

### 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](http://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](http://www.ewtn.com)

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html> listen to podcast Sunday gospel truth.

[www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/)  
[www.heavensroadfm.com/](http://www.heavensroadfm.com/) listen-now/

### Coronavirus Information for Leicestershire:

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

Dear Parishioners,

Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe 18th October as *World Mission Sunday*. This annual observance was instituted 94 years ago in 1926 by Pope Pius XI's Papal decree. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on and prayer for the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist, and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

"The Church is on a mission in the world," Pope Francis writes in his 2019 World Mission Day message, *Baptized and Sent*. "This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission." Hence the Holy Father calls on all Catholics and the Church to revive missionary awareness and commitment. In his 2020 message our Holy Father wants us to discharge our mission duty by volunteering with prophet Isaiah "*Here am I, send me*" (6:8) to alleviate the suffering of our Covid-19-stricken brothers and sisters.

Hence, on this Mission Sunday, let us learn to appreciate our missionary obligation and support the Church's missionary activities by leading transparent Christian lives, by fervent prayers, and by generous donations.

Fr. George Thomas, Parish Priest.

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<p>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - <a href="http://www.ctk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml">www.ctk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml</a> English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - <a href="http://www.emschool.co.uk/">www.emschool.co.uk/</a></p>		
	<p><b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></p> <p><b>18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b></p> <p><b>October is the month of Rosary.</b></p> <p><b>Today is World Mission Sunday</b></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:

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

**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. Luke Evangelist. Thursday, St. John Paul II, Pope.

## Readings and Gospel for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### 1st Reading - Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **R.**

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens. **R.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity. **R.**

### 2nd Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5B

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

### Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

**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

Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in the human and social spheres without comparing "God" and "Caesar"; comparing God and Caesar would be a fundamentalist approach. Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in earthly realities, but illuminating them with the light that comes from God. The primary entrustment to God and hope in him do not imply an escape from reality, but rather the diligent rendering to God that which belongs to him.

### Sunday 18 October 2020 – Today is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Nilcéia share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church.

**Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) Thank you**

### 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.

This week we continue to 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.

**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](mailto:contact-response@leicester.gov.uk). VAL (Voluntary Action Leicestershire) - visit <https://www.volunteerleicestershire.org.uk/> 0116 257 5050.

**300 Club Results:** 11<sup>th</sup> October. £50 A Chavira (150). £25 C McCreesh (11), S Hunt (41).

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020 witnessed by committee members only on this occasion. The 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is £1,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is £500, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £1000 and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize will be a surprise bonus, depending on the membership subscriptions.

**Good luck with the draw from the 300 Club committee.**

**Free e-book (with church imprimatur) for your computer/tablet/phone:**  
*John Henry Newman on the Sense of God in the Conscience*

This e-book may be downloaded free of charge to a computer / tablet / phone. It offers an account of the thought of **Saint John Henry Newman** on a topic central to his life, namely the Conscience as involving a sense of God. There is also available with it an accompanying free ebook, which is an appendix containing several of Newman's early manuscript sermons. These e-books may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. *John Henry Newman on the Sense of God in the Conscience* may be accessed at this URL: [www.catholic-thoughts.info/johnhenrynewman](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/johnhenrynewman)

**TOGETHER, WE ARE CARITAS: Building social action in the Diocese of Nottingham** - Saturday 7 November 2020 by Zoom (with a telephone option). Nottingham Diocese is joining Caritas, the Church's worldwide ministry of charity. Soon our parish will be part of one of the biggest humanitarian organisations on the planet - and you are invited to be part of it. Join Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the diocesan Justice & Peace Commission and Catholics from all round our diocese. In two 90-minute online sessions at 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. we'll take practical steps, in parishes and chaplaincies across the diocese, to bring the Gospel to life, locally and globally. For details and booking visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction) or call 07470 907656 for further information.

#### **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

Join us through October to 'Heal the World'. Friday Mornings and Monday evenings from 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.