

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, 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. 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/

Coronavirus Information for Leicestershire:

<https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/coronavirusinformation.html>

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.ckk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/</p>		
	<p>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th September – 4th October 2020</p>	

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In church public worship now available on all days,
Live-streaming of all liturgical celebrations everyday
Kindly note the Mass timings for ordinary days:

Weekdays		Saturday	Sunday
Monday – No service		10:00 am English Mass	10:30 am English Mass
Tuesday – 10:00 am English Mass		05:45 pm Malayalam Mass	04:00 pm Malayalam Mass
Wednesday – 06:00 pm English Mass			
Thursday – 10:00 am English Mass			
Friday – 10:00 am English Mass			

Confessions are available after Mass

Please book online and reserve your seats for Masses
<https://massbooking.uk/parish.php?p=868>
20 family pews and 15 individual seats are available.

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

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

Holy Mass live streaming available at <http://facebook.com/gchelackal>

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.

Feasts of the week:

Monday, St. Faustina. Wednesday, Our Lady of the Rosary.
Friday, St. Denis & Companions, Blessed Henry Newman.

Readings and Gospel for Sunday 27th August.

1st Reading - Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. **R.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD. **R.**

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

2nd Reading - Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel - Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not, 'but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?' They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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.

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

Where do I place my trust? In power, in friends, in money? In the Lord! Thus it is this legacy that the Lord promises us: 'I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord'. Humble because they feel they are sinners; seeking refuge in the Lord because they know that the Lord alone can guarantee what is good for them. This is why Jesus had to tell the chief priests, who did not understand these things, that a harlot would enter the kingdom of God before them

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.

This week we pray especially for all the people of Leicester, and for all the places that are in lockdown, for all the sick and housebound people of the parish. Let also pray for each other.

Admissions for first time children starting school in September 2021 is now open and applications have to be made directly to the school and to the local authority. The closing date is the 15th January 2021. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions there will be no open days or tours. However, there will be a virtual tour on our website along with all Admission policy information: <http://www.ckleicester.co.uk/Admissions/>

Mother of God First Holy Communion English mass, this will take place for four children from our parish on Saturday 3rd October at our 10am mass. Our very best wishes to these children and their families.

Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY) liturgy “A Moment with Mary” will take place via Zoom on Sunday 4th October at 4pm. We will be spending time with Mary through The Holy Rosary led by Fr. Simon Gillespie, reflections and prayers. If you would like to be involved in the liturgy by reading or offering any special messages for our young people, then contact us. For full information for Zoom, the ID and password email paulinepayne@hotmail.com.

300 Club Results: 20th September. £50 A Shimkin (55). £25 Fr. E Jarosz (122), N Dyer (257).

West Leicester Catholic 300 Club:

Thank you to all members for their continued support for the 300 Club fundraising for our parishes of Mother of God, Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's.

Grand Prize Draw: The Grand Prize Draw will take place on Sunday 25th October 2020 witnessed by committee members only on this occasion. The 1st Prize is £1,000, 2nd prize is £500, 3rd prize £100 and the usual weekly £50 and two £25 prizes. Only fully-paid up members are eligible for the draw. **Your Parish Representatives on the 300 Club Committee are** John Gray Tel. 0116 2312862 and Ted Cook Tel. 07500470435.

Subscriptions for the new year commencing November 2020: Could members currently subscribing monthly or yearly, please seriously consider the Standing Order option, as outlined in our July letter. If you have any queries or need help please call Ted or John. If you wish to continue paying by cash please call to arrange collection as payment may not be available in church due to Covid restrictions.

Not a member? Please contact us for a membership form and a unique number will be allocated to you. Subscription is £5 per month.

Prize Money and Dividend from November 2020: Please note the dividend for the current year will be advised once we have completed the accounts. Prize money for the year November 2020 to October 2021 will be: Weekly: £50 x 1, Weekly: £25 x 2, Quarterly: £100 (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) and the end of year next October 2021: 1st prize of £1000 and 2nd prize will be a surprise bonus, depending on the membership subscriptions.

Good luck with the draw from the 300 Club committee.

