

Neophytes Celebration - Normally on the 7th Sunday of Easter those who have been received into the Church at Easter (Neophytes) are invited to a Mass of thanksgiving at the Cathedral with Bishop Patrick. This year Bishop Patrick will lead a half an hour online service of celebration for Neophytes, please join him at 3:00pm on Sunday 16th May on his YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/BishopPatrickMcKinney

Thy Kingdom Come - Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer wave between the feasts of Ascension (13th May) and Pentecost (23rd May). It is a time when Christians around the world are invited to pray for more people to know Jesus and answer the call to be his disciple. There are a collection of Catholic resources you can use on your own or with others in this time including: morning and evening prayer, praying with Our Lady resources, live streamed night prayer, resources to pray for those you know who aren't followers of Christ, and more! Further information here: www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church. Resources for children and families here: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas>

Being a Missionary Disciple Talks - You are called to be a missionary disciple... but what does that mean? The first talk exploring being a missionary disciple is on Thursday 13th May at 7pm 'The Ascension & the Great Commission' will be given by Canon Christopher Thomas (General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales). This talk will explore the importance of the Ascension and how we can live out 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 every day lives. To register visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. Plans are afoot for a joint parish celebration of Confirmation to take place in summer / autumn 2022. Before we ask the Bishop for a date, we will need to see how many candidates we have for the Sacrament. Anyone currently in secondary school or of an older age group is eligible to apply. Please email the parish office for an application form. mogparish@gmail.com

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.ctk.ik.org/p_Home.ikml English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/</p>		



Sixth Sunday of Easter
 9th - 16th May 2021

Words for the Week: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sunday 9.05	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass
Monday 10.05	No Service	
Tuesday 11.05	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday 12.05	6pm	Holy Mass
Thursday 13.05	10am	Holy Mass
Friday 14.05	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday 15.05	10am 5.45pm	Holy Mass Malayalam Mass
Sunday 16.05	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>

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16th MAY. This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water. Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms. Donate at <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

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

Gospel Readings Sunday 9th May 2021

1st Reading - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?"

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. **R.**

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. **R.**

2nd Reading - 1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Gospel - John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

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

300 Club 2nd May: £50 G McKeefry (232). £25 A McQuire (235), S Donlan (31).

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to Mick and Sheila Deevey who were married at Mother of God Church in 1961. On 22nd May they will celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. A huge achievement! They are still very healthy and keeping well.

Pope Francis May Intentions - The world of finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Words of the Holy Father: He fell in love with our littleness and he chose us because of that. And he chooses the little ones, not those who are great, the little ones. And he reveals himself to the little ones: "You have hidden these things from the learned and the wise and have revealed them to little ones". His reveals himself to the little ones: if you want to understand something about Jesus's mystery, humble yourself: make yourself little. Recognize your nothingness. He chooses the little ones, he reveals himself to the little ones and calls the little ones. But he does not call the great ones? Their hearts are open, but the great ones do not hear his voice because they are full of themselves. To listen to the Lord's voice, you need to make yourself little.

During the month of May, we invite you to join with churches across the country to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. Our work is built on the power of prayer, and as a result we continually see the providence of God in incredible ways. Mary's Meals is now providing life-giving and life-changing school meals to more than 1.8 million of the world's poorest children. You will find inspirational resources for our Pray In May campaign, including our prayer card, on [our website](#) or do [get in touch](#) if you would like to arrange a talk for your church about our work. Thank you for remembering Mary's Meals in your prayers. God bless you all.

Prayer: We ask you, Lord, to pour out your blessings on those who are outcast in their own societies. We pray especially at this time for the people of Tigray, Ethiopia and Myanmar as fighting and unrest force so many to flee their homes.



Please bring your MISSIO Box to church to be emptied and collect your free magazine. Thank you.

LACY AND PENTECOST! Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth extend a warm invitation to all young people, their families and friends to share a Celebration with them on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday 23rd May, via Zoom at 7.00 p.m. Fr. Simon Gillespie will lead us in the celebration. Perhaps you are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to join together to share more thoughts about the Holy Spirit giving the disciples the power to proclaim God's wonderful word. An opportunity to hear young people's thoughts, connecting and sharing discipleship through energy and enthusiasm as we recognise that *Youth is a flame! Youth is a fire!* Interactive discussion, Prayers, Readings, Reflection and Music will take place. For link in details contact claudiacoxon@googlemail.com or paulinepayne@hotmail.com. All young people under the age of 18 present on Zoom should be accompanied by an adult.

