

We would like to let parishioners know, via our diocesan website and e-newsletters, details of any live-streaming Mass times and prayer in your church.

St Barnabas Cathedral is live streaming Mass at 1 pm Monday-Friday and Sunday at 10 am. These services are also recorded.

A retreat service is attached for individual prayer for parishioners, which can be forwarded by email to those already on your list - downloadable at:

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/index.shtml> along with other prayer services.

Useful website addresses

St JOSEPH'S MASS: on YOUTUBE St Joseph Leicester live Weekdays @10am Sunday Mass @10.30 by Father John Daly.

Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>.

The TV channel EWTN also has a daily Mass as well as a large number of resources to keep us spiritually nourished over the coming weeks www.ewtn.com

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html> listen to podcast Sunday gospel truth.

www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/ www.heavensroadfm.com/listen-now/

Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Under your protection,
we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Amen



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English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Seventh Sunday of Easter

24th - 31st May 2020

World Communication Day

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: 26(27):1.4.7-8

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Father George is offering Holy Mass from Mother of God Church Presbytery chapel through live stream during lockdown days. Available at <http://Facebook.com/gchelackal> <http://motherofgodleicester.co.uk>

MONTH OF MAY 2020

Monday to Saturday: 08.45 a.m.: Adoration starts, Rosary, Benediction, followed by Holy Mass (Malayalam)
05.30 p.m. Holy Mass (English)

Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Mass (English)
03.30 p.m. Adoration starts, Rosary, Benediction
Followed by Holy Mass (Malayalam)

Pope Francis May Intentions: For Deacons. We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 54th Word
Communications Day**

**"That you may tell your children and grandchildren"
(Ex 10:2) Life becomes history**

I would like to devote this year's Message to the theme of storytelling, because I believe that, so as not to lose our bearings, we need to make our own the truth contained in good stories. Stories that build up, not tear down; stories that help us rediscover our roots and the strength needed to move forward together. Amid the cacophony of voices and messages that surround us, we need a human story that can speak of ourselves and of the beauty all around us. A narrative that can regard our world and its happenings with a tender gaze. A narrative that can tell us that we are part of a living and interconnected tapestry. A narrative that can reveal the interweaving of the threads which connect us to one another.

If you would like to read the whole message, please go to:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20200124_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html

Readings and Gospel for Sunday 24th May

1st Reading - ACTS 1:12-14:

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 27:1, 4, 7-8

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: to dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple.

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

2nd Reading - 1 Peter 4:13-16:

Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

Gospel – John 17:1-11:

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.

And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

God the Father, bless us;

God the Son, defend us;

God the Spirit, keep us

Now and for evermore.

Amen.

Spiritual Communion

Jesus, Lord, today we cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Please come into our hearts that we love and serve you and one another, and be united in Holy Communion.

This week we continue to pray For all the sick and housebound people of the parish. We also pray for our NHS Staff, the cleaners, the supermarket workers and all the people who are supplying us with food during this period. All the people who are keeping the country going during this lockdown. Let also pray for each other.

**Pentecost Sunday, May 31st - National Rosary Rally 9am to 9pm
England, Wales, Scotland**

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May, especially when the Pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. He encourages simple Rosaries and joining online Rosary initiatives to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19 and he has composed two prayers for this intention. I invite you to join in an initiative that follows on the Pope's request, the **Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Rally**, from 9.00am to 9.00pm across Scotland England and Wales. Our Diocese has been asked to pray a **Rosary Hour** at 10 am and I warmly invite you to take part. This is to be led in the form of a **Rosary relay Rally** where the Dioceses designated in their **Rosary Hour** encourage the peoples across their Diocese to pray the Rosary either, individually, in families, as online prayer groups, parish groups, and where possible led online by their parish priests and Bishop. It does not matter what time during the specified hour that the Rosary is prayed. Then on the hour the next Dioceses take up the Rosary relay Rally and so on until 9pm. At 9pm the Rosary Rally will end with a Rosary being led by Bishop John Keenan from St. Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley.

**Come Holy Spirit & Renew the Face of the Earth
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us**

Thy Kingdom Come - Global Ecumenical Prayer Initiative

Please join in this exciting ecumenical **Global Week of Prayer at home**, so that we may be more open to the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, in all our missionary work. A Catholic Novena to the Holy Spirit during the days between the Ascension and Pentecost is found on this Novena website: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-the-holy-spirit> There are also a wide variety of resources available to share in the Global Ecumenical Prayer Initiative - *Thy Kingdom Come*: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global> This important initiative links Christians around the world in prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, that more people may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ for themselves. What started off in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Anglican church in England, has now grown into an ecumenical and international call to prayer during this grace-filled time leading up to Pentecost.

