



DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM

"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.

Prayer for our parish community.

Almighty God,
we pray for your blessing on all who share
in the life and work of our church and parish:
in the ministry of word, prayer and sacrament;
in teaching, learning together and pastoral care;
in service to our Diocese, the community and those in need;
in ecumenical fellowship, sharing and co-operation.
We pray for all members of the congregation,
that in their life and work they may advance your
kingdom and bear witness to your love,
shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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<p>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ckk.org/p_Home.ikml English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/</p>		



Third Sunday of Easter

18th - 25th April 2021

Words for the Week: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Sunday 18.04	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass
Monday 19.04	No Service	
Tuesday 20.04	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday 21.04	6pm	Holy Mass
Thursday 22.04	10am	Holy Mass
Friday 23.04	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday 24.04	10am 5.45pm	Holy Mass Malayalam Mass
Sunday 25.04	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>

Words of the Holy Father: The illness Christians have is this: we are afraid of joy. It is better to think: "Yes, God exists, but he is out there. Jesus is risen, he is out there!" A little distance. We are afraid of Jesus drawing near because this gives us joy". Many times we are either startled when this joy comes to us, or we are full of fear or we believe we are seeing a ghost, or we think that Jesus is a way of acting: "We are Christians and we have to do it this way!" But where is Jesus? "No, Jesus is in Heaven". Do you speak with Jesus? Do you tell Jesus: "I believe that you are alive, that you are risen, that you are close to me, that you will not abandon me"? The Christian life must be a dialogue with Jesus because - this is true - Jesus is always with us, he is always with our problems, with our struggles and with our good works.

Gospel Readings Sunday 18th April

1st Reading - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

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

Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer! **R.**

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call upon him. **R.**

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart. **R.**

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling. **R.**

2nd Reading - 1 John 2:1-5A

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Gospel - Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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 - Jesus Meets His Disciples after His Resurrection Thursday in the Octave of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter Year B

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Thank You

In 2020, **our community of MOG raised £510.17** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in TOWN are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The Missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made harder by COVID-19. They have asked to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at mission.org.uk.

300 Club 11th April: £50 Mrs M Hickey (79). £25 E Waldron (85), S Colaco (112).

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.

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



News from Justice & Peace and Caritas 22nd Edition of the Diocesan Grapevine - Go to <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/grapevine-e-bulletin>

Revolution of Tenderness

As we emerge from lockdown into the 'new normal', God is calling each of us afresh. The diocese is offering a series of initiatives and events inspired by Pope Francis called Revolution of Tenderness, to help us answer that call. The invitation comes from Caritas, the new diocesan network supporting social action, and includes:

- Prepare the Future: Practical workshops on 21 April and 2 June and regularly thereafter, to help parish activities and outreach start up again
- Kindle the Fire: Online prayer for the eve of Pentecost to mark the launch of Caritas
- Lend an Ear: A diocesan listening campaign to rebuild social friendship and understanding after the pandemic
- The Word and the Common Good: Workshops on Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching on Monday evenings in June and July. Everyone is welcome

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'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

'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

VACANCY: The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service is looking for a highly skilled and ideally qualified Youth Worker (or equivalent) to work as part of the leadership team of NDCYS, be responsible for the leadership, supervision and management of the Volunteer Team and to lead young people in retreat programmes at The Briars. You will work as part of the wider diocesan youth service to further the mission of NDCYS across the diocese. You will have responsibility for the management of the site when on programme and be required to undertake training and CPD as part of your role. This is a full time post / 37.5 Hours a week equivalent - Week on / Week off. This post has an ideal start date of June 7th 2021 but this is negotiable. The post will require residential work with equivalent time off given for overnight stays. You will need to be resident only for the duration of your programmes and working hours. Full time accommodation is not provided. Application deadline: Friday 30 April 2021 [REQUEST AN APPLICATION PACK](#)

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.