



Peace Sunday: this weekend: A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace:

Pope Francis' World Peace Day message

Once again [Pax Christi](#), the international Catholic movement for peace, has produced a variety of on-line and paper resources to celebrate Peace Sunday. While there are some limits as to how we come together, Pax Christi UK have materials for parishes, communities and families - allowing for as much creativity as possible, this is not limited to one day or place! In his message to parishes Pax Christi's National President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon says: This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other. The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times. I invite you to seriously consider facilitating a collection for, or making a donation to, the work of Pax Christi at this time as a way to make a practical contribution to continuing the work of peace. [Visit Pax Christi's website for resources](#)

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

Pope Francis January Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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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>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th – 24th January 2021 Pax Christi - Peace Sunday</p>
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Sunday 17.01	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass
Monday 18.01	No Service	
Tuesday 19.01	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday 20.01	6pm	Holy Mass
Thursday 21.01	10am	Holy Mass
Friday 22.01	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday 23.01	10am	Holy Mass
Sunday 24.01	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass

Words of the Holy Father

Have I learned to be vigilant within myself so that the temple of my heart is only for the Holy Spirit? To purify the temple, the temple inside and to keep watch. Be careful: what is happening in your heart? Who comes in, who goes out... What are your feelings, your ideas? Do you speak with the Holy Spirit? Do you listen to the Holy Spirit? Be vigilant. Be careful about what happens inside our temple, inside of us. (Santa Marta, 24 November 2017)

Father George is offering Holy Mass from Mother of God Church. Available at <http://Facebook.com/gchelackal> <http://motherofgodleicester.co.uk>

Readings and Gospel for Sunday 17th January 2021

1st Reading - 1 Samuel 3:3B-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. **R.** Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come." **R.** "In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!" **R.** I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know. **R.**

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 6:13C-15A, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Gospel - John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" - which translated means Teacher, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" - which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" which is translated Peter.

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*

Bible Verse of the Day - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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John 1:35-42

This week we continue to pray 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: 10th January: £50 G Kelly (169). £25 H Patecka (210), N Dyer (257).

Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis declared a Year of St Joseph from the 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Joseph being declared the Patron Saint of the Universal Church. More information here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

I will be sharing with you shortly how we will be celebrating this as a Diocese through our Diocesan themes of Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021... St Mary's, Knighton will be hosting the Annual Week of Christian Unity Service by Zoom on Sunday 17th January at 6.30pm for 40 minutes Zoom Meeting link ID: 913 7533 9451 Passcode: 316
<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/91375339451?pwd=Q1pYNEN2Z3BiYlBWZHp5N0hpd0VKZz09> To join by phone dial 0131 460 1196 ID: 913 7533 9451 Passcode: 316

How to be a disciple?

This four week course on Zoom will explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus and how we can grow this relationship. The COVID restrictions have hampered our social interactions but don't let them hamper your greatest friendship with Jesus. This Thursday and every Thursday at 7pm in January we will be exploring a principle of discipleship. Join us and the brilliant speaker Brendan Thompson from Catholic Voices on Zoom; even if you can only come to one session, come! Each session will focus on a principle of being a disciple and how we can grow in it.

Thursday 21st January - Christian Fellowship - Being experts in Friendship

Thursday 28th January - Prayer - The Restoration of Joy

This course is aimed at both those who would like to grow in their personal discipleship and those who want to help others grow. So please share with friends, family, fellow parishioners and your parish clergy.

Register here:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMcuygqjwpGdNBRC5NIQ46Eu1bleEg246A>

2021: a year for solidarity

After the hopeful news last month about vaccinations, it seems the start of 2021 will get more difficult for a while. Let us pray often for those in medicine and other front line services, as well as those they care for. The world needs people who are here for each other. Catholic social teaching has a word for that: solidarity. It can seem an abstract word, but Pope Francis puts it in a nutshell: 'No-one is saved alone'. Solidarity is what happens when we know that's true. Without it there is no evangelisation. In this edition of *Grapevine* we'd like to share with you an opportunity coming your way in 2021 to grow in 'gospel solidarity', and grow our mission in a post-pandemic world. We've teamed up with a national charity and three other dioceses for a programme called *Here: Now: Us*. You're invited to an 'open evening' on 22 February to find out more. **Paul** (Programme Leader for Social Action)

