

Each year the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates **Home Mission Sunday**. It is an opportunity to inspire us all to share the Good News we have received. This year, on the 15 September we are encouraged to take to heart the invitation to 'Rejoice with me'. This joyful invitation comes from two of the three people mentioned in the Gospel of the day. Through this short phrase, we are invited to experience the joy of finding something, or someone, that had been lost. How wonderful it would be if Catholic parishes responded to this invitation by celebrating with the people who have encountered Christ and come home to their parish community this Home Mission Sunday.

"THE GOD WHO SPEAKS" A Year of the Word 2019-2020. Scripture lies at the centre of everything the Church does. In 2020, the 10th anniversary of Pope Benedict's Apostolic Exhortation Verbum Domini, and in conjunction with the Bible Society, the Bishops' Conference is undertaking a special year, with the focus on the Word of God. Catholics in England & Wales will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word with this exciting new initiative. Throughout the year there will be a range of events, activities and resources to participate in all around the country. The 'Year' begins on the Feast of St Jerome on September 30th 2019 and continues throughout 2020. We have a diocesan team of coordinators working with Bishops' Conference and The Bible Society who will be organising some events in our Diocese for parishes and schools during 2020. Resources and ideas for events will be on the national website: <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks>.

This is a great opportunity to attract and encourage more people to read the bible and deepen awareness and understanding. The national launch is an online launch from Cardinal Vincent Nichols in the National Gallery via a video on the national website. Watch out for events in our diocese and if you would like to be involved in anything in your area, contact Adult Formation.

Pope Francis September Intentions: Universal - Politicians, Scientists and Economists. That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



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.ctlk.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>	



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
of Ordinary Time**

**15th – 22nd
September 2019**

Sunday 15.09	10.30am 4pm	Bridie O'Grady RIP Malayalam Community ints	Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32
Monday 16.09	No Mass		
Tue 17.09	10am	Betty Etuokwu RIP Filippo Robins Birthday	1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 7:1-10
Wed 18.09	6.30pm	John Murphy Get Well Soby and Family Thanks	1 Timothy 3:14-16 Luke 7:31-35
Thu 19.09	10am	John Murphy get well	1 Timothy 4:12-16 Luke 7:36-50
Friday 20.09	10am	John Murphy get well	1 Timothy 6:2-12 Luke 8:1-3
Sat 21.09	10am	Agnes Callan RIP	Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Matt 9:9-13
Sunday 22.09	10.30am 4pm	Mr & Mrs Tims (senior) RIP People of the Parish ints	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

**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: Monday, St Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs. Tuesday, St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and doctor. Friday, SS Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, priest and Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs of Korea. Saturday, St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Mother of God First Holy Communion Programme 2019-2020

Applications forms are now available at the back of the church for our First Holy Communion programme. Candidates from the parish, who are in school year 3 or older, are invited to enrol in our programme. Please return your completed forms to Father George or to the box in the back of church **by October 20th at the latest**. Looking forward to meeting you all. Some important future dates to take note of:

- Introductory meeting for parents- Tuesday 5th November in the church at 6.30pm.
- Children's first session- Saturday 9th November in the hall at 9am.
- Enrolment mass-Sunday 10th November in church at 10.30am.
- Second meeting for parents- Tuesday 26th May- in the church at 6.30pm.
- First Confessions- Tuesday 9th June- in church at 6.30pm.
- First Holy Communion- (English mass)- Sunday 14th June at 10.30am
- Malayalam First Holy Communion Mass- to be arranged.

September – SVP Awareness Month. Most people experience loneliness from time to time. But for many people, especially older people who are too frail to leave their homes, the misery of isolation is a daily struggle. The campaign seeks to raise awareness of the plight of people living in poverty and isolation and attract support for the work the SVP's 8000 active members do every year across England and Wales to help alleviate the misery caused by poverty and loneliness. The charity's voluntary members visit and befriend over 80,000 people at home every year. For many, the SVP is their answer to loneliness. **If you would like to volunteer with the SVP please contact Clive Barkshire. You can also bring to our attention any people who would like a visit. To make a donation, or to find out more please telephone 020 7703 3030, email info@svp.org.uk or visit www.svp.org.uk.**

Rosmini Centre: Tuesday 17th September, 7-8.30 pm; Fr. A. Belsito - "The Letter of St. James, on Christian Practical Wisdom".

