

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.

An Important Change of dates to Our First Holy Communion Timetable.

1. Tuesday 19th October at 6.30pm in the church, meeting for parents to be introduced to the programme.
2. Saturday 23rd October from 9 -10am in the church hall, our first session for the children
3. Sunday 24th October at 10 30 our First Holy Communion Enrolment mass.
Looking forward to meeting you all.

Mother of God Children's Liturgy Group.

We are pleased to announce that we will be restarting our Children's Liturgy group for all young children of the parish on **Sunday 31st October**. Parents of very young children are also very welcome to join our sessions. We are looking forward to meeting up with you all again, Mairead and Margaret

A Prayer for our Parish Community

Almighty God,
we pray for your blessing on all who
share in the life and work of our Church and Parish:
In the ministry of word and sacrament,
in teaching and pastoral care,
in service to the Diocese and Deanery.

The community and those in need,
in ecumenical fellowship and co-operation.

We pray for all members of the congregation,
that in their life and work they may advance
your kingdom and bear witness to your love,
shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Our Schools:

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th -17th October 2021



October – Month of the Holy Rosary



Sunday 10.10	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 11.10	11.30am	Requiem Mass	
Tuesday 12.10	10am	Holy Mass	
Wednesday 13.10	6pm	Holy Mass	
Thursday 14.10	10am	Holy Mass	
Friday 15.10	10am	Holy Mass	
Saturday 16.10	10am	Holy Mass	
Sunday 17.10	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass	

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.

Saints of the week:

Wednesday, St Edward the Confessor. Friday, St. Teresa of Avila.

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

Donate to Climate Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

CAFOD: Second Collection today.

Gospel background for Sunday 10th October 2021 - Mark 10:17-27.

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and enquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God. Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the

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 3rd October: £50 Mrs C Flanagan (14). £25 H Smith (261), M O'Callaghan (90).

Robert Patrick Ellis RIP. Requiem Mass and service at on Monday, 11th October at 11.30am followed by cremation at Countersthorpe Crematorium at 13pm. Our deepest and sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Mrs Maria Robinson RIP. Funeral Service on Monday, 11th October at 10am at Gilroes Crematorium, Our deepest and sincere condolences to her family and friends.

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.

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/here-now-us](https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us-autumn-2021) <<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/justiceandpeace/here-now-us-autumn-2021>>

or call 0115 648 1509.



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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.



~ Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall.
Please join us!