welcome but we do ask that you email office@englishmartyrs.org to let us know you are coming.

60th Anniversary History talk at St Patrick's. "Tom Barclay (1852-1930), one of our first parishioners" on Tuesday 26th February, doors open at 7 pm, talk at 7.30 pm. Refreshments available, Bar open, Free entry. **See poster in church porch, also for reply slip if you want to take part**

St Peter's Parish Spring Fayre, Hinckley Road, on Sunday 3rd March from 12.30 to 14.30. Free entry, all welcome. **See poster in church porch**

Leicester Irish Society 50th Anniversary Celebratory Luncheon on Sunday March 17th 2019. 1.30pm until early evening. Devonshire Place, 78-80 London Road, Leicester LE2 0RA. 4 Course Lunch, welcome drink on arrival with dancing to Irene and Tom Irish Dancers, Tickets £25. Please contact Elaine Godber email godbers5@sky.com or 07753693917. The closing date for tickets is March 1st 2019.

The National Novena to St. Joseph will take place from 10th -18th March 2019 at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and Herbert House, Fairfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr. Brian Oswald MHM, St. Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.

St Patrick's Day Mass with Bishop Patrick McKinney at 11am at St. Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys Lane LE4 2BD. Followed by refreshments and music in the Parish Centre until 2.30am.

Marriage Preparation Courses to be held on four Saturdays at St Patrick's church hall, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester LE4 2BD on the following dates this year: **9th March, 2019 - 18th May, 2019 - 6th July, 2019 - 7th September, 2019.**

The courses will be presented by Deacon Tom & Janet Berrie. We will start at 9.30 am, with coffee at 9.15, and end the day at about 5.00 pm. The cost of the course this year will be £30 per couple, payable by the couples themselves. The intention of the preparation course is to help engaged couples to appreciate the nature, importance and purpose of the sacrament of marriage as understood by the Catholic Church, and to find ways of developing their relationship that will enrich their future married life. To quote Pope Francis, who, with his fellow bishops, stresses the great importance of marriage preparation, where with the help of Christian married couples, fiancés are challenged to reflect together on their love, their future and the importance of faith and prayer in the life they are about to share. For a booking form, please contact the parish office by email mogparish@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. Thank you.

Financial details: Loose Plate £283.76. Envelopes £289.95. Second Collection £55.80. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 10th February: £50 A Bochenek (114). £25 A Fitzgerald (236), Mr G Ennis (56).

Thought for the week: "Sometimes, you have to let go of the picture of what you thought life would be like and learn to find joy in the story you're living." **Anon**

Pope Francis February Intentions: Universal – Victims. For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.



Please bring your charity box 'Faith in families' to church to be emptied. Thank you.