Pugin: Lost and Found - Guided Tour An informative guided tour of the St Barnabas Cathedral to explore some of the original and the restored architectural details designed by Pugin, including the beautiful Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Tours start at 11.15am and 12.45pm on Saturday 21st September. Places are limited, so please book via Eventbrite: www.pugin-tour.eventbrite.co.uk

CATECHIST TRAINING DAY. Bishop Patrick has invited David Wells to lead us in a session entitled: Renewed Personal Encounter. He will help us to explore what the Church means by 'Encounter' with God and ways in which we can develop our personal relationship with Christ. There are 4 evening sessions with the same content the dates and venues are:

- **Tuesday 24 September 2019:** Saints Peter & Paul Church Hall, Lincoln. LN6 7SU
- **Wednesday 25 September 2019:** Good Shepherd, Church Hall, Nott. NG5 4HT
- **Tuesday 1 October 2019:** The Divine Infant of Prague, Syston, Leics. LE7 1GH
- **Wednesday 2 October 2019:** Diocesan Centre, Mackworth, Derby. DE22 4BD

All commencing at 7 pm with refreshments from 6.30 pm. If you would like to attend one of these evenings either inform your parish priest or contact Adult Formation: adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

Ploughman's Harvest Supper. The Francis Caus Charity is holding a Ploughman's Supper on Saturday 28th September at 7:30pm in St Peter's Church Hall. All are welcome and tickets, £7, are available from John Gray at the back of the church. As usual there will be a quiz and raffle; please bring a sweet for the shared table and enjoy a great night with a chance to meet friends old and new. This event is one of several throughout the year which raises funds for the Christmas Lunch served for the "more mature" parishioners of St Peter's and Mother of God Parishes.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 30th September 2019. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

ADMISSION: If you have a child who is due to start school for the first time in September 2020, applications are now open. If you are applying to Christ the King, you have to apply directly to the school **and** to the Local authority, where you complete the form online. The school Supplementary form should be returned directly to the school by the closing date of Wednesday 15 January 2020. You can view our admission policy on the website: <http://www.ckleicester.co.uk/Admissions/> We also have an Information session for prospective parents on Wednesday 2nd October @ 9.30am and Thursday 31st October @ 9.30am and 2.00pm.

English Martyrs' Catholic School: Open Evening for Year 6 students at on Thursday 3rd October 2019, 5.00- 6.45pm. Formal Address by Mr Carney, Principal at: 5.00pm, 5.25pm and 5.45pm in the Auditorium.

"Let Earth Be Glad" - An ecumenical and inter-religious day looking at our Care of Creation on Saturday 5th October at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, 10am to 3pm. There will be speakers from different faiths, followed by workshops in the afternoon. Please bring food for a shared table. To book a place contact Fran Wickes - fran.wickes@icloud.com or Patricia Stoit - pmstoat@gmail.com.

Concert by the Resurrection Choir of St Petersburg: Saturday, 2 November at 7.30pm at Blessed Sacrament Church Gooding Avenue, Leicester, LE3 1JS. TICKETS Adults £10 - Concessions £8 Under 16s free - but you do need a ticket. There is a £1 discount on the ticket price until the end of August. Tickets are available in person or by post - please enclosed a stamped addressed envelope and a cheque made payable to 'Blessed Sacrament RCP' For further information please telephone: 0116 2858795 or email: blessedsacrament@btinternet.com. **See poster.**

Financial details: Loose Plate £123.68. Envelopes £264. Donations £340. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 8th September £50 D Avery (194). £25 P Jackson (266), I McClafferty (46).

Thought for the week: "Kindness is loaning someone your strength instead of reminding them of their weakness." Anon