

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

Words of the Holy Father

Today's liturgical solemnity, while making us contemplate the amazing mystery from which we come and toward which we are going, renews for us the mission of living in communion with God and living in communion among ourselves on the model of the divine communion. We are called to live not as one without others, above or against others, but one with others, for others, and in others. This means to accept and witness in harmony the beauty of the Gospel. [...] In a word, we have been entrusted with the task of edifying ecclesial communities which increasingly become families, capable of reflecting the splendour of the Trinity and evangelizing not only with the words but with the power of the love of God that lives within us.

Pope Francis June Intentions - The beauty of marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

A Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
and continues to sanctify me
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

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30th May - 6th June 2021

Words for the Week: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Sunday 30.05	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass
Monday 31.05	No Service	
Tuesday 1.06	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday 2.06	6pm	Holy Mass
Thursday 3.06	10am	Holy Mass
Friday 4.06	10am 5.45pm	Holy Mass Malayalam Mass
Saturday 5.06	10am 5.45pm	Holy Mass Malayalam Mass
Sunday 6.06	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>



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

Collect Prayer for The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Monday 31st May. Almighty ever-living God, who, while the Blessed Virgin Mary was carrying your Son in her womb, inspired her to visit Elizabeth, grant us, we pray, that, faithful to the promptings of the Spirit, we may magnify your greatness with the Virgin Mary at all times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Gospel Readings Sunday 30th May 2021

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full. **R.**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host. For he spoke, and it was made; he commanded, and it stood forth. **R.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. **R.**

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you. **R.**

2nd Reading - Romans 8:14-17

Brothers and sisters: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

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 23rd May: £50 Mrs M Goodrich (56). £25 C Snarry (152), S Philip (130).

Life Charity Shop...

100, Granby Street, LE1 1DJ. (Charity No. 1128355) This is to let all our kind supporters know we can arrange to collect donations for our Charity Shop from their home. The shop can be contacted by telephone or email as detailed below. Collection is normally on a Wednesday. More information is available on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/LifeLeicester/> Thank you for your continued support. Telephone 0116 254 2328 or email lizharris@lifecharity.org.uk

And a quick reminder of the first couple of events from Caritas, coming up in the next fortnight.



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'](#)

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



**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](#)



Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks
compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

St Teresa of Avila

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



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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 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.