

Mother of God First Holy Communion Programme 2021-2022

Applications forms for our First Holy communion Programme are now available at the back of church.

Children who are in school year 3 or older are invited to apply.

If the child **does not** attend a Catholic primary school or was **not baptised** in this parish, then baptismal certificates will be needed to be seen.

Please could the completed forms be returned no later than **Sunday 17th October** at the very latest, to Father George or returned to the box at the back of church. Thank you.

A reminder of our important dates-

Tuesday 19th October at 6.30pm in the church- meeting for parents to be introduced to the programme.

Sunday 24th October 9 till 10am in the hall - first session for the children.

Sunday 31st October at the 10 30 - our First Holy Communion Enrolment mass.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

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 8th October at 7.15pm.

World Mission Sunday 2021 - Sunday, 24 October 2021

World Mission Sunday - the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission - will happen on 24 October 2021.

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.



Please bring your red MISSIO box to church to emptied and collect your free magazine.

The Red Box is a vital source of support for countless people in need around the world. In fact, last year, our supporters in England and Wales raised £2.9 million for Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries through the Red Box. Thank you
If you would like a Red Box, please speak to Maila Taylor.

Pope Francis October Intentions - Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



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NRCDT- Registered Charity

Our Schools:

Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctlk.org/p_Home.ikml
English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd -10th October 2021



October - Month of the Holy Rosary

Sunday 3.10	10.30am 3.30pm 4pm	English Mass Rosary Malayalam Mass	<p>CAFOD Family Fast Day</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CAFOD Just on a world</p>
Monday 4.10	No Service		
Tuesday 5.10	10am	Holy Mass	
Wednesday 6.10	6pm	Holy Mass	
Thursday 7.10	10am	Holy Mass	
Friday 8.10	9am	Holy Mass	
Saturday 9.10	9.30am	Holy Mass	
Sunday 10.10	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass	

Words of the Holy Father: In the Creator's original plan, it is not that a man marries a woman and, if things do not go well, he repudiates her. No. Rather, the man and the woman are called to recognize each other, to complete each other, to help each other in marriage. This teaching of Jesus is very clear and defends the dignity of marriage as a union of love which implies fidelity. What allows the spouses to remain united in marriage is a love of mutual giving supported by Christ's grace. However, if in the spouses, individual interests, one's own satisfaction prevails, then their union cannot endure. For this reason in these situations, the Church is not asked to express immediately and only condemnation. On the contrary, before so many painful marital failures, she feels called to show love, charity and mercy, in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.

CAFOD Envelopes will be available from the church porch. Please use one for your donations if you are a tax payer.

Your envelopes/donations will be collected today and next weekend.

ACT: Stand with people working to protect our World.

Gospel background for Sunday 3rd October 2021 - Mark 10:2-16

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in [Deuteronomy 24:1-5](#). This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus enquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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 26th September: £50 Miss S People (118). £25 S Donlan (31), Mrs S O'Donnell (68).

Open Evening for Year 6 students at English Martyrs' Catholic School on Thursday 7th 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.

Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 11th October 2021. £699 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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 3RD 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 or claudiacoxon@googlemail.com.

Season of Creation: Preparing for COP26 World governments meet in Glasgow in November for the COP26 Climate Summit. Pope Francis is attending and calls us, as people of faith, to speak out and use our collective voice to urge national and community leaders to take urgent action now. Please sign the Healthy Planet Healthy people Petition: <https://thecatholicpetition.org/> Get involved in events in Leicester over this weekend: <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/> Search out green events for families: <https://cafod.org.uk>. Pray - Think what you can do - Act - Inspire.

*Creator God, giver of life, you sustain the earth and direct the nations.
In this time of climate crisis, grant us the clarity to hear the groaning of creation
and the cries of the poor. Challenge us to change our lifestyles.
Guide our leaders to take courageous action.
Enable your church to be a beacon of hope,
and foster within us a renewal vision of your purposes for your world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom all things were made.
Amen.*

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