NDCYS (Nottingham Diocese Catholic Youth Service) have a new "You Tube" Channel, NDCYS Live! It's not just called "LIVE" for a reason. Each letter is one of four streams that give you an idea of what their channel is all about. LEARN, INSPIRE, VOCATION, ENCOUNTER! There will be new videos every week so hit subscribe and let them know what you think! Upcoming streams include 9.30am Mondays Club and 6.00pm Friday Nights Live. Have a look and be inspired by Tom Baptist the Director and all the members of The Briars Team.

Rosmini Centre: Healing Mass and Prayer. Greetings from the Rosmini Centre House of Prayer. In these unfamiliar times of sacrifice necessary to restrain the spread of the Covid-19 virus. As with other Christian places of prayer the Rosmini Centre has been off limits since March except for the resident Rosminian community. We have continued our prayerful celebration of daily Mass and the Divine Office this period of crisis. Here at the Rosmini Centre the **Healing Mass and Rosary will be celebrated by Fr. Denys Labartette every Wednesday:** starting with Mass at 11.00am followed at 11.30 to 12.00 by the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary with Adoration/intercession. This will begin on Wednesday 20th May until the end of August. If you wish particular people to be remembered at the Mass, please email their names and these will be placed in a basket on the altar. Please send the email to rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com. Joining together in spirit all is welcome to take part in this prayer of healing and intercession while you are at home.

A Message from The SVP Society: Happy Easter.

Until 31 May the Church will continue to be in Easter season; Jesus is risen and appears to his Disciples. Pentecost has not yet come, so for the rest of this month we have permission to indulge in chocolate and are called to celebratory prayer. Perhaps this is a more challenging year than most to feel uplifted.

Pope Francis in 2017 admonished his most serious and solemn priests when he asked: "If you have the face of someone at a funeral, how can people believe that you are redeemed, that your sins can be forgiven?" He then went on to discuss how to "leap for joy" during the greatest of trials.

This is a difficult lesson to learn as it presumes other factors which we might build on first. It presumes we have belief and confidence in a God who walks with us; it presumes that we have an eternal source of hopefulness; and it presumes that 'joy' is an appropriate response to the present situation. St Paul to the Romans encourages us to "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep." We are not called to have the opposite emotions to our audience, but rather to be faith-filled and responsive humans, ones who have trust, hope, joy and are willing to turn this into prayerful action. On Easter Sunday of this year Pope Francis gave a very particular address in the *urbi et orbi*. In it he recognised the vast challenges the faithful would face in everyday life. To quote from the final paragraph:

Indifference, self-centredness, division and forgetfulness are not words we want to hear at this time. We want to ban these words for ever! They seem to prevail when fear and death overwhelm us, that is, when we do not let the Lord Jesus triumph in our hearts and lives.

This has not been a time of indifference; it has been a time of great passion. This has not been a time of self-centredness, but of incredible generosity. This has not been a time of division, but instead isolation is being combated and overcome in bold and creative ways. Lockdown has not made us forgetful, but instead it has made us nostalgic, thoughtful and aspirational.

LACY ASK YOU TO SAVE THE DATE! On Sunday 31st May at 4.00 p.m. LACY, Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth, will be having a virtual celebration of the Via Lucis, the Stations of the Resurrection, which is a response to the call of Vatican II to place a renewed importance on the Resurrection. Its inspiration lies in the spirituality of St. John Bosco. The celebration will last for approximately 40 minutes and we would be delighted if you would like to join us - all ages welcome! Fr. Simon Gillespie will be leading us through the devotions. To join us you will need to obtain the Zoom app on your computer, I pad or mobile phone. If you have not used this app before you are welcome to contact us and we can talk you through it. The ID is 775 4342 5527. You will also need a password. To keep the occasion safe for all we ask you to contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com for the password. All young people under the age of 18 will need to have an adult with them. We look forward to hearing from YOU! Many thanks for your support of LACY. We hope we have been inspired by the Holy Spirit in a way which will be successful in spreading God's Word.

Let's stay connected to each other!

As we face the next coming months together, staying indoors to keep safe, we must stay connected. We must keep our spirits up and support each other mentally and spiritually.

