

Useful website addresses

St Barnabas Cathedral is live streaming Mass at 1 pm Monday-Friday and Sunday at 10 am. A retreat service is attached for individual prayer for parishioners, wat: <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. Go to YouTube and search for "Saint Thomas More Leicester" and the page will appear.

Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham 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 through live stream during lockdown days. Available at <http://Facebook.com/gchelackal> <http://motherofgodleicester.co.uk>

Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

We fly to your protection, most holy Mother of God; please listen to our petition and needs, and deliver us from all dangers, ever glorious and blessed Virgin Mary. Mary, our model and mother, by your obedience and patience you have taught us how to be true children of God. Please help us by your powerful assistance to overcome all our weaknesses, and to fulfill perfectly our tasks in life. By your compassionate aid may we ever stand in spirit with you beneath the cross of Christ so that we may also rejoice with you in your divine Son's triumphant victory over sin and death. In your maternal kindness help us to be faithful to prayers in the company of God's Church as you were one with the Apostles in the upper room as you waited for the promised Spirit of Pentecost. With your gracious assistance may we be near you in the glory of Christ's kingdom come to sing with you and all the faithful the eternal praise of God. Amen.

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| <p>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/</p> | | |
|  | <p>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th August – 6th September 2020</p> | |

PARISH FEAST: MOTHER OF GOD LEICESTER

Eight days fasting in connection with the Nativity of our Lady (Ettu Noimpu). Will be the main feast of the Mother of God church (English and Malayalam community).

Feast Days: September 1 - 8.

Mass times will be:

English Mass: 10am - Malayalam Mass 5.30pm.

Person(s) and/or family members who are interested to take up ettu noimpu (Ettu Noimpu) celebrations in a special way (presenti or sponsors) are encouraged to come forward. There can be more than one presenties on each day. Each presenti has to contribute a minimum of £100 or you can donate any amount for the feast, to the following account: MOTHER OF GOD LEICESTER RCP. Bank Name: Lloyds Bank. Sort code: 30-94-97. Account No.: 01538822

Mother of God Church, Leicester
LE3 6NZ

Till further notice church is open for liturgical services on
Saturdays and Sundays.

Book online to avail yourself seats  <https://massbooking.uk/parish.php?p=868>
20 family pews and 15 individual seats are available.

 <http://Facebook.com/gchelackal>
<http://motherofgodleicester.co.uk>

Kindly note the new mass timings: Saturdays 10:00 am English Mass
04:00 pm Malayalam Mass
Sundays. 10:30 am English Mass
04:00 pm Malayalam Mass

→ Please book individual seats if only 1 or 2 are coming for the mass otherwise book a pew.
→ Book a pew and individual seats separately.
→ While booking a pew, you are required to enter how many from the family will be attending the mass.
In church, please wear face masks at all times.

Fr. George Thomas,
Parish Priest,
Mother of God Church

Readings and Gospel for Sunday 30th August

1st Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. **R.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. **R.** Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. **R.**

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me. **R.**

2nd Reading - Romans 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."

He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

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 and everyone who is 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.](#)

*****Congratulations and our best wishes to Renee Flanagan who was 90years old last Wednesday, 26th August.*****

300 Club Results: 23rd August £50 K Waldron (96). £25 Mr J O'Donoghue (63), N Manson (250).

Pope Francis September Intentions: Respect for the Planet's Resources
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Additional Information on the re-opening of our church.

A team of volunteers have thoroughly cleaned the church. Hand sanitiser will be available for everyone to use. Face masks will be compulsory. There will be no singing, no kneeling; only standing and sitting. Mass sheets will be available which must be taken home.

We are opening Mother of God church for worship on Saturdays and Sundays only. In these current circumstances all individuals attending mass should adhere to the rules and regulations of the government and the guidelines of Nottingham diocese. Father George would like to bring to your attention, the following instructions:

1. Individuals and families will be allowed to attend the mass only if they book through the online <https://massbooking.uk/parish.php?p=868>. To do the booking first you need to Sign up (right top corner button) and you will receive a confirmation email which you need to confirm by opening your email. If you are booking as a family please enter 1 (in Family Pews).
2. No admittance to the sacristy. If you wish to meet the parish priest, he can meet you at the altar, after the mass.
3. Confessions will be available after the mass. Please follow the directions.
4. Kindly stretch your hands to receive the Holy Eucharist and the priest will place the Eucharist to avoid direct contact.
5. If you are having symptoms of COVID-19 or having a fever and cold please avoid coming to mass and make sure you cancel your booking(s). Please note that the stewards will be doing thermal scanning, on arrival.
6. Please vacate the premises immediately after the mass is over.

A Message from Father George: Following a good response that we received from the church attendees, we are pleased to inform you that the Diocese of Nottingham has kindly agreed to increase the capacity of the church from 70 to 95. So now there are 20 pews and 15 individual seats available for booking, which must be done via the following link <https://massbooking.uk/parish.php?p=868>. Please book individual seats if only 1 or 2 are attending, otherwise book a pew. While booking a pew, kindly enter the number of attendees so that we could pre-allocate appropriate benches for you. Kindly adhere to the instructions from the stewards.

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

The following Churches in Leicestershire are now celebrating public Mass. However, places are limited and booking is essential either online via the Diocesan website (preferred) or by telephoning the relevant parish office.

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| Blessed Sacrament, Leicester | Holy Cross, Leicester* |
| Mother of God, New Parks | Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rushey Mead |
| Our Lady of Victories, Lutterworth | Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough |
| Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe | St Patrick, Leicester |
| St Peter, Leicester | St Pius, Narborough |
| St Theresa, Birstall | Sacred Heart, Leicester |
| Sacred Heart, Rothley | |

Consult Holy Cross website direct for details -
all other Churches via Diocesan webpage

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

**Reach for the diary! Grapevine is back from holiday,
and things are getting busy already.**

In September we enter the Season of Creation, a wave of prayer for the living Earth observed each year by churches worldwide. It starts next Tuesday with a 'Day of Prayer for Creation', called by Pope Francis for 1 September every year. We've gathered some ideas for how you and your parish can take part - including some prayers you might like to use at home or at Mass.

We've got a second workshop on 9 September to 'prepare the future' of outreach. And make a note to join us on 7 November, a day to celebrate and develop missionary discipleship through social action all across our diocese. Find out below how you can be part of it. Paul (Programme Leader for Social Action)

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Celebrating the Season of Creation: bidding prayers

Caritas is coming: 7 November - advance notice

Sign up to receive Grapevine direct to your inbox: [click 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**