

Today, at both Masses we will remember and pray for our dearly departed and also pray for their families.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.



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Family Fast Day, this year will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. You can support people around the world who are dedicating their lives to protecting God's creation, and all the people who are on the frontline of the climate crisis.



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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

19<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Sunday 19.09	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass	<p><b>Second Collection TODAY for HOME MISSION</b></p> <p><b>This second collection will support the Bishop's work in the area of evangelisation.</b></p> <p>Donate online to support <a href="#">Home Mission</a>.</p>
Monday 20.09	No Service		
Tuesday 21.09	10am	Holy Mass	
Wednesday 22.09	6pm	Holy Mass	
Thursday 23.09	10am	Holy Mass	
Friday 24.09	10am	Holy Mass	
Saturday 25.09	10am	Holy Mass	
Sunday 26.09	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass	

### Words of the Holy Father

The greatest in the Church are those who make themselves servants of all, those who serve everyone, not those who have titles. And to help us understand this, He took a child and placed him in their midst; and embracing him with tenderness - because Jesus spoke with tenderness, He had so much of it - He said to them: "Whoever receives a child, receives Me". That is, whoever welcomes the most humble, the one who serves the most. This is the path. There is only one path against the spirit of the world: humility. Serving others, choosing the last place, not climbing the ladder.

**Pope Francis September Intentions - Universal intention - An environmentally sustainable lifestyle.** We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Diocese of Nottingham Grapevine 31 <https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?u=8660f054ac5b3dc3f5fec2801&id=26fd641f3f>

## Gospel background for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Mark 9:30-37

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behaviour. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

**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**

**Isabella Richardson RIP**, died on 4<sup>th</sup> September. A Funeral Service will take place at MOG on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 11.30am followed by cremation at Gilroes Cemetery. Our deepest and sincere condolences to her family and friends.

**300 Club 12<sup>th</sup> September:** £50 L M (50). £25 Mrs M Goodrich (203), Mr Jim Waldron (227).

**Open Evening for Year 6 students at English Martyrs' Catholic School** on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 5.00 - 6.30pm. Formal address by Mr Carney, Principal at 5.00pm, 5.25pm and 5.45pm in the Auditorium followed by the opportunity to tour the school and meet students and staff.

**Next year's Confirmation**, will be celebrated jointly at St. Peter's Church. The potential candidates, parents, sponsors from Mother of God Church who wishes to receive Confirmation, please attend a meeting at St. Peter's Parish Hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15pm.

**LEICESTERSHIRE ACTIVE CATHOLIC YOUTH (LACY)** are sending out a warm invitation to all young people, their families and friends to an amazing "First Physical Event" since the beginning of COVID. "What Do You Know About Angels?" **SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER**. Lots of interesting activities, sharing Faith, Fun and Food! Fr. Simon Gillespie will be leading us in thoughts, ideas and the Celebration of an uplifting Mass especially for young people. Come and share the time with the LACY Team at St. Thomas More, Catholic Parish Rooms and Field, Knighton, Leicester, LE2 3HN. **2pm - 5pm**. See poster on LACY's Facebook page, your own parish media and newsletter. For further information or booking for the day contact [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com) or [claudiacoxon@googlemail.com](mailto:claudiacoxon@googlemail.com). We're looking forward to sharing this day with YOU!

### **Here: Now: Us: Leicester**

After 18 months of social distancing, join fellow Catholics in Leicester for a day to help our parishes grow as confident, outward-looking missionary communities. On Saturday 13 November 2021 at St Joseph's, Goodwood Road, LE5, 10am. - 4pm. Here: Now: Us is facilitated by Caritas Diocese of Nottingham. The workshop helps lay people put Catholic Social Teaching into action, grow in confidence and leadership, and reach out to the community. During the course of the day we will:

- \* discover how Catholic Social Teaching equips us to build the Common Good
- \* imagine how it can enable us to transform your parish, neighbourhood and world
- \* help each other to discover and claim your unique vocational responsibility
- \* begin to develop an action plan for mission alongside others in the city.

To find out more and book your place

visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/herenowus](https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/justiceandpeace/here-now-us-autumn-2021)<<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/justiceandpeace/here-now-us-autumn-2021>> or call 0115 648 1509.

### **Mother of God First Holy Communion Programme 2021-2022**

This is an advanced notification of our intended future dates for our First Holy Communion Programme.

**From Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, application forms will be available from the back of church, to be returned by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the latest.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** meeting for parents to be introduced to the programme.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October:** first session for the children, in the hall from 9 till 10 am.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at the 10.30 mass, our First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass.**

More details to follow in order to confirm or rearrange our programme. Looking forward to meeting you all.