

## 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/)

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>

Cardinal Vincent Nichols celebrates Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi live from Westminster Cathedral on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 8:10am on BBC Radio4 Live.

### 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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<p>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - <a href="http://www.ctk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml">www.ctk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml</a> English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - <a href="http://www.emschool.co.uk/">www.emschool.co.uk/</a></p>		
<p><b>Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914</b></p>		



### Corpus Christi

14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020

### 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.

### Corpus Christi

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 14<sup>th</sup> June

### 1st Reading - Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14B-16A

Moses said to the people: "Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments.

He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

"Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers."

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

**R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

- Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you. **R.**
- He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you. He sends forth his command to the earth; swiftly runs his word! **R.**
- He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his ordinances to Israel. He has not done thus for any other nation; his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia. **R.**

### 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

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 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

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)

**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.

**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.

## 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.

**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.** We continue our prayerful celebration of daily Mass and the Divine Office in 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 11am 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.

**300 Club Results:** 7<sup>th</sup> June £50 C Fisher (238). £25 Mrs R McCormick (15), Fr. F. McLaughlin (67).

### JOB VACANCIES

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 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.**

### Pope to celebrate feast of Corpus Christi in St Peter's on Sunday

Pope Francis will celebrate Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (also known as the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ) at the Altar of the Chair in St Peter's Basilica on Sunday, 14 June. The liturgy will conclude with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

A small number of the faithful, around fifty persons, will participate in the liturgy with the Holy Father. The Mass will be live streamed by Vatican Media, beginning at 9:45 Rome time.

## 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.

### **Cardinal thanks Catholics for their patience as churches prepare to re-open on 15 June for private, individual prayer**

#### ***Thorough preparation underway for the safe re-opening of churches on 15 June***

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has welcomed the decision that Catholic churches, that can safely do so, will re-open for individual prayer on 15 June.

Cardinal Nichols hopes people will benefit from the 'sacredness' of our church spaces and describes it as a "great blessing for individuals and for the benefit of all in society, that church doors will again be open to all who long to pray there for the peace and grace we need today."

#### **Cardinal's Full Statement**

I am grateful to the Prime Minister for his decision that our churches may now open again for individual prayer. I thank the Secretary of State for Communities, Mr Robert Jenrick and the Minister of State, Lord Stephen Greenhalgh, for their leadership of the Task Force which helped bring about this important step.

This is a first, measured step in restoring the more normal practice of our faith and will be welcomed by so many, who have waited with great patience since 23 March when our churches were closed, by Government decision, as part of the fight against this pandemic.

I thank everyone for that patience. It is important that every care is taken to ensure that the Guidance given for this limited opening is fully observed, not least by those entering our churches. Our preparation is taking place with thoroughness. Visiting a church for individual prayer, benefitting from the sacredness of that space, can be done safely and confidently.

Not every Catholic Church will be open on 15 June. Local decisions and provision have to lead this process. But it is a great blessing, for individuals and for the benefit of all in society, that church doors will again be open to all who long to pray there for the peace and grace we need today.

This first step enables us to learn and prepare for those that will take us to a fuller use of our churches, for the celebration of Mass and other sacraments. We await that time with deep longing but patient understanding that the protection of the health of our society, especially of the most vulnerable, is a proper cause for caution and care.

#### **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**

*President, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales*

#### **Parish Guidance**

Re-opening Catholic Churches must, of course, happen in a safe manner, and it is likely to take place in stages. Each stage will be accompanied by guidance to ensure this can happen safely and effectively.

#### **Guidance: Re-opening Catholic Churches - Private Prayer**

These guidance notes are intended to assist Parish Priests to be ready to re-open their churches from 15 June. They focus on what is needed to open churches safely (i.e. providing the least possible risk of transmission of the virus) for private prayer as a first step. This guidance has been compiled with detailed public health advice and scrutiny and complies with the Principles established by Government

#### **Government Guidance**

The UK government's press release on the move to re-open churches and places of worship for individual prayer on 15 June 2020:

"New guidance will be published shortly to ensure the limited re-opening of places of worship can be done safely and in line with social distancing guidelines. This will recommend the thorough cleaning of shared spaces, hand cleansing at entry and exit and asking worshippers to bring their own items such as a prayer mat or religious text instead of sharing or using communal ones.

"The Government will continue to work with the Taskforce towards the full reopening of places of worship as soon as the scientific advice allows."

[gov.uk/government/news/places-of-worship-to-re-open-for-individual-prayer](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/places-of-worship-to-re-open-for-individual-prayer)