

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/

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>

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.ctk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml

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

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st – 28th 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.

Feasts of the week: Monday, St. John Fisher, Bishop and St. Thomas More, Martyr. Wednesday, Birth of St. John the Baptist.

Thought for the Week:

'Dear friends, may no adversity paralyse you. Be afraid neither of the world, nor of the future, nor of your weakness. The Lord has allowed you to live in this moment of history so that, by your faith His name will continue to resound throughout the world.'

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (born 1927)

We wish all the Fathers of the Parish a very Happy Father's Day.

Readings and Gospel for Sunday 21st June

1st Reading - Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.'

But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion.

O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause.

Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face. I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my children, Because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me. **R.**

I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness; in your great mercy turn toward me. **R.**

See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not. Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and whatever moves in them!" **R.**

2nd Reading - Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law.

But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression.

For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

Gospel - Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in

Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

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.

Let's stay connected to each other! 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.

Opening doors: This issue comes as the first of our parishes open their churches after lockdown. It's a tentative first step, requiring planning, preparation and patience. It'll be a while before it's possible everywhere.

Even if we cannot yet welcome people into our churches, let's keep open our hearts. At [the first general audience](#) he gave, back in Holy Week 2018, Pope Francis said, 'Jesus did not have a home, because His house is the people - that is, us; His mission is to open all God's doors, to be the loving presence of God... Always step outside yourself!'

We hope *Grapevine* helps you to keep your own doors open, and step outside - safely! As ever if you have any news that might help others do so, do get in touch.

In This Issue:

- Churches are reopening once more
- A new diocesan Partnership for Covid Emergency Relief
- Support bubbles: an opportunity to reach someone lonely
- *Sycamore* - free open access learning
- It's Father's Day - presents for Dads (and priests)

Bishop Patrick thanks all who are stepping forward and putting themselves out so that our churches can reopen after lockdown.

The Cathedral reopened for private prayer on Monday 15th June 2020. A list of churches around the diocese which are being opened up, and times when you can visit, is updated regularly on the [diocesan website](#).

Joining forces to head off hunger and homelessness: At this time of stress for the poorest people in our communities, the Diocese of Nottingham is joining forces with seven local charities to provide emergency relief over the summer of 2020. Thanks to funding of over £36,000 from the Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation, we're launching a **Catholic Partnership for Covid Emergency Relief**.

A call for applications from the Bishops' Conference was circulated to every parish in May, and local partners stepped forward in Nottingham, Leicester, Derby and Derbyshire. Here are just three of the creative responses the grant makes possible:

- **Emmanuel House** in Nottingham will buy equipment enabling them to reopen their drop-in centre safely
- **Padley Group** will provide a hot meal every day for a fortnight to rough sleepers in Derby who have been temporarily housed at the city's Holiday Inn.
- The Justice and Peace Group at **Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's** parishes in Leicester will give local foodbanks foodstuffs which reflect the diversity of the city communities.

It's a varied programme of work, and lays a foundation for our new diocesan Caritas, due for launch next year.

[Read more about the seven projects on the diocesan website.](#)

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2020 Online
Hope and peace in a time of fear and suffering
Tuesday 30 June 8.30-9.00am

You are warmly invited to join the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2020 Online, which will be livestreamed on Tuesday 30 June at 8.30-9.00am.

The event will include prayers led by parliamentarians, hymns led by special guest singers and a keynote address by the Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin.

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, we want to bring together parliamentarians, church leaders and Christians from across the UK to pray, as well as reflect upon the message of hope and peace that the Christian faith brings to our society in this moment.

The event is free, but you must register via Eventbrite in order to receive access: [tinyurl.com/nppb2020online](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-parliamentary-prayer-breakfast-2020-online-tickets-103348271462). For more information visit: www.christiansinparliament.org.uk/prayer-breakfast/

[Suggested social media posts - please use the hashtag #NPPB2020online](#)

Tweet 1: Join us for the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2020 Online on 30 June, 8.30-9.00am!

There'll be prayers by parliamentarians, hymns and an address by the Bishop of Kensington @gtomlin.

Sign up for free here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-parliamentary-prayer-breakfast-2020-online-tickets-103348271462>

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Tweet 2: During the coronavirus pandemic, join parliamentarians, church leaders & Christians from across the UK to pray and reflect on the hope & peace the Christian faith offers our society. **Tuesday 30 June, 8.30-9.00am**

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Facebook: In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, join parliamentarians, church leaders and Christians from across the UK to pray and reflect upon the message of hope and peace that the Christian faith brings to our society in this moment.

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Rosmini Centre: Healing Mass and Prayer. Healing Mass and Rosary will be celebrated 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 continue 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.

300 Club Results: 14th June £50 M O'Callaghan (90). £25 K Walsh (93), M Green (185).

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.

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.

Across the diocese: Tuesday 30 June, 3.30pm.

JOB VACANCIES

The Catholic parishes in the East of Nottingham wish to recruit a **Community Coordinator** to work across our parishes. 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 Tel 0115 9118266. Closing date 26th 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. 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.