Community Help: Apologies, but we are not allowed to do anything collectively as a parish. It has been suggested by the diocese that anyone wanting to help should contact the government led initiatives in their area. Leicester City Council - Contact and Response Team if needed. Telephone 0116 454 1004 or email: contact-response@leicester.gov.uk. VAL (Voluntary Action Leicestershire) - visit <https://www.volunteerleicestershire.org.uk/> 0116 257 5050

300 Club Results: 17th May £50 A Woolley (38). £25 H Wilkes (157), M Ayorinde (42).

Job Vacancy - Director of Communications. The Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint a Director of Communications to work with the Bishop of Nottingham and the Parishes, Chaplaincies and Schools of the Diocese to lead the development and implementation of an effective communications framework across the Diocese, promoting the Diocesan Vision and Mission and the three themes of Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship. This would suit a committed Catholic with a strong track record in communications; an experienced media professional (or journalist) who has recently been involved in leading communications in a dispersed organisation. **Salary:** £45,000 - £50,000 dependent on qualifications and experience. **For more information and an application pack email:** office@dioceseofnottingham.uk *Closing date 22 June 2020.*

Message from The Diocese of Nottingham: Welcome to Grapevine.

We hope you enjoyed reading the [first issue of Grapevine](#) a week or two ago. There's plenty more where that came from - we hope to send an issue every couple of weeks. Several parishes circulated the last edition to parishioners with their own weekly email, or put it into their bulletin. That's what it's all about - please do circulate it, and encourage readers to sign up for their own regular email. Please see more details on the Cathedral website. http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/05_download/Newsletters/355%20Grapevine.pdf

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A Parish Pandemic toolkit from SVP CSAN and Nottingham Diocese
Caritas joins out to Uganda under lockdown
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Going online - Leicestershire Catholics staying connected

Parish Finances

A letter from the Diocesan Finance Secretary has been received by all parishes in the Diocese. The letter has been sensitively written, aware and empathising with many Parishioners, whose jobs may not be there for them, and the resulting consequences for many in the future. He also writes about Parish income at this time, with our Church doors closed and no public services, no Masses on Sundays, no Parish income. He is fully aware that Churches and Church property has to be maintained, that bills will have to be paid etc. etc., and all this despite no regular parish income at this time. He realises that many parishes may struggle. He has suggested that perhaps Parishioners, who are regular givers to the Church plate, either by weekly envelope or by cash directly into the Collection basket, might consider, if they are in a position to do so, of paying by direct debit from their bank account. This would ensure a continuous income for the parish on a weekly basis, and would help to alleviate the current financial income for the Parish. For those who might like to do so, or to consider that possibility.

**Our Account Name: MOTHER OF GOD LEICESTER RCP -
Account number: 01538822 - Sort code: 30-94-97.**

Please include your name as a reference so that we know where the funds have come from and what they are for. Thank you for your attention and consideration to this possibility.

'Prayer is universal, intimate and entirely trusting in God'

In his catechesis, Pope Francis said prayer involves the most intimate mystery of our being. Christian writers have always said prayer is “born within the secrecy of our beings, in that interior place called the ‘heart’.”

Our emotions, intelligence, and body all participate in prayer, though prayer cannot be identified with any one aspect of our being. “Every part of the human person prays,” he said. Prayer, said Pope Francis, is a yearning that takes us beyond ourselves as we seek some “other”. It is an “I” in search of a “You”.

A Christian’s prayer, he added, begins with the revelation that the “You” we seek is not shrouded in mystery. “Christianity is the religion that continually celebrates the ‘manifestation’ of God, His epiphany.”

PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO MARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

○ Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus’ suffering, and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”, you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

***We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.***

Safeguarding Training Online

The Catholic Church offers FREE Safeguarding Training with a certificate on completion that evidences training towards Continuous Professional development (CPD) provided by EduCare. EduCare is an independent organisation offering high quality online safeguarding training.

We all have a role to play in safeguarding children, young people or adults who may be at risk and it is for this reason that the Catholic Church in England and Wales has worked with EduCare to bring you an e-learning package that will raise awareness throughout the Catholic Community in our countries. The e-learning package is part of the Church’s commitment to safeguarding, and is available to all members of the Catholic community free of charge.

Modules available are:

1. Child Protection
2. Child Protection Refresher 2019
3. Online safety
4. Mental Capacity
5. Safeguarding Adults
6. Safeguarding Adults Refresher

Included in each module are links to the latest research, resources, legislation, and guidance to support your learning. To register for EduCare online training, please email jane.black@dioceseofnottingham.uk with the following details:

- Your name - email address - your parish/Order/congregation - your role

**You will be registered with EduCare,
who will then send you a welcome email.**