

Holy Week Schedule

Sat 03 April	10:00	Holy Saturday - Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)	Holy Saturday
Sat 03 April	18:30	Holy Easter Vigil Mass - Holy Mass (English)	Vigil Mass for Easter Sunday
Sat 03 April	21:00	Holy Easter Vigil Mass - Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)	Vigil Mass for Easter Sunday
Sun 04 April	10:30	Holy Easter Sunday Mass - Holy Mass (English)	Easter Sunday Mass
Sun 04 April	16:00	Holy Easter Sunday Mass - Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)	Easter Sunday Mass

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



Easter Prayer

Gracious God,

We praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus.

We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.

We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day;

and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others.

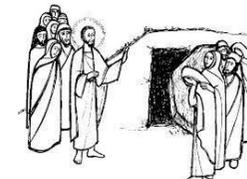
Amen.

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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>		



4th - 11th April 2021

The Lord is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Words for the Week: His love has no end (Psalm 117)

Monday 5.04	No Service	
Tuesday 6.04	No Service	
Wednesday 7.04	No Service	
Thursday 8.04	No Service	
Friday 9.04	No Service	
Saturday 10.04	5.45pm	Malayalam Mas
Sunday 11.04	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass

Words of the Holy Father: Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter! Today the Church's proclamation echoes throughout the world: "Jesus Christ is risen!" - "He is truly risen!" Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. (...) This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "by-pass" suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God.

Bible verse of the day. Jesus Christ resurrects from the dead. Then the angel said to the women in reply: "Do not be afraid! I now that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here for he has been raised like he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell the disciples, He has been raised from the dead and he is going before you to Galilee, there you will see him.

Gospel Readings for Easter Sunday

1st Reading - Acts 10:34A, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." R.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD." R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. R.

2nd Reading - Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Gospel - John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.!"

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

Pope Francis April Intentions - Fundamental rights. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

300 Club 28th March: £50 M O'Connor (123) . £25 B Preston (255), S Wagstaff (211).



Easter greetings and news from Justice & Peace and Caritas

21st Edition of the Diocesan Grapevine - Go to

<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/grapevine-e-bulletin>

Holy Week at home: www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live. For the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night 10.40pm: (Time subject to change) and for Easter Sunday 12 Noon have a candle and Holy Water ready and keep the candle lighting for the Mass, we will renew our baptismal promises together. Holy Saturday 10.30am: Blessing of Bread for the Polish community.

'A Father's Heart - A Podcast for Catholic Dads. The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a new Podcast to celebrate the Year of St Joseph. A Father's Heart takes its name from *Patris Corde* (Pope Francis' letter that launched this special year). This letter is split into 7 sections, each highlighting a different characteristic of St Joseph's fatherhood. Each month the podcast will pick a section for 2 dads, from around the diocese, to reflect on and discuss. Find out how to listen (and subscribe) by going to: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts'

'Being a Missionary Disciple' - After the great success of Bishop Patrick's Lent Talks on Discipleship, the Formation for Mission Team are offering two talks on Zoom in May on 'being a Missionary Disciple'. The first talk '*The Ascension & the Great Commission*' will be given by Canon Christopher Thomas (General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales) on Thursday 13th May at 7pm. This talk will explore the importance of the Ascension and how we can live Jesus final instructions to us. The second talk '*Pentecost & Mission*' will be given by Pippa Baker (A Catholic Missionary, Speaker & Musician) on Wednesday 19th May at 7pm. This talk will

examine the significance of Pentecost for us and how the Holy Spirit equips us for mission in our everyday lives. To register visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk'

Here: Now: Us is a three-part programme to help you put your faith into action, bring Catholic social teaching to life, and build your parish into a confident, outward-looking community. For you, your faith, and your parish, it offers a three-stage journey out of lockdown with fellow Catholics from around the diocese. [Book here for the 'Here: Now: Us' Open Evening on 13 April](#)

'Helping people encounter Jesus' - the Alpha Course is a highly successful way for people and parishes to help others encounter Jesus. Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa (Preacher to Popes St John Paul II, Benedict XVI & Francis) has said about it: 'One of the advantages of Alpha is that it focuses on Kerygma [the Good News the Jesus desires on friendship]... faith in itself blossoms only by hearing the Kerygma.' The Diocese of Nottingham has partnered with the Alpha in a Catholic Context team to deliver training on how to run Alpha to empower you to help others encounter (or reencounter) Jesus.

Visit: https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesancommissions/01_commission-adult-formation to register for the training dates on 13th & 20th April.'

VACANCY: Senior Safeguarding Coordinator. The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint an experienced Safeguarding Professional to lead and manage its Safeguarding Service. Working with the Bishop, the Diocesan Trustees, Safeguarding Commission and Clergy and Parishes of the Diocese, this person will lead and develop safeguarding strategy and practice to the highest levels, and implement national policies and procedures fully and consistently. For more information and an application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Closing date 11th April 2021. Interviews expected to take place in person week commencing Monday 19th April 2021.

CAFOD Lent Appeal 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.

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

We continue to pray for all the sick and housebound people of the parish.

"It is now necessary that we reflect together as a diocese on our varying experiences. Share your story: How has Covid-19 Affected You and Your Faith?"

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
This past year of the Coronavirus pandemic has been a tough and challenging time for Catholics across our diocese.

In our parishes, chaplaincies, schools, religious houses, as well as in our own homes, we have all had to learn to adapt to this new and uncharted situation. Some have managed fairly well, while others have struggled.

It is now necessary that we reflect together as a diocese on our varying experiences, positive and negative, of the living out our faith during this period. This will enable us to explore what can be learned for the immediate future.

So, I invite you to complete this simple survey, (<https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/covid-19-survey-form/>) which won't take much of your time.

Your responses will help us to get a more informed overview of the strengths, lessons learnt, and weaknesses of our current situation as a diocese. They will, in turn, also help us to move forward more creatively and more realistically.

Thank you for taking part in this survey. I look forward to reading your responses. With prayer and good wishes
+Patrick

When you do the survey click onto the Nottingham Diocese. Please encourage other parishioners to do so. The deadline for submissions is July 4th 2021.

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.