

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.

Mass is streamed at 9.00am every Sunday on YouTube from **St. Thomas More Church**, Knighton. You can use either of the following ways to join the Mass - Go to YouTube and search for "Saint Thomas More Leicester" and the page will appear.

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>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>9th – 16th August 2020</p>	

MONTH OF AUGUST 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 August Intentions: The Maritime World. We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Feasts of the week:

Saturday 15th August. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

Diocese of Nottingham

We have received some instructions from the Diocese of Nottingham on how to assist the Parish Priest in the safe reopening of the Church for those who wish to enter for private prayers. At least two stewards must be present and social distancing must be observed. We will need some volunteers; application forms and full instructions about the job will be available from Father George or from the website. Please email Fr. George gchelackal@gmail.com if you are interested.

Readings and Gospel for Sunday 9th August

1st Reading - 1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. **R** Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. **R.** The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. **R.**

2nd Reading - Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

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/coronavirus-information.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 the lockdown. Let also pray for each other.

CAFOD APPEAL: Beirut explosions

Let's pray for the people of Beirut. On 4 August two explosions ripped through Lebanon's capital, Beirut, killing over 100 people and leaving more than 4,000 injured. Rescue workers are still searching for many more missing people. Lebanon is a small country, half the size of Wales, struggling to host well over a million Syrian refugees on top of more than 400,000 Palestinian refugees already living in the country - and despite high levels of poverty and unemployment among its own population. [Support CAFOD's Beirut Explosion appeal](#)

300 Club Results: 2nd August £50 Mr P Flynn (145). £25 S Pinto (273), L Thomas (204).

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.

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. 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.

News from Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY) Due to the recent challenges of lockdown in Leicester and parts of Leicestershire, and also into the holiday season, LACY have decided to reschedule the celebration of “*A Moment With Mary*” to the date of **Sunday 4th October at 4.00 p.m.** A new revised poster will be coming out shortly with all the details and we will keep you in touch with connection details for Zoom. Look into the LACY Facebook page too.

Lockdown in UK parishes: CAFOD's support: Through our network of volunteers, young CAFOD leaders and our staff, we are keen to support, in whatever way possible, the opening up of churches. We are offering various online resources to help your parishioners and schools to pray and to engage: our online [children's liturgy](#), our programme of [online talks](#), [prayer and Masses](#) our [Summer of Hope](#) ideas for families and parishioners to transform lockdown and cancelled summer events or things they've been missing into some fun fundraising and easy ways to brighten up lockdown www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus

Help people return to Mass

We're building a small team of computer-using volunteers to help people who don't have internet access book for Mass in their parish church. Could you help?

As we ease out of lockdown, our churches are gradually opening up again for Mass. For some time the capacity will be reduced so that we can keep each other safe. In most cases parishes will need to take bookings in advance. Thanks to the generosity and expertise of a parishioner in the diocese, an [online booking system](#) is now available for parishes to use.

Of course not every parishioner has access to a computer, particularly our most socially-isolated and elderly parishioners. Indeed a few parishes may themselves need help, at least for a while.

If you can spare a little regular time each week, could you join, or indeed help to co-ordinate, a rota of volunteers? Volunteers would take calls from parishioners who have no other means of contact, and log them on the system, particularly for parishes without the means take computer bookings for themselves. We're setting up a single phone number which can be routed to your phone for a morning or afternoon each week.

Whether you're the volunteer co-ordinator, or are taking calls yourself, full training will be given. The Safeguarding office can help with gaining any necessary clearance for working with vulnerable people. For either role, [please email us](#) if you'd like to find out more, without obligation.



The year 2020 has been earmarked as a focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'

We are encouraged to celebrate, live and share God's word throughout this exciting new Scripture initiative led by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Bible Society.

2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini - Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, in partnership with Bible Society, to launch this exciting initiative 'The God who Speaks'.

This dedicated section of the website will be developed over the coming months and populated with news, information and events.

Prayer:

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.

Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears
and shows us how to live for one another.

Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that
we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation Pray for us

St Matthew Pray for us

St Jerome Pray for us

Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other.

'Everyone should carry a small Bible or pocket edition of the Gospels and should find at least a few minutes every day to read the word of God.'
(Pope Francis, 2014)

We're looking forward to gathering together again in 2021 for more Scripture Tours around England and Wales. Please email [Fleur Dorrell](mailto:Fleur.Dorrell) if you'd like to co-create some Scripture-filled events across your diocese, invite great speakers and celebrate your communities through art, music, worship, food and fun. We'd love to help you make the most of your ideas. Go to godwhospeaks.uk for more information.

Grapevine 7 News from Adult Formation, Justice & Peace and Caritas - 'A new experience of parish'

An 'Instruction' from the Vatican's Congregation of the Clergy might not be your usual holiday reading. But one came out last week which really is worth the effort: we highlight at the top of this issue of Grapevine.

It takes a fresh look at the parish in the 2020s. The parish, it finds, is challenged by today's digital culture, but renewed by a call to offer 'new forms of accompaniment and closeness'. Rather than becoming 'self-referential and fossilised' it encourages us to dream of a parish which 'exudes that spiritual dynamic of evangelisation':

"The Parish community is called truly to master the "art of accompaniment". If deep roots are planted, the Parish will become a place where solitude is overcome, which has affected so many lives, as well as being "a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey and a centre of constant missionary outreach"

We know all about solitude in these days of social distancing. But now is a time for imagination. In September we'll be issuing a survey of lay people in the diocese, asking for your experiences of Church during the pandemic, and your dream for its future.

Meanwhile join us in August for one of the online Imagine... workshops for Caritas advertised below. We'll explore what it might mean to build 'centres of constant missionary outreach' that are 'inclusive, evangelising and attentive to the poor'.

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Parish at the service of Evangelisation

The Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy has released a new document to help guide the reform of parish communities. It is entitled "The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church." [Read the full document here](#) and [a handy summary here](#).

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.

**Thank you to all those who have changed to a standing order!
Your support is very much appreciated**