

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,

Let us recall the famous poem, Lead Kindly Light, written by St. John Henry Newman. It is a powerful prayer of the time. Seek his intercession for all of us.

Lead Kindly Light

*Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead me Thou on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step is enough
for me. I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that Thou shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path, but now lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will:
remember not past years. So long Your power hath blest me,
sure it still will lead me on, o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent,
till the night is gone; and with the morn those angel faces smile
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.*

Fr.George Thomas.

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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>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>11th – 18th 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	
Wednesday – 06:00 pm English Mass	(Sunday)
Thursday – 10:00 am English Mass	10:30 am English Mass 04:00 pm Malayalam 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:

Tuesday, St. Edward the Confessor. Thursday, St. Teresa of Avila. Saturday,
St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop.

Readings and Gospel for Sunday 11th October.

1st Reading - Isaiah 25:6-10A

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **R.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. **R.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. **R.**

2nd Reading - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man

there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

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

God's goodness has no bounds and discriminates against no one. For this reason the banquet of the Lord's gifts is universal, for everyone. Everyone is given the opportunity to respond to His invitation, to His call; no one has the right to feel privileged or to claim an exclusive right. All of this induces us to break the habit of conveniently placing ourselves at the centre, as did the High Priests and the Pharisees. This must not be done; we must open ourselves to the peripheries, also acknowledging that, at the margins too, even one who is cast aside and scorned by society is the object of God's generosity.

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.

Let's stay connected to each other! Community Help: 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: 4th October. £50 Fr. A. Pateman (98). £25 P Thekkanath (47), S Campbell (287).

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.

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

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, and discuss 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 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](#).



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](#)

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.

Pope Francis' new encyclical warns world must work together to rebuild from pandemic - Monday, October 5th, 2020 @ 10:48 am.

Fratelli Tutti, (All Brothers).

a letter addressed to all people, praises the togetherness shown by society during the Covid-19 crisis. But the Pope warns that a fragmented global response risks creating a "setback" on the journey to building a fairer world. Francis argues in the encyclical that politics should be "re-evaluated" to focus on serving the common good, not economic interests. The document - which also addresses conflict, racism and the situation faced by refugees and migrants - was signed by the Holy Father at St Francis's chapel in Assisi, the day before its publication on the saint's feast day on 4 October 2020.

'A message for all people'

Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD, said: "Pope Francis is unflinching in his message: politics is failing the poor and it is shameful that political decisions are made that plunge people further into poverty, suffering and despair. "In the beginning, the coronavirus showed us that we could come together, and recognise that what affects one of us, affects us all. But Francis condemns the rush to return to politics 'as normal'- one of self-interest and indifference to the plight of those left behind. "This is a message not just to Catholics, or people of other faiths. It is to everyone." Encyclical a 'blueprint for a post-coronavirus world'

The encyclical on human fraternity follows a series of teachings - or 'catecheses' - given by the Pope during his general audiences in August and September which has focused on rebuilding a more just world after the pandemic.

Fratelli Tutti is the first encyclical published by Pope Francis since his letter on [care for our common home](#), *Laudato Si'*, and continues themes from other documents by the Pope, including the 'apostolic exhortation' *Evangelii Gaudium*.

Christine Allen said:

"Pope Francis's message is clear: we cannot just switch on the reset button and go back to 'normal'.

"This encyclical is a radical blueprint for a post-coronavirus world. Now is the time to change the framework of our economic systems, through debt relief for the poorest countries, the reduction of inequality, and investment in local, green sustainable economic development."

Fraternity and social friendship are the ways the Pontiff indicates to build a better, more just and peaceful world, with the contribution of all: people and institutions. With an emphatic confirmation of a 'no' to war and to globalized indifference.