

Useful website addresses

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.

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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Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ckk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/		
Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914		



31st May - 7th June 2020

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

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 JUNE 2020

Monday to Saturday: 9am Holy Mass (Malayalam)
5.30pm Holy Mass (English)

Sunday: 10.30am Holy Mass (English)
4pm Holy Mass (Malayalam)

Pope Francis June Intentions: The Way of the Heart. We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

**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**

Readings and Gospel for Sunday 31st May

1st Reading - ACTS 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement, they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language?"

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures; **R**
May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works!
Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD. **R**
If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.

Pentecost Sunday Gospel - John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



These are strange times - not just for Catholics. As we continue to be subject to lockdown restrictions to tackle the spread of COVID-19, we all feel the separation from our churches, priests, and communities acutely. We long for the Blessed Sacrament and to share in the loving embrace of Jesus but we can still keep Christ at the centre of our lives as we worship and pray at home. An Act of Spiritual Communion can help us and the priests we see online celebrating Mass in empty Churches frequently encourage us to ask for Our Lord's guidance by offering prayers like this one written by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century. It seems particularly appropriate at this time.

**My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament
of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire
to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever. Amen.**

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

Praying with Mary in May and beyond

Going online - Leicestershire Catholics staying connected

Rosmini Centre: Healing Mass and Prayer. In these unfamiliar times of sacrifice necessary to restrain the spread of the Covid-19 virus. 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 12noon 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

300 Club Results: 24th May £50 Mrs R Kennedy (102) . £25 Mr J Tims (32), Mr D Casserley (280).

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.*

Pope Francis to pray the rosary with the Shrines of the world

The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announces that Pope Francis is to join Marian sanctuaries across the world, to pray to the Virgin Mary for help amidst the pandemic. **By Gabriella Ceraso**

"Devoted and with one accord to prayer, together with Mary (cf. Acts 1:14)". On this theme Pope Francis will lead the recitation of the Rosary on Saturday 30 May, joining the Marian Shrines of the world which, due to the health emergency, have had to interrupt their normal activities and pilgrimages. The Pope will once again be close to humanity in prayer, to ask the Virgin Mary for help amid the pandemic. The prayer will be broadcast live to the world from the Grotto of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens at 5.30pm Rome time.

The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization that promotes the initiative, has given dozens of rosaries to families and individuals who represent the areas most involved and most affected by the coronavirus pandemic. These include doctors and nurses, recovered patients and people who have suffered a loss, a hospital chaplain, a pharmacist and a journalist, a Civil Defence volunteer with his family and a family who welcomed their newest member into the world during this difficult time.

They will all be present to express hope. The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization writes that at the end of this Marian month, Pope Francis will place the sorrows of all humanity at the feet of our heavenly Mother, certain that she will not fail to help.

The largest sanctuaries of the five continents will be connected online. These include Lourdes, Fatima, Lujan, Milagro, Guadalupe, San Giovanni Rotondo and Pompeii.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, sent out a letter addressed to the rectors of the shrines to invite them to organise and promote this special moment of prayer in accordance with current health regulations and relevant time zones.



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.

Pope Francis urges everyone to take part in the just-opened Laudato si' year, and releases a special prayer to accompany the celebration.

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times,
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront
the consequences of the global pandemic.

Make us courageous in embracing the changes required
to seek the common good. Now more than ever,
may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord,
under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, Amen.