

PARISH FEAST: MOTHER OF GOD LEICESTER

Eight days fasting in connection with the Nativity of Our Lady (Ettu Noimpu), will be the main feast of the Mother of God Church (English and Malayalam Community).

Feast Days: 1st - 8th September 2021.

Person(s) and / or family members who are interested to take up ettu (Ettu Noimpu) celebrations in a special way (presidenti or sponsors) are encouraged to come forward. There can be more than one presidenties on each day. Each presidenti has to contribute a minimum of £100.

Please see poster in church porch for full details of celebrations.

Words of the Holy Father

We heard the Song of Mary, the Magnificat: it is the song of hope, it is the song of the People of God walking through history. It is the song many saints, men and women, some famous, and very many others unknown to us but known to God: mums, dads, catechists, missionaries, priests, sisters, young people, even children and grandparents: these have faced the struggle of life while carrying in their heart the hope of the little and the humble. Mary says: "My souls glorifies the Lord" - today, the Church too sings this in every part of the world.

Updated Guidance

Hand Sanitiser will be available at the entrance. Wearing of face-coverings is highly recommended in Church. Social distancing is no longer mandatory, but please be respectful of others' needs at this time. During Mass, you can remain seated or stand as you wish, **but please do not kneel.**

Congregational singing is again permitted. Holy Communion can be distributed with distancing and allow some spacing, mindful of the needs of others. Father will continue to sanitise his hands and wear a face-covering before distributing Holy Communion. Some of our people will be very anxious at any sudden return to 'normality'. We can be patient and caring towards each other, as we take this next big step back towards normality, following the pandemic.

Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. **Thank you.**



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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

15th - 22nd August 2021

**Words for the Week: On your right stands the queen,
garments of gold.**

Sunday 15.08	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass
Monday 16.08	No Service	
Tuesday 17.08	10am	Holy Mass
Wednesday 18.08	No Service	
Thursday 19.08	No Service	
Friday 20.08	10am	Holy Mass
Saturday 21.08	10am 5.45pm	Holy Mass Malayalam Mass
Sunday 22.08	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass

Prayer for the Assumption of BVM

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul
in glory to be with him in heaven. May we follow
her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope Francis August Intentions - The Church. Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



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

Gospel Background Sunday 15th August 2021 - Lk 1:39-56

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

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

We welcome into our community Charmaine Sibanda who will be baptised on Sunday 15th August at 12 noon. **Twins Kezia and Kyria Berko** on Sunday 22nd August 12 noon.

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Exploring the Encyclical Laudato Si Study Day- Saturday 4th September 2021 11.00am to 12.30pm Live Stream As the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26), to be held in Glasgow in November, draws nearer, and at a time of unprecedented danger for the world, the 2015 encyclical of Pope Francis, Laudato si, on care for our 'common home', could not be more relevant. Fr Ashley Beck will explore its contents and explain its crucial relevance. Fr Ashley Beck is a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark, based in the parish of Beckenham in South East London. For access to this free live stream event go to www.whatgoodnews.org and follow the instructions. No registration needed. Talks will be available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org. To join the mailing list please email gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

CAFOD- Faith in Action Day 2021 on Saturday 11 September, 11am-4pm. Join us for an online day of talk and prayer to learn more about this year's climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home. The countdown is on. In a few months, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks. Our government has a vital role to play in leading global efforts to tackle the climate crisis. But as citizens of the host nation and as people of faith, we have an important role to play too. This is the time to come together, build a community and

act. [Register now](#)

English Martyrs' Catholic School, Leicester - A Level Results 2021

Congratulations to our Sixth Form students who received their A Level, BTEC and AS results on Tuesday 10th August. Consistent with our long-established record of superb results, this year we are celebrating 87.4% grades A*-C and 100% pass rate at A Level.

Year 13 have contributed a great deal to the school community during their time in the Sixth Form and we are delighted that the vast majority of students have accepted their first choice offers at university.

Here is a small selection of this year's university destinations and courses:

Bournemouth University - Animation; **Bristol University** - Chemistry; **Liverpool University** - Economics; **Nottingham University** - Economics; **Nottingham University** - Aerospace Engineering; **King's College London** - Engineering; **Leeds University** - Engineering; **Nottingham University** - Electrical Engineering; **Leicester University** - English Literature & History; **Swansea University** - French; **Warwick University** - History; **Sheffield University** - Law; **Imperial College London** - Medicine; **King's College London** - Medicine; **Leicester University** - Medicine; **Newcastle University** - Medicine; **Nottingham University** - Medicine; **Plymouth University** - Medicine; **Birmingham Conservatoire** - Music & Vocal Performance; **Leicester University** - Neuroscience; **Manchester University** - Adult Nursing; **Nottingham University** - Pharmacy; **Manchester University** - Psychology; **Sheffield University** - Sociology and Media.

We wish our students happiness and fulfilment as they commence the next stage in their academic careers.