

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)
To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the
Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal
love with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.
O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father,

ward off from us every contagion of error and
corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector,
be kind to us and from heaven assist us in
our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy
and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant
protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal
happiness in heaven. **Amen.**

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.

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	<p style="text-align: center;">3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24th – 31st January 2021</p>	
<p>Sunday 24.01</p>	<p>10.30am 4pm</p>	<p>English Mass Malayalam Mass</p>
<p>Monday 25.01</p>	<p>No Service</p>	
<p>Tuesday 26.01</p>	<p>10am</p>	<p>Holy Mass</p>
<p>Wednesday 27.01</p>	<p>6pm</p>	<p>Holy Mass</p>
<p>Thursday 28.01</p>	<p>10am</p>	<p>Holy Mass</p>
<p>Friday 29.01</p>	<p>10am</p>	<p>Holy Mass</p>
<p>Saturday 30.01</p>	<p>10am</p>	<p>Holy Mass</p>
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Father George is offering Holy Mass from Mother of God Church. Available at <http://Facebook.com/gchelackal> <http://motherofgodleicester.co.uk>

Bible Verse of the day - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As Jesus passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they left their nets and followed him. Mark 1:14-20, Matthew 4:18-22

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.

Readings and Gospel for Sunday 24th January 2021

1st Reading - Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, "when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

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

Teach me your ways, 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. 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 - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Gospel - Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed 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

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mk 1:15). These words are in no way a threat. On the contrary, they are a blessed proclamation, a joyful message. Each of us is invited to believe in the "Gospel": God's authority is brought close to His children. This is the Gospel. And Jesus announces this marvelous thing, this grace: God, the Father, loves us, is close to us and teaches us to walk on the path of holiness. The Kingdom of God is certainly a great strength, the greatest one there is, but not according to worldly criteria. This is why it never appears to have the absolute majority. It is like leaven that is kneaded with flour: it apparently disappears and yet, it is what makes the dough rise (cf. Mt 13:33). He described Himself as a "grain of wheat" that dies in the earth, but only in this way can it bear "much fruit"

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

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.

Anne Feeney-McGarr RIP. Funeral on Tuesday 2nd February at 11.30am. Burial at Gilroes at 1pm. Our deepest and sincere condolences to her family and friends.

On behalf of NDCYS (our youth service based at the Briars) I would like to invite you (and your parish clergy) to an online catechist network meeting next Tuesday (26th January) at 7pm. NDCYS have created an online **7 session confirmation course called INSPIRE**, that brings parishes from across the diocese together while also maintaining the parish identity of a confirmation group. This is to assist parishes who wanted to run a programme last year, or hope to run one this year. Join this meeting to hear more about the course, its content, how it will be delivered, and the role of parish catechists. After the meeting on Tuesday, parishes will have one month to register their group in time to begin the first session on 23rd February. Throughout February parishes will be able to have the opportunity to explore the online platform and receive support from NDCYS on how to use it. Please see the attached course information and register for the network meeting here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJApceqoqTorGtBD5q3F-n-ejtvGj4rOtDOW>

300 Club: 17th January: £50 Fr. P Nellikulam (144). £25 M Rossa (105), J Cadden (226).

VACANCY: St Francis' Catholic Voluntary Academy, Melton Mowbray (part of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust) has a vacancy for a part time non-teaching Deputy Head Teacher. Please visit www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies for further information. Closing date is 12 February 2021.

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 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/tJMrcuygqjwpGdNBRC5NIQ46Eu1bleEg246A>

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:

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.

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.ssppilford.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: <https://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.