

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

When we celebrate the Mass, we are not representing the Last Supper. The Mass is not a representation; it is something else. It truly is the Last Supper; it is truly living again the redemptive passion and death of Our Lord. It is a visible manifestation: the Lord makes himself present on the altar to be offered to the Father for the salvation of the world". We hear and we say, 'I cannot now, I have to go to Mass, I have to go to listen to Mass'. But you do not listen to Mass, you participate in it.

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.

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



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

Corpus Christi Prayer

Let us pray
for the willingness to make present in our world
the love of Christ shown to us in the Eucharist, Lord Jesus Christ,
we worship you living among us
in the sacrament of your body and blood.
May we offer to our Father in heaven
a solemn pledge of undivided love.
May we offer to our brothers and sisters a life poured out
in loving service of that kingdom where you live with
the Father and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever.
Amen



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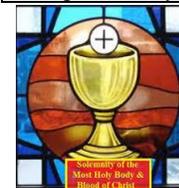
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English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ — Corpus Christi

6th – 13th June 2021

Words for the Week: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Sunday 6.06	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass
Monday 7.06	No Service	
Tuesday 8.06	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday 9.06	6pm	Holy Mass
Thursday 10.06	10am	Holy Mass
Friday 11.06	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday 12.06	10am 5.45pm	Holy Mass Malayalam Mass
Sunday 13.06	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>

Corpus Christi Sunday

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday. The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264. It is unquestionably a classic piece of liturgical work, wholly in accord with the best liturgical traditions. . . It is a perfect work of art.

Gospel Readings Sunday 6th June 2021

First reading from the Book of Exodus Ex 24:3-8

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us." Moses then wrote down all the words of the LORD and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD, Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do." Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 116: 12-13, 15-16, 17-18

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

What shall I render to the Lord, for all the things he hath rendered unto me? I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. **R.** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. O Lord, for I am thy servant: I am thy servant, and the son of thy handmaid. Thou hast broken my bonds: **R.** I will sacrifice to thee the sacrifice of praise, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the sight of all his people: **R.**

Second reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews Heb 9:11-15

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Gospel – Mark 14:12-16,22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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 30th May: £50 M Green (185). £25 K O'Flynn (134), P Dias (184).

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

The Word and the Common Good... An interactive online course offered by the Diocese 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 7th June at 7.00 pm for six weeks - come to as many as you are available for. For more information visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us and follow the link to book

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](#)

Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. In Zambia, over the past year, we've been able to reach over 1 million people with messages on COVID-19, provide over 13k people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities AND donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting communities in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

Today we are excited that Volunteers' Month has begun. As you play a vital role in supporting our communities in the global south, we want to celebrate with you all, our wonderful volunteers across England & Wales, with a month full of online events. Join in from your laptop, tablet or phone and invite family, friends and fellow parishioners to come along.

Register [to the complete series](#) of online events and get reminders.

Hot tip: come along to the Fairtrade event on 8 June and be in the live draw to win a Fairtrade hamper.

Register to individual events below:

[Mini workshop: Great photos - Capture your volunteering stories](#) **Thursday, 3 June 7:00pm-8:00pm.** Learn how to take great photos to show the amazing volunteer activities you do, from bake sales, to walking for water and everything in between! The session will be presented by Louise Norton CAFOD Senior Content producer. [Register](#) to join us.

[Mini workshop: Great photos - Capture your volunteering stories](#) **Friday, 4 June 12:00pm-1:00pm.** Watch on catch up - This is a repeat session. [Register](#) to join us.

[Fairtrade and climate change- how is it linked?](#) **Tuesday, 8 June 7:00pm-8:00pm** Coffee, cocoa, bananas and many other products we rely on come from small farms in countries already badly affected by climate change. Join Adam Gardner, Head of Campaigns at the Fairtrade Foundation as he shares the link between climate change and the products we buy and how Fairtrade aims to create better prices, decent working conditions and local sustainability. [Register](#) to join us.

[Fairtrade and climate change- how is it linked?](#) **Thursday, 10 June 12:00pm-1:00pm.** Watch on catch up - This is a repeat session. [Register](#) to join us.

[Climate Sunday Mass](#) with Bishop John Arnold **Sunday, 13 June**
For details check the Cathedral website: <http://www.salfordcathedral.co.uk/>

[Cooking and Climate Change: Ethiopia special](#) **Thursday, 17 June 1:00pm-2:00pm**
Join CAFOD as we cook up a tasty Ethiopian dish with Connor Molloy providing an insight into the link with between the results of climate change and food security. [Register](#) to join us.

[Cooking and Climate Change: Ethiopia special](#) **Friday, 18 June 7:00pm-8:00pm**
Watch on catch up - This is a repeat session. [Register](#) to join us.

[Tales from the G7](#) **Tuesday, 22 June 6:30pm-7:30pm.** Meet our G7 young people's delegation, fresh from their trip to Cornwall to campaign, unite and learn alongside the G7 conference. [Register](#) to join us.

[Volunteers Round Table](#) **Wednesday, 23 June 7:00pm-8:00pm.** Meet with other volunteers on zoom to reflect on the last year, share our experiences and look forward to the future. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to reserve your place and you will be sent a link to zoom closer to the date.

[Volunteer Forum](#) **Thursday, 1 July 6:30pm-7:30pm.** Hear from CAFOD Director Christine Allen and Head of Advocacy, Communication and Education Neil Thorns about CAFOD's challenges, joys and achievements of the past year and about our hopes for the future. Followed by mass. [Register](#) to join us.

[Volunteers Mass with Fr Mark Odion](#) **Thursday, 1 July 7:30pm-8:30pm.** Join us for a special Volunteer's Mass celebrated by Fr Mark Odion, to give thanks for our wonderful volunteers who have given so much to support our sisters and brothers around the world. [Register](#) to join us.

And finally ...A Big Thank You for all your generous help during the past year. I look forward to sharing our stories and experiences with you this month.

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.