

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>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>6th -13th September 2020</p> <p>Tuesday 8th September: Birthday of the BVM.</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 (presitenti or sponsors) are encouraged to come forward. There can be more than one presitenties on each day. Each presitenti 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

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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

1st Reading - Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die", and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death.

But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **R.**

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **R.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works." **R.**

2nd Reading - Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Gospel - Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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.

Words of the Holy Father

The approach is one of sensitivity, prudence, humility, attention towards the one who committed a fault, to avoid wounding or killing the brother with words. Because, you know, words too can kill! When I speak, when I make an unfair criticism, when I "flay" a brother with my tongue, this is killing another person's reputation! Words kill too. Let us pay attention to this. At the same time, the discretion of speaking to him alone is to avoid needlessly humiliating the sinner. It is discussed between the two, no one is aware of it and then it's over. It's terrible to see an insult or taunt issue from the mouth of a Christian. It is ugly. Do you understand? Do not insult! To insult is not Christian. Understood? To insult is not Christian. (Angelus, 7 September 2014)

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.

300 Club Results: 30th August £100 J Cadden (226).. £50 D Hayward (58). £25 A Openshaw (274), K Boyle (4).

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.

A message from Father George:

Dear Parishioners,

We are celebrating the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on 8th September. She is our Mother and Protector. It is a time of joy and of celebration. Let us pray like this “Your birth, Virgin Mother of God, announced joy to the whole world, for from you has risen the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord”. Mediatrix between God and mankind, admirable Mary, by your birth you perfected the joy of all the children of Adam, who, through you, have received the Author of Grace, for He has made you the treasurer of all the graces which are imparted to us. May your birth be a special cause of joy to my soul by obtaining for me from God, eternal salvation and all the graces necessary to obtain it. Dearest Mother, please pray for all of us.

COVID Reflections.

Why are you worrying? Everything is not locked down..!

Sunrise is not locked down..!

Oxygen from air is not locked down..!

Family time out not locked down..!

Responsibilities are not locked down..!

Love is not locked down..!

Friendship is not locked down..!

Meditation is not locked down..!

Creativity is not locked down..!

Prayers are not locked down..!

Hobby is not locked down..!

And finally the hopes are not locked down.

Do whatever you want to do Butat home.

Prevention is better than cure. Maintain social distancing.... Be at home.

God bless you all. With regards,

Fr. George Thomas, Parish Priest.

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.

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.

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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News from the Vatican

Season of Creation: The Season of Creation is an annual celebration uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The idea of celebrating 1 September as a day of prayer for creation began at the wish of the Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios in 1989, and was endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015. The season runs from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Writing about the season in 2019 Pope Francis said, "this is the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew," a season "to reflect on our lifestyles," and a season "for undertaking prophetic actions ... calling for courageous decisions ... directing the planet towards life, not death."

The theme for 2020 is "Jubilee for the Earth". This year we are invited to "consider the integral relationship between rest for the Earth and ecological, economic, social and political ways of living."

[A statement from the Bishops of England and Wales on the ecological crisis Novena to St Francis](#)

CAFOD have produced a series of nine brief reflections asking for St Francis of Assisi to pray for us and our world, based on his Canticle of the Sun.

[Climate Sunday](#) A new initiative from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland asking for local churches to hold a Climate Sunday mass or service at some point during the Season of Creation, to commit to reducing carbon emissions and to join a call for strong action on climate change to the UK government in advance of COP26. CAFOD's 'Creation Celebration' guide is perfectly suited for celebrating a Climate Sunday celebration.

Prayers and Liturgy

[A Catholic Season of Creation - Sundays of September \(Year A, 2020\)](#)

"A Catholic Season of Creation" resource explores the Sunday scripture readings to help us find the voice of the earth as the voice of the Holy Spirit. Our common Sunday worship is an easy place to start seeing the natural world in God's plan of Salvation in Jesus Christ by linking the insights of ecology with Scripture. (Produced by: [St Columbans Mission Society](#))

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.