First Online Catechists' Network-Tuesday 13th October, 7pm – Zoom

This one hour online networking session for catechists in the Diocese of Nottingham will have brief inputs from **Bishop Patrick McKinney** and Joe Hopkins, the new Director of Adult Formation for Mission, as well as time for small group discussion. The **small group sessions** will allow opportunity to reflect on the inputs, share good practice in catechesis, as well as discussing how we carry on growing in faith with the current social restrictions. This meeting will be on zoom so is limited to 100 participants. Once you have registered for your free ticket you will be sent a link to the zoom meeting. Please **click here** to sign up or if you are reading the paper version please search 'Catechist Network' on www.eventbrite.co.uk

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	St. Edwards, Leicester

Grapevine 10

Sisters and brothers, one and all. We're excited about Pope Francis' forthcoming encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*. He'll sign it a week on Saturday at the tomb of his namesake in Assisi. It will explore what kind of world our faith calls us to create out of the present hardships - a world in which all belong; a world of 'social friendship', where all are brother and sister. It comes at a handy time for us here in the Diocese. On 7 November, you are invited to help build Caritas, which will support every parish in the mission of social friendship in our communities. Originally planned for 28 March at the Cathedral, *Together, we are Caritas* will take place online. It will be a chance to build the civilisation of love here in the East Midlands. Some 40 volunteers have been helping Caritas take shape over the summer; if you haven't been involved so far, now's your chance. That's not the only invitation in this bulletin. In the run-up to the day is *Heal the World*, a chance to dive deep into some of Francis' recent teachings on the theme. Join us at one or the other, or even both! *Paul* (Programme Leader for Social Action)

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Join us through October to 'Heal the World'. Friday Mornings and Monday evenings from 2nd October. Meet fellow Catholics, reinvigorate your faith, and pray for a wonderful world. “We will explore together how our Catholic social tradition can help the human family heal this world that suffers from serious illnesses. It is my desire that everyone reflect and work together, as followers of Jesus who heals, to construct a better world, full of hope for future generations” - Pope Francis, Angelus, 5 August 2020

Pope Francis memorably described the Church as a field hospital: he urged us to heal wounds, warm hearts and reach out to a wounded world. Now more than ever, Jesus calls us to give a healing touch. But how? What does it mean for you, for all of us, to live the Gospel right now?

Recently Francis gave a series of audiences on healing the world. They are a masterclass in compassionate discipleship - simple, timely and rich in wisdom. He's also about to release a new encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, on a similar theme. You are warmly invited to this exploration of faith, prayer and action, based on his talks. You don't have to attend them all - come to whichever you can manage. You can join by Zoom or by telephone.

We'll meet twice a week in October, Mondays at 5.30 p.m. and Fridays at 9.30 a.m. We'll pray Morning or Evening Prayer together, and have time to reflect in small groups on Pope Francis' message. As well as renewing your own faith, you will also help to build Caritas, a new diocesan network for mission and outreach.

[Read more on the diocesan website](#)

[Find out what each session will cover](#)

[Register to join for a session, or the series](#)



If you watched David Attenborough's recent programme Extinction: the facts, you may have felt moved to pray for the natural world. Pope Francis, in Laudato Si', says: "Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right."

Let us pray for all who work to safeguard our common home of Earth, in government, industry and the family: that we may grow in love, solidarity and compassion for the poor, future generations, and the countless other creatures with which we share this world.



Together, we are Caritas - an invitation

God is love, and he calls us to love, generously and joyfully. Here in the Diocese of Nottingham an opportunity is emerging to respond to that call afresh. Nottingham Diocese is on the way to becoming part of the global Caritas network—and if you are a parishioner here, you will be part of it too.

On Saturday 7 November 2020 join Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the diocesan Justice & Peace Commission and people from parishes, chaplaincies and organisations all round our diocese, to:

- nourish the work we do for the common good
- be inspired for the adventure of missionary discipleship

- build our parishes as confident, outward-looking communities
- make common cause and achieve more together.

We'll be joined by the theologian Amy Daughton, who will help us make sense of the mission we are called to now, in the midst of Covid-19 and its aftermath. Despite lockdown, parishioners around the the Diocese have been working together to build Caritas in the Diocese of Nottingham. It will foster missionary discipleship in our parishes, and action for justice, peace and care for creation.

Join us: together we will be part of the international Caritas family, one of the biggest humanitarian networks in the world!

Whether you are already involved or not, Together, we are Caritas is an opportunity to make connections, so that together we can be signs of God's love - caritas - in the communities where we live.

Download a [provisional programme](#)

[Book a place now](#) and we'll send you details for joining us on the day. This event was previously planned for 28 March. If you made a booking for that and wish to come on 7 November, we'd be grateful if you could re-register. We'll be writing to you anyway.

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.