



"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.

Words of the Holy Father

At times history, with its events and its protagonists, seems to go in the opposite direction of the design of the heavenly Father, who wants justice, fraternity and peace for all his children. But we are called to live out these periods as seasons of trial, of hope and of vigilant expectation of the harvest. Indeed, yesterday like today, the Kingdom of God grows in the world in a mysterious way, in a surprising way, revealing the hidden power of the little seed, its victorious vitality. Within the folds of personal and social events which at times seem to signal the failure of hope, it is important to remain confident in God's subdued but powerful way of acting. For this reason, in moments of darkness and of difficulty we must not lose heart, but remain anchored in faithfulness to God, to his ever-saving presence. Remember this: God always saves. He is the Saviour.

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

Prayer for the Church

Heavenly Father,
look upon our community of faith
which is the Church of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Help us to witness to his love
by loving all our fellow creatures without exception.

Under the leadership
of the Holy Father and the Bishops
keep us faithful to Christ's mission
of calling all men and women
to your service so that there may be
"one fold and one shepherd."

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th – 20th June 2021

Words for the Week: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

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| Sunday 13.06 | 10.30am 4pm | English Mass Malayalam Mass |
| Monday 14.06 | No Service | |
| Tuesday 15.06 | 10am | Holy Mass |
| Wednesday 16.06 | 6pm | Holy Mass |
| Thursday 17.06 | 10am | Holy Mass |
| Friday 18.06 | 10am | Holy Mass |
| Saturday 19.06 | 10am 5.45pm | Holy Mass Malayalam Mass |
| Sunday 20.06 | 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>

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.

Second Collection next Sunday for Day for Life



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

Gospel Readings Sunday 13th June 2021

1st Reading – Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, to proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night. **R.**

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. **R.**

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong. **R.**

Gospel – Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

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 D Avery (194). £25 M George (111), P Jackson (266).

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.

Do you have any Wrens in your family? We are not referring to the tiny, feathered variety in the garden but the indomitable ladies who joined the Women's Royal Naval Service, specifically, ladies who joined up between 1946 and 1981 and did their basic training at Training Depot Burghfield, HMTE Burghfield, HMTE Dauntless, HMS Dauntless Reading. Dauntless Divisional Photos is a worldwide project, in collaboration with the Association of Wrens, to gather divisional photographs and memories from those training days but also to reunite ladies with old friends, share anecdotes and relive exciting moments. So if you, your mum, granny, aunt, godmother or even next door neighbour donned a blue suit and aimed for a life on the ocean waves, please get in touch on either ddpwrens@gmail.com or telephone 07765 435295/0771 990 9844 Mandy Powell & Janette Crisp (Project Coordinators).

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.

Register to individual events below:

[Climate Sunday Mass](#) with Bishop John Arnold **Sunday, 13 June**

For details check the Cathedral website: <http://www.salfordcathedral.co.uk/>

[Does co-existence really exist? The untold story of mixed cities in Israel](#)

Monday, 14 June 7:00pm-8pm. Join us to hear our partners from Sadaka-Reut: Dina Gardashkin - Co Director and Amoneh Asfour - Educational Coordinator and Jaffa tours project manager, on the present situation and challenges affecting the life of people living in the Israel-Palestinian territories. Sadaka-Reut was established in 1983. Its grassroots dialogue and leadership development programmes seek to address the deep-seated injustices caused by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict by educating and empowering Palestinian and Jewish youth in Israel to pursue social and political change through bi-national partnership. It creates a new generation of young activists promoting a shared society based on equality, solidarity, and justice. [Register](#) to join us.

[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 -

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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.