

CAFOD Lent Appeal

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent or by using a CAFOD envelope.

You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice

Wednesday 17 February 7-8pm - [Ash Wednesday Mass](#)

Our Lenten preparations this year will look very different because of the pandemic. Join us for a special online Mass to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, our season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We may be apart but we can still come together as a community as we journey to grow closer to Christ. [Register to join us.](#)

Friday 19 February, and every Friday during Lent -11am -[Stations of the Cross](#)

This Lent, we will walk through the Stations of the Cross online in a prayerful journey of transformation in solidarity with people living in poverty around the world. Join us as we meditate on Christ's journey to the cross, following themes of justice, poverty, mercy, friendship and hope. [Register to join us.](#)

Family Fast Day is on Friday 26 February 2021.

This Lent in lockdown, you and your parish can help transform lives! Abdella has to walk ten hours a day to find water to keep his family alive. By sharing [Abdella's story](#) with your parish at livestream Masses, in the e-bulletin and via social media, you can raise life-changing funds.

CAFOD <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>

The Pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

Saint Augustine described "Prayer, fasting and almsgiving" as the Pillars of Lent. The role of any pillar is to support, from the soft pillar we rest our head on each night to the pillars of the buildings we live and work in; they all support something. Pillars of Lent support our way of living the Gospel. The ideals of prayer, fasting and almsgiving support us on our whole Christian journey rather than are something we inflict on ourselves for just forty days of the year. Jesus summed up the pillars of discipleship -

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Prayer) "You shall love your neighbour (almsgiving) as yourself (fasting)" Matt 22:37,39. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving remind us to put our relationships right again (conversion).

Prayer places us into right relationship with God

Fasting places us into right relationship with our self (our body)

Almsgiving places us into right relationship with others (almsgiving)

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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>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th – 21st February 2021</p> <p style="color: blue;">Word for the Week: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble.</p>	
Sunday 14.02	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass
Monday 15.02	5:30pm	Holy Mass Malayalam- Vibhoothi
Tuesday 16.02	10am	Holy Mass
Ash Wednesday 17.02	6pm	Holy Mass
Thursday 18.02	10am	Holy Mass
Friday 19.02	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday 20.02	10am 5.45pm	Holy Mass Malayalam Mass
Sunday 21.02	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass

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 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

And then a leper approached, did him homage, and said, "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I will do it. Be made clean." His leprosy was cleansed immediately.
 Matthew 8:1-4, Luke 5:12-16, Mark 1:40-45

Pope Francis February Intention- Universal intention - Violence against women . We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Gospel Readings for Sunday 14th February 2021.

1st Reading - Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile. **R.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart. **R.**

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel - Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning the him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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

So often, I think that it may be, I wouldn't say impossible, but very difficult to do good without getting our hands dirty. And Jesus got dirty with his closeness. But then, He went even further, saying to the man who was freed from his illness: "Go to the priests, and do what must be done when a leper is healed. Jesus includes that man who was excluded from social life: He includes him in the Church, includes him in society. "Go, so that everything is just as it should be". Jesus never marginalizes anyone, ever. He marginalizes Himself in order to include the marginalized, to include us, sinners, marginalized people, by His life".

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 7th February: £50 S Blake (252). £25 K Leung (182), M Waugh (137).

300 Club Dividend - A big thank you to all members of the 300 Club for their generosity, especially at this particular time. The 300 Club committee is pleased to announce the year ending October 2020 dividend totals £7,800 - to be split equally between our parishes of Mother of God, Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's - and cheques are now being prepared for £2,600 for each parish. For the current year, subscriptions remain at £5 per month per membership and numbers are available at the moment. Prizes are £50 x 1 and £25 x 2 per week, £100 x 1 per quarter, and £1,000 x 1 plus £surprise bonus at each year ending October. If you would like to join this valuable fund-raising for our parishes, please contact the Parish Office. The Mother of God Representatives are Ted Cook and John Gray.

Listening with Love. 'Listening with Love' is a resource inviting people to reflect on the impact of abuse. Although we're releasing this material for Lent 2021, it can be used at any time. It is a seven session resource rooted in Scripture, listening and conversation. The survivors identified the themes and decided that, in conversations, the voice of the survivor could be heard. [Read More](#)



Join our Team Laudato Si'!

This edition of *Grapevine* lists lots of events, and there's one in particular that's shaping up to make a big difference here in the diocese.

In this critical year for the future of our planet, the Global Catholic Climate Movement is inviting you to train as a Laudato Si' Animator, bringing Pope Francis' 'green' encyclical to life in our parishes and schools.

As a Laudato Si' Animator here in the Diocese of Nottingham, you'd be part of something that's both bigger and closer to home. We're developing a diocesan environmental strategy - and your skills as an animator would be of great value, as we launch our journey to net-zero carbon.

Even better, we've just had news that CAFOD have awarded us a grant to support this work. It will enable six 'Pioneer Parishes' to step forward and lead the way. Could yours be one of them? Whether as a Laudato Si' Animator in your own right, or as part of a Pioneer Parish, with your innovation and your leadership, we're going to make a difference. We'll tell you more as the details come together, but meanwhile, let us know if you'd like to be part of the action! **Paul** (Programme Leader for Social Action)

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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.

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

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