

## 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>

### 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.ctlk.org/p_Home.ikml">www.ctlk.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>		
	<p><i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p><i>5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020</i></p>	

### MONTH OF 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:** Saturday, St. Benedict, Patron of Europe.

### Thought for the Week:

Our life is like the print of a cloud in the air, like a mist dissolved in the sun, like a passing shadow, like a flower that soon fadeth, like a dry leaf carried with every win. Like a vapour that soon vanishes out of sight.

Saint Robert Southwell

**All liturgies, parish activities and meetings are postponed until further notice. Leicester Churches previously opened for private prayer only, have been closed in line with the local lockdown.**

## Readings and Gospel for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

### First Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem: BEHOLD THY KING will come to thee, the just and saviour: he is poor, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

And I will destroy the chariot out of Ephraim, and the horse out of Jerusalem, and the bow for war shall be broken: and he shall speak peace to the Gentiles, and his power shall be from sea to sea, and from the rivers even to the end of the earth.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

**I will bless thy name for ever, o God my King.**

I sing your praises, God, my King, I bless your name for ever and ever, blessing you day after day, and praising your name for ever and ever. R

He, the Lord, is merciful, tender hearted, slow to anger, very loving, and universally kind; the Lord's tenderness embraces all his creatures. R

Lord, all your creatures thank you, and your faithful bless you. Kingly and glorious they proclaim you, they affirm your might. R

Your sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty, your empire lasts from age to age. Always true to his promises, the Lord shows love in all He does. R

Only stumble, and the Lord at once supports you, if others bow you down, he will raise you up. R

### Second Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13

But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you; he that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead, shall quicken also your mortal bodies, because of his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you shall die: but if by the Spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live.

### Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

At that time Jesus answered and said: I confess to thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them to the little ones. Yea, Father; for so hath it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to me by my Father. And no one knoweth the Son, but the Father: neither doth anyone know the Father, but the Son, and he to whom it shall please the Son to reveal him. Come to me, all you that labour, and are burdened, and I will refresh you.

Take up my yoke upon you, and learn of me, because I am meek, and humble of heart: and you shall find rest to your souls. For my yoke is sweet and my burden light.

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

**This week we pray especially for all the people of Leicester**, 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:** 28<sup>th</sup> June £100 Mr P Killeen. £50 Miss E. Letts. £25 D Brighton (155), C McCreesh (11).

**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](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.

### The time is now

For all the stress and loss which the pandemic has brought, have you noticed the sense of a turning point? The gospel writers talk of kairós, God's moment of grace and opportunity. Actually it's always there: it just takes times like this for us to notice it!

Grapevine this week invites you to seize the moment, and take up Pope Francis' invitation to 'prepare the future' even in the midst of this uncertainty. Book for an online Caritas workshop to imagine how a post-pandemic parish could offer 'welcome, listening and hope' to society at large. Get the bigger picture at Post-pandemic Church, the online National Justice & Peace Conference. Reach out across the world with CAFOD's Coronavirus appeal and petition. And all nourished by prayer and renewed by the joy of the Gospel.

Guidance is being sent today to parishes on resuming public Masses. Keep an eye on your parish's communications for the latest picture locally.

### In This Issue:

- CAFOD Coronavirus appeal and petition
- 'Prepare the future': offering welcome, listening and hope
- Telephone trees: from listening to action
- Post-pandemic Church: online conference
- Universalis - a new app for Mass readings

### Parishes of welcome, listening and hope

"Prepare the future: parishes of welcome, listening and hope" A workshop for renewing local outreach after lockdown Wednesday 22 July 2020, 3.30 - 5.00 p.m., meeting via Zoom.

"Let us welcome this time of trial as an opportunity to prepare for our collective future, a future for all without discarding anyone" - Pope Francis

For many the pandemic is a time of trial, and there is more to come. But now is also the moment to lay foundations for a more compassionate, just and sustainable society. Our parishes too will have been changed by lockdown: and we can choose that the change is for the better.

