

### 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](http://www.ewtn.com)

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

[www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/) [www.heavensroadfm.com/listen-now/](http://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 - <a href="http://www.ckk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml">www.ckk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml</a><br>English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - <a href="http://www.emschool.co.uk/">www.emschool.co.uk/</a> |  |   |
| Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914  |  |   |



*The Most Holy Trinity*

*7<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020*

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms  
Second Reading: 13:11-13  
Gospel: 3:16-18

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)

### Feasts of the week:

Thursday, St. Barnabas, Apostle. Saturday, St. Anthony of Padua. Priest.

**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.

## Trinity Sunday

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's *Te Deum* of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honour of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is *the* day of the Most Holy Trinity.

### Readings and Gospel for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

#### 1st Reading - Exodus 34:4B-6, 8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets. Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD."

Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."

Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

#### Responsorial Psalm - Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

##### R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; and blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages. R.

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever. R.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. R.

Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. R.

#### 2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

#### Gospel - John 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

### Bible Verse of the Day - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

*"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age"*

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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.**

**Outside The City Release:** Due to popular demand, this very moving and inspirational film, which was shown in cinemas around the country, about the lives of the monks at Mount St Bernard Abbey, will be released on 8th June on iTunes, Amazon, Google Play, and DVD. To view trailer or pre-order your DVD (£12) visit: [www.vivaverve.com/film/outside-the-city](http://www.vivaverve.com/film/outside-the-city)

### Welcome to Grapevine

Here's your third issue of *Grapevine*. It sounds like people are finding it useful, so we're carrying on! Already nearly 1,000 people receive Grapevine direct into their inbox. You are welcome to as well.

If you're not already signed up to receive Grapevine into your inbox, just [click here](#) to subscribe. This week we've got a special invitation. Join a local workshop by Zoom or telephone, to lay foundations for Catholic social outreach after the pandemic. If you're in Leics we'll meet in the coming week, with the rest of the diocese in the weeks that follow - and there will be more opportunities if you can't make it first time round. Please see more details on the Cathedral website. [http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/05\\_download/Newsletters/355%20Grapevine.pdf](http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/05_download/Newsletters/355%20Grapevine.pdf).

### In this Issue:

Imagine: local workshop to build social outreach after lockdown.

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Leicester, loving thy neighbours.

Counselling for health and care workers and the bereaved.

Outside the city from St. Bernard - order your copy.

Faith talks - from Pentecost into Acts with St. Paul.

**IMAGINE** We now know it is possible to build a more just, compassionate and sustainable world. Let's take this opportunity to do it. Here in Nottingham Diocese we are joining the global Caritas network—and if you are a parishioner here, you will be part of it too. Caritas is an invitation to bring the Gospel to life by building a better world. And the pandemic calls for more generous disciples than ever.

With *Imagine*... we start laying new foundations for mission after lockdown. We're going local, with a workshop focused on the possibilities where you live. The series ends with a chance to meet with others across the diocese, compare notes and shape the work of Caritas for the future. Join by telephone or video-conference, whichever is easiest for you. Workshops start next week, but if you're not able to make your local one this time, you can book any other. And everyone is welcome to the final diocesan one.

- **Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland:** Friday 12 June, 10.00 a.m.
- **Nottingham and Nottinghamshire:** Monday 15 June, 11.00 a.m.
- **Derby, Derbyshire and Burton:** Monday 15 June, 7.30 p.m.
- **Lincoln and Lincolnshire:** Thursday 18 June, 7.30 p.m.
- **Across the diocese:** Tuesday 30 June, 3.30 p.m.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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.

We also pray for the repose of the soul of **Helen Gregory RIP** who passed away recently. Our sincere and deepest condolences to her family and friends.

And **Danilo Magsino Salvador RIP**. His funeral will take place at Gilroes West Chapel on Friday 12 June 2020 at 10.30am. Our sincere and deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Let us also pray for an end to violence around the world and for the people most affected by the pandemic.

**300 Club Results:** 31<sup>st</sup> May £100 Y Shaw (113). £50 T Tims (283). £25 S Donlan (31), L Bakewell (159).

**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](mailto:contact-response@leicester.gov.uk). VAL (Voluntary Action Leicestershire) - visit <https://www.volunteerleicestershire.org.uk/> 0116 257 5050.

The Catholic parishes in the East of Nottingham wish to recruit a **Community Coordinator** to work across our parishes; St Augustine's, Our Lady & St Edward's and Sacred Heart. This is a full-time position and the person appointed will lead and coordinate the pastoral and administrative work of the parishes. This exciting new role is ideal for someone who has experience and skills in administration and finance, who is a good communicator and is willing to work as part of a team, leading and taking the initiative when necessary. For more details and how to apply, contact Fr Joe Wheat [sacredheartcarlton@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartcarlton@gmail.com) Tel 0115 9118266. Closing date 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**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](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk)  
Closing date 22 June 2020.

### Cardinal Nichols: Now is the time for the phased reopening of churches

In his homily for Pentecost Sunday, Cardinal Vincent Nichols questions why churches have not been allowed to open for private prayer, especially when car showrooms and outdoor markets can open on Monday 1 June and non-essential shops from 15 June.

He specifically asks why churches have been “excluded from this decision?” The opening of churches, even if only for private prayer, helps nurture faith which is a “vital contribution to our common good” the Cardinal says.

He goes on to add that faith is a “motivation for the selfless care of the sick and dying” and will help play a key role in the “rebuilding of our society.” Acutely aware of the importance of opening churches safely, the Cardinal stresses that “We are confident that we can do so.

We have developed expert guidance. We are ready to follow the Government's guidelines as soon as they are finalised.” He questions “the risk to a person who sits quietly in a church which is being thoroughly cleaned, properly supervised and in which social distancing is maintained?” Adding that “the benefits of being able to access places of prayer is profound, on individual and family stability and, significantly, on their willingness to help others in their need.”

**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.

### 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.