

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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<p>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctlk.org/p_Home.ikml English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/</p>		
	<p><i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p><i>12th -19th 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: Thursday, Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

This year 'The apostleship of the Sea' will celebrate their centenary. The organisation was founded in Glasgow in 1920. Today we would have celebrated their enduring and vital work and fundraised for the Mission of Seafarers. But we can still pray for them and join with thousands of other Christians from all over the world who come together to pray and celebrate. While the nature of their work has evolved, their founding belief that every seafarer deserves fair working conditions, respect for their human rights and the very best they can offer, remains at the heart of what they do and to date, there are 230 chaplains in over 300 ports across 41 countries from Australia to the USA. For more information about its work and to donate online, please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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 12th July

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 64(65):10-14

Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R**

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 8: 18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in

parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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.

Coronavirus Information for Leicestershire:
<https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/coronavirusinformation.html>

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. Please also remember in your prayers Father John Daly while he is in hospital. We hope that he will recover soon.

Churches Together in Leicestershire

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WITHIN THE LEICESTER LOCKDOWN ZONE offered by the Church Leaders of Churches Together in Leicester and Leicestershire

Loving God, ever-present with your people
through the highs and lows of life, we cry out to you for Leicester
in the face of prolonged suffering and hardship as a result of lockdown.
Grant us peace in our frustration; strength to our NHS
and all who are called to care and help; wisdom to our city leaders;
and discernment for our churches in offering the medicine of your gospel.
Bless all caught in the grip of Covid-19 and comfort the grieving.
In the name of the One who gives us hope, Jesus Christ. Amen.

300 Club Results: 5th July £50 P Jackson (266). £25 Mrs R Kennedy (142),
D Delima (141).

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.

The Briars & NDCYS. We are thrilled to say that applications for Team 20-21 remain open! Based in Derbyshire at our retreat centre (The Briars), successful applicants will live together in community for 11 months, working across the Diocese of Nottingham with young people in Schools and Parishes and providing Digital Ministry and content via our YouTube channel, thus carrying out the mission of NDCYS. Applicants should be ages 18-25. August 2020 - July 2021. For more information or for an application pack, please email director@ndcys.com.



Summer is on it's way, but there's still LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO!
Apply for Team 20-21 Three weekly LIVE shows 9:30AM Club. Sunday
12th July 7PM. OHP Gather Online.

LACY Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth: will be celebrating the feast of The Assumption on line, via Zoom, on Sunday 16th August at 4pm. We warmly invite all young people, their families, friends and parishioners to share this exciting liturgy with us. We will be remembering especially in our prayers those young people receiving their exam results in August. Fr. Simon Gillespie will be leading us in our prayer and reflection. We are also looking for people to share in the liturgy and this could be YOU! We will enjoy to hear from you as we are looking forward to another AMAZING celebration! Contact us via e mail at paulinepayne@hotmail.com. Please ensure that all under 18 years of age do ask parents/guardians to make the contact and when sharing the celebration should be on line with the young person. On the Solemnity of the Assumption, let us remember our Mother Mary who is in Heaven and who loves us very much.

Grapevine 5 - 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.

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Prayer from the Presidents of the Bishop's Conference of Europe for Covid-19

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful,
out of love for us You sent your Son into the world
as the doctor of our souls and our bodies, look upon your children who,
in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in many regions
of Europe and the world, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief,
deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort
their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward
to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal life to the dead.
Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil.
We ask this of Thee, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit,
live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.
Mary, mother of health and hope, pray for us!

IMAGINE 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.

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.