Prepare the future is an online workshop in the Imagine... series through which we are developing Caritas locally around the Diocese - and there are more dates for your diary at the end of this newsletter. Prepare the future, on 22 July 2020, will help you:

- Develop a vision for your parish as a place for listening to 'the joys and hopes, fears and anxieties' of the people we are called to serve after lockdown
- Learn from 'listening centres' and 'places of welcome' run by other churches in the East Midlands, and by Catholic parishes in Europe.
- Lay foundations for a new diocesan Caritas ministry to tackle social isolation and vulnerability as we emerge from the pandemic.
- Explore how your parish could safely open a place of welcome, listening and hope to local residents, when the time is right.

We have invited Julia Terry and Sian Rigby, who are working ecumenically to support [Places of Welcome](#) in Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire respectively, to introduce their work. Do join us! [Click here to book your place](#)

### A CAFOD PRAYER

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be. We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them. We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments. And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours. May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the Our Father, be our prayer as we entrust ourselves and all of us who are affected to your infinite power and love.

**Amen**



**Justice and Peace**  
*'Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God'*

# Post Pandemic Church: paralysed or energised? recovered or re-imagined?

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020** a MINI-CONFERENCE by ZOOM  
of the NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK

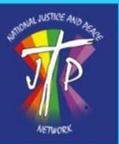
**Session 1 10.30-12.00**  
*Forgotten People*

**Session 2 2.00-3.30**  
*Our Response?*

**Book via eventbrite** (bookings close 11pm Friday 10th July)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/post-pandemic-church-paralysed-or-energised-recovered-or-re-imagined-tickets-108604414728>

**NJPN**  
www.justice-and-peace.org.uk



## From Leicester Council of Faiths ...

Fayyaz Suleman, Chair of the Leicester Council of Faiths said:

“Our thoughts are with those that have contracted the virus and have been affected by it. This united statement is evidence that we are all in it together. Nobody is to blame for this virus and this lockdown and we don't know yet the real verifiable causes of the recent spike. People should avoid pre-mature conclusions that can cause unnecessary anxiety and tensions. But the priority is the safety of everyone and all faith and community leaders, groups and places of worship will be playing their part and re-enforcing the messages of following government guidelines and social distancing. We need to support each other and, as a collective, work to unlock more support for people, organisations and businesses from the government during this new lockdown. But with this statement it should bring some comfort in knowing that the whole united family of Leicestershire will be praying for those affected by the virus and for the virus to be over and for normality to return as soon as possible.”

### Public Statement from Leicester Council of Faiths

The safety of every one is paramount. Leicester, like the majority of the country, has been exemplary in adhering to the government's message of staying home and saving lives since March. Countless stories of personal sacrifices are to be found everywhere, ranging from not visiting elderly relatives to not attending funerals of family members.

Collective places of worship were shut down even before Government guidelines came in to force and days of communal festivals and celebrations were toned down to minimal private affairs. Now more sacrifices are needed to contain the spread of the virus. People will understandably be disappointed at the latest news of the lockdown.

We must however not allow this frustration to sow division in our wonderful City. The constant media narrative of Leicester being an ethnic majority City, in its reporting of the story, is alluding to racial undertones which could give rise to a blame game against certain section of our communities, especially BAME communities.

Social media is already rife with these sentiments. We as faith, community and public leaders confirm our commitment to unity in this city and in Leicestershire and condemn these sentiments. The virus has impacted and continues to impact all communities of Leicestershire in various ways and all communities, including BAME communities, have paid a heavy price already with the loss of so many lives and their sacrifices at the front line in treating patients.

While we await a comprehensive analysis of the data to enable us to understand the reasons for the spike, we should avoid jumping to conclusions and let the authorities deal with containing the spread of the virus. We are in this together and will play our part and we will overcome this adversity together. We continue to pray for the city and for Leicestershire as a whole

that we overcome this virus soon and that the lockdown is eased soon. We pray that Leicester and Leicestershire communities remain united as one family during this unprecedented time.

**This statement is signed by over 60 Faith Leaders from across Leicester including Fr John Lally, Vice Chairman of LCOF.**

### 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.