

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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Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of St. Peter and Paul

28th June -5th July 2020

MONTH OF JUNE / JULY 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 July Intentions: Our Families. We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Feasts of the week: Monday, St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles. Tuesday, First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Friday, St. Thomas, Apostle.

Thought for the Week: 'Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.' **Pope Francis**

The following Churches in Leicester are open for private prayer only

Sacred Heart, Leicester City East: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00 - 12.00;
Wednesdays and Fridays, 17.00 - 19.00

Holy Cross, Leicester City: Tuesday to Sunday, 14.00 - 17.00

The following Catholic Churches are due to open shortly - please check the Diocesan Website as dates and times are yet to be confirmed St. Patrick's, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester City.

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' - and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.'

Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33(34):2-9
From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

*I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

*Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

*Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called, the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

*The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me. My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man!

Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

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.

LACY "Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth" will be holding their next on line by Zoom meeting on Wednesday 1st July at 7.30 p.m. A warm invitation is extended to anyone interested in helping us put together new ideas to share "Faith and Fun" with our young people. Our recent "Via Lucis" Stations of the Resurrection, held on the feast of Pentecost, via Zoom, was well supported and as our meeting is also on line this may be an opportunity for you to share some time with us! **The ID is 753 4350 3073** and the password is **2j2bGp**. We look forward to seeing You! More information if required from paulinepayne@hotmail.com.

Grapevine

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. For more information visit: www.christiansinparliament.org.uk/prayer-breakfast/

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It's free to attend - sign up via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-parliamentary-prayer-breakfast-2020-online-tickets-103348271462>

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: 21st June £50 Mr A D'Souza (213). £25 C Danaher (66), W Campbell (286).

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales said:

"I welcome the statement by the Prime Minister earlier today, that places of worship are now able to resume collective acts of worship from 4 July. This is welcome news for members of all religions in England. I thank all who have worked hard to bring this about, not least my fellow religious leaders.

"As Catholics we now look forward to being able to celebrate Mass together again from 4 July. We have waited with patience and longing for this moment, understanding the importance of protecting the health of people in our society. Now we are full of anticipation that we will be able again to take part together in the Eucharist, which lies at the centre of our faith.

"It is important that we continue to abide by the guidance, given by the Government, on appropriate social distancing and the other measures to avoid all unnecessary risk. Our own detailed guidance will be distributed around dioceses and parishes so everyone can be confident that they may come to Mass securely and understand the part they are to play in protecting each other from any remaining risk of infection.

"The past few months have been a time of fashioning new patterns of prayer, new ways of exploring and enriching our faith and vigorous ways of reaching out to those in need. We can build on these, forgetting nothing of the graces we have been given. Yet now, with the experience of opening our churches for individual prayer already gained, this return to the more normal patterns of worship will be of great importance to all Catholics.

"This time of our 'Eucharistic fast' has made our hearts grow in longing for that moment when we can come together and receive again the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. That moment is now very near and for that we thank God."

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.