

**Thy Kingdom Come** - Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer wave between the feasts of Ascension (13<sup>th</sup> May) and Pentecost (23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church).

Resources for children and families here: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas>

**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](mailto:mogparish@gmail.com)

**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.

**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.

**A Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And You shall renew the face of the earth.  
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,  
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Words for the Week: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

Sunday 23.05	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass
Monday 24.05	No Service	
Tuesday 25.05	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday 26.05	6pm	Holy Mass
Thursday 27.05	10am	Holy Mass
Friday 28.05	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday 29.05	10am 5.45pm	Holy Mass Malayalam Mass
Sunday 30.05	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>

**Words of the Holy Father**

Let us try asking ourselves: am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit? Do I pray him to give me illumination, to make me more sensitive to God's things? This is a prayer we must pray every day: "Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day". I would like to ask everyone a question: how many of you pray every day to the Holy Spirit? There will not be many but we must fulfil Jesus' wish and pray every day to the Holy Spirit that he open our heart to Jesus.



Please remember in your prayers  
all the sick and housebound people of the parish

**1st Reading - ACTS 2:1-11**

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement, they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travellers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34**

**Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O LORD! The earth is full of your creatures; R.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD. R.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. R.

**2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13**

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

**Or: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason, I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

**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 16<sup>th</sup> May:** £50 M Pepler (216). £25 Mr P Flynn (145), P Cusack (214).

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:claudiacoxon@googlemail.com) or [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com). All young people under the age of 18 present on Zoom should be accompanied by an adult.

**News from Justice & Peace and Caritas 25<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Diocesan Grapevine - Go to <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/grapevine-e-bulletin>**

**Pentecost prayer and launch of our Diocesan Caritas - Saturday 22 May at 4pm.**

Pentecost is nearly upon us, and with it *Kindle the Fire*, the online liturgy and launch of Caritas Diocese of Nottingham. We're just slipping out a cheeky reminder, in case you're able to join us at the last minute. Booking is still open - read on and register on the link below, and we'll send you the Zoom link that enables you to join. In this special bulletin we're also sharing a few previews of what's been sent to everyone who's booked already. With these, whether you can make it on Saturday or not, you'll hopefully already see that there's a place for you in Caritas. Paul (Programme Leader for Social Action) [Click here to book for 'Kindle the Fire'](#)

**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](#). 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**

**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'](#)

**Renewing the face of the Earth - An online Laudato Si' workshop for care of Creation - Tuesday 8 June, 7- 8.30pm.**

Join a workshop to hear afresh Pope Francis' call to ecological conversion. We'll explore how his encyclical Laudato Si' inspires and challenges us, as individuals, in our parishes, and across the diocese as a whole.

With the COP26 climate summit coming up in November, 2021 is a crucial year for the poor, future generations and the other species who share the Earth with us. It's also the year when we plan to launch an ambitious environmental policy for the diocese. Join us to help shape it, and join the journey to being a more sustainable Church. The programme includes: The opportunity to become a Pioneer Parishes plotting the journey to zero carbon. Signing your parish up for the Livesimply programme from CAFOD. An introduction to Global Healing and other parish resources, Headlines from our emerging diocesan environmental policy. And meet our intrepid trainee Laudato Si Animators! [Book here for Renewing the Face of the Earth](#)

**A Pastoral Letter on the environment, prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales, for use in churches on 23 May 2021, Pentecost Sunday.**

The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that everything which exists, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of "God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth." God our loving Father creates and continues to give life to the world through His Word, Jesus Christ, in the power of His Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from Creation. God's revelation of himself in Creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and in his desire to live in us through his Holy Spirit.

**God's revelation of himself in Creation.** 'God's Spirit is always and everywhere "the Lord, the Giver of Life", and the voice of Pentecost is echoed in the voice of creation being transformed into the glorious liberty of God's children.' In this liberty, as God's children, we call on the Spirit to 'renew the face of the Earth', and as his children, we are called, in turn, to use this liberty for the good of creation and for the good of all that brings life. Our world, God's creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. But how have we used that glorious liberty? How do we honour this precious gift? Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?

**Interconnected and interdependent.** As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are acutely aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and, more especially, in the poorest countries of our world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth. The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out together this Pentecost Sunday, as bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care for God's gift to us.

**Unsustainable consumption.** For all too long we have either been ignorant of, or ignored, the systematic exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources. While accepting the crucial need and demand for energy for the benefit of the poorest of our brothers and sisters, the provision of our energy must, nonetheless, be by means which radically reduce the use of carbon-based fuels. In our political thinking, there must be a new global understanding of our world, where nations recognise our common responsibility for the dignity of all people and their rights to sustainable livelihoods, in authentic freedom. Pope Francis speaks of a global politics that looks beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially the poor and the marginalised.

**Restoring our common home.** But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the wellbeing and care of our brothers and sisters merely to a response from industry and governments. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation.

**G7 and COP26.** This Pentecost comes at a time of remarkable challenge and opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the tragedies and restrictions of the pandemic. We have the ability to make changes. Our countries are also hosting two most important meetings this year, the G7 in June and COP26 in November. These meetings will gather together men and women who have the power to make defining choices and policies which will help us build back better, provide for our brothers and sisters, and take care of our common home.

In all our human endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the Giver of Life", whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with that enduring hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and 'renew the face of the earth'.



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"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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.