

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 at 9.00am every Sunday on YouTube from St. Thomas More Church, Knighton. Go to YouTube and search for "Saint Thomas More Leicester".

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>

Dear Parishioners,

October is the month of Rosary.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." Pope Saint Pius X

John Paul II said that as a young man, praying the Living Rosary helped him realize that not only does Our Mother Mary direct us towards Christ, but Christ also directs us towards His mother. Christ is saying 'look what marvels I have worked for my mother.' Devotion to the saints and especially to Our Lady, is so important because it marks out why our faith is so special. God's grace is not something superficial, but penetrates the core of our being. God has promised to make us like Himself. Our Lady is the first in whom this promise has been fulfilled, and so she is worthy of the highest of praise.

"When you pray Holy Rosary, you have Our Lady's hand in your hand. When you pray the Holy Rosary, you have the power of God in your hands." Pope Pius V.

Let us seek her protection for all our needs.

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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>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>4th – 11th October 2020</p> <p>October is the month of Rosary.</p>	

Mother of God Church, Leicester
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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)
Monday – No service	10:00 am English Mass 05:45 pm Malayalam Mass
Tuesday – 10:00 am English Mass	(Sunday)
Wednesday – 06:00 pm English Mass	10:30 am English Mass 04:00 pm Malayalam Mass
Thursday – 10:00 am English Mass	
Friday – 10:00 am English Mass	

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

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

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

Pope Francis October Intentions: The Laity's Mission in the Church
We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Feasts of the week: Sunday, St. Francis of Assisi. Monday, St. Faustina.
Wednesday, Our Lady of the Rosary. Friday, St. John Henry Newman.

Readings and Gospel for Sunday 4th October.

1st Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it. It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. **R.**

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit, the boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it? **R.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **R.**

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved. **R.**

2nd Reading - Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel - Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned.

Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

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

In order to make us understand how God the Father responds to the rejection of his love and his proposal of an alliance, the Gospel passage puts a question on the lips of the owner of the vineyard: "When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" (v. 40). This question emphasizes that God's disappointment at the wicked behaviour of mankind is not the last word! This is the great novelty of Christianity: a God who, even though disappointed by our mistakes and our sins, does not fail to keep his Word, does not give up and, most of all, does not seek vengeance! My brothers and sisters, God does not avenge himself. God loves, he does not avenge himself. He waits for us to forgive us, to embrace us.

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/>

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.

300 Club Results: 27th September. £100 A Perry (247). £50 S Pinto (273). £25 Mr J Tims (32), Mr T Knott (13).

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day. This Harvest, we are launching a series of online events around Family Fast Day from 8-11 October so that we can come together and bring hope and help to those who are most in need. This is a Harvest like no other as many families face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. With your support, we can help people all over the world rebuild their lives. Donate to CAFOD by post: CAFOD, Romero House 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB. By phone on 0303 303 3030. By Direct Debit [Set up a Direct Debit online](#) [Download a Direct Debit paper form](#).

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



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.



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](#)



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 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.