In this issue

Book now for:

Pax Christi's Peace Sunday reflection - this Saturday

Journey in Hope: Patterns for action and contemplation - next Wednesday

Care for Earth, our common home - from 18 February for six weeks

Introducing *Here: Now: Us*:

Open Evening, 22 February

The Word and the Common Good study groups

Post-pandemic parish workshops

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis says: Moved by [Jesus'] example, we want to enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep; arm in arm with others, we are committed to building a new world.

Here: Now: Us

Missionary disciples for a post-Covid world: a three-part programme

In 2021 here in the Diocese of Nottingham, we're launching a new scheme to help you put your faith into action, bring Catholic social teaching to life in your neighbourhood, and build your parish into a confident, outward-looking community when the pandemic subsides. We have teamed up with the national charity Together for the Common Good (T4CG). *Here: Now: Us* is a three part programme which fosters lay leadership for Catholic social action. *Here: Now: Us* will lay foundations for our Caritas network, in your parish and in the diocese as a whole. [Find out more about *Here: Now: Us* coming to Nottingham Diocese](#) Scroll down, and we'll introduce you to three opportunities to get involved in *Here: Now: Us*. We'll let you know more in *Grapevine* as details develop.

Put the Gospel into practice!

Now you'll be ready for mission. Caritas is being launched this year to support your endeavours. After the parish workshop, *Here: Now: Us* offers an optional follow-up programme to help you and your parish take the next steps.

Journey in Hope - Patterns for action and contemplation

Wednesday 20 January, 10.00 - 11.30 a.m. by Zoom

The buzz at the diocesan Caritas conference in November was that everything we do should be 'underpinned by spirituality and prayer'. Indeed, it was said, 'the journey of prayer is part of Caritas'.

So *Journey in Hope* will explore how to help ourselves and others find food for the missionary journey. We'll gather resources for prayer, patterns for reflection and tools for discernment. If you are looking for a life-giving balance between contemplation and action, join us to:

- Spend time in prayer for each other, and for everyone who will benefit from our service and outreach
- Learn about ways to nourish and reflect on our work for God's kingdom, and perhaps share your own suggestions

Explore how we can help everyone in the diocese find support and inspiration for prayerful witness through social action.

[Book for 'Journey in Hope'](#)

Year of the Word & Biblical Resources

- Attached is the latest update from the Year of the Word national working group on what resources are available.
- CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION: On 23rd January from 11 am until 12.30 Dom Henry Wansbrough will be presenting a live stream talk entitled 'The Adventures of a Biblical Translator'. Dom Henry is the editor of the New Jerusalem Bible and the recently published Revised New Jerusalem Bible. The event will be presented by Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association. The event can be accessed live by going to www.sppilford.org.uk and will be available to download subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org Questions for Fr Henry, and other queries, may be directed to catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com
- Bible in a Year Podcast - the very charismatic and engaging YouTube evangelist Fr Mike Schmitz has launched a podcast reading the whole Bible in a year. It is currently the number one podcast in America. It can be found through your usual Podcast service by searching 'The Bible in a Year'. Alternatively you can listen online here: <http://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>

Useful website addresses

St Barnabas Cathedral is live streaming Mass at 1 pm Monday-Friday and Sunday at 10 am. These services are also recorded. A retreat service is attached for individual prayer for parishioners, which can be forwarded by email to those already on your list - downloadable at: <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Flu/index.shtml> along with other prayer services.

St JOSEPH'S MASS: on YOUTUBE St Joseph Leicester live Weekdays @10am Sunday Mass @10.30 by Father John Daly.

Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham <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

<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/

Saint Thomas More Leicester

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrZu39_vJ0mfp50cVR4INiQ/
Press the "Subscribe" button. If you also click on the little Bell Symbol you will receive notifications from the page that will let them know when a new video or stream is happening.

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.