Join us to craft the Common Good. Booking opens today for 'The Word and the Common Good', a chance to meet others from around the Diocese and explore what Catholic Social Teaching could look like in practice, locally and globally, in the wake of Covid-19. It takes place on Monday evenings from 7 June, but you don't have to attend every one. Come as you are - nobody will be an expert. Catholic Social Teaching is a toolkit of Gospel principles. Each of us can work out its challenges in the unique context in which we live. With Catholic Social Teaching, all of us can create something beautiful. It makes craftspeople of us all. Nor do you have to attend with others from your parish - though when you've been to one or two you may want to tell them about it. We hope to run another round of the course in the Autumn, or you could run it yourself in your parish. Paul (Programme Leader for Social Action)

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From 7 June: The Word and the Common Good: booking now open
22 May: Pentecost prayer for the launch of Caritas
2 June: 'Open with Care', our next Prepare the Future workshop
Parliament in your Parish: ask your MP to 'build back better' from Covid.

The Word and the Common Good: You are invited to join Catholics from around the Diocese of Nottingham for an interactive online course over six Monday evenings in June and July. As life starts afresh after lockdown, it's a rare opportunity to sow seeds of the Gospel.

- Discover how Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching can help us seize this moment and build a society that reflects God's Kingdom
- Build bridges following a year of social distancing and foster a new 'culture of encounter'
- Form new friendships, renew old ones, and help to build our parish communities for mission.

The sessions begin on Monday 7 June at 7.00 p.m. for six weeks.

To find out more: Visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us](https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us)

Join an [Open Evening on Monday 17 May](#) Or [book your place today](#).

The Word and the Common Good is part of [Here: Now: Us](#), a wider programme to help your parish grow as a confident, outward-looking community, and invest in the leadership of lay people. When Covid restrictions allow, this autumn or in 2022, our Caritas team can bring a Saturday workshop to your parish. If you'd like to find out more about Here: Now: Us and The Word and the Common Good before signing up, [visit our website](#), or join an Open Evening at 7.00 pm on Monday 17 May. Better still, encourage a few of your fellow *"This initiative comes at an exciting time for our diocese, as we listen afresh to the Gospel's invitation to encounter Christ, grow as disciples, and step out in mission... Every parish that takes up the invitation of 'Here: Now: Us' won't just make an impact at home; it will be joining the universal Church in making Christ's love known on earth."* - Bishop Patrick McKinney

REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS. Kindle the fire. On the eve of Pentecost, 22 May 2021, you are invited to a special interactive online service to mark the launch of Caritas. Find out how you can help to grow. [Click here to book for Pentecost prayer](#)

OPEN Calling parish administrators, hall caretakers and clergy! Open with Care. Resuming parish life in the 'new normal'. In late June the government hopes to relax the restrictions that have prevented most parish activities taking place. It will be the moment when many parish facilities and groups can start up again. Open with Care on Wednesday 2 June at 3.30pm will help you ensure that your church premises and the things that happen in it are as safe and healthy as possible, and fulfil the government guidance. We'll be joined by Catherine Scholes from the diocesan property office. Having guided us through lockdown, she'll now be helping us make plans to re-open. [Book here for 'Open with Care'](#)

Give a Catholic charity a chance of £3,000. In the last edition of Grapevine we advertised for nominations for the virtual awards ceremony at the [Catholic Charity Conference](#) on Wednesday 5 May. One of the projects being nominated is in our diocese: the Justice and Peace group at Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's in Leicester. If they're shortlisted, they'll be in for the 'People's Choice' award, which means that the more people attending vote for them, the better their chances! [Book your place at the Catholic Charity Conference](#)

News from Justice & Peace and Caritas 23rd Edition of the Diocesan Grapevine - Go to <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/grapevine-e-bulletin>



"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?" How has Covid-19 affected you and your Faith? Bishop Patrick would like to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith and fill the questionnaire. **The deadline for submissions is July 4th 2021.** When you do the survey click onto the Nottingham Diocese. Please encourage other parishioners to do so.

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.