

Opening of World Wide Synodal 2021-2023

Pope Francis is calling the Church to rediscover its deeply synodal nature, which will involve a process of humbly discerning together, how God is calling us to be Church, in the third millennium. Please pray for the guidance and inspiration of God's Holy Spirit throughout this process.

Bishop Patrick has sent a Pastoral Letter to be read at all Sunday Masses celebrated in the Diocese of Nottingham this weekend

Addressing the faithful of the Diocese of Rome, Pope Francis described the upcoming Synod – with the theme "For a synodal Church: communion, participation, mission" – as a journey in which the whole Church is engaged. He noted that the Synod will take place between October 2021 and October 2023, and that the itinerary has been conceived as "a dynamism of mutual listening, conducted at all levels of the Church, involving the whole the people of God".

The first stage of the process (October 2021 - April 2022) is the one concerning the individual diocesan Churches. "That is why I am here, as your bishop, to share, because it is very important that the Diocese of Rome commits itself with conviction to this journey", said the Pope. He explained that "synodality expresses the nature of the Church, its form, its style, its mission". The word "synod", in fact, contains everything we need to understand: "walking together".

Referring to the book of Acts as "the first and most important 'manual' of ecclesiology", the Pope noted that it recounts the story of a road that starts in Jerusalem and after a long journey ends in Rome. This road, he said, tells the story in which the Word of God and the people who turn their attention and faith to that Word walk together. "Everyone is a protagonist," said the Pope, "no one can be considered a mere extra". At times it may be necessary to leave, to change direction, to overcome convictions that hold us back and prevent us from moving and walking together.

See the full text and other reporting of the Synod at <https://www.vaticannews.va/>

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



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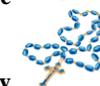
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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th – 24th October 2021



October – Month of the Holy Rosary



Sunday 17.10	10.30am 3.30pm 4pm	English Mass Rosary Malayalam Mass	<p>Mission Sunday 24 October 2021</p> <p>the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission, celebrated by every Catholic community.</p> <p>On this day we express solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.</p>
Monday 18.10	No service		
Tuesday 19.10	10am	Holy Mass	
Wednesday 20.10	6pm	Holy Mass	
Thursday 21.10	9.30am	Holy Mass	
Friday 22.10	10am	Holy Mass	
Saturday 23.10	10am	Holy Mass	
Sunday 24.10	10.30am 3.30pm 4pm	English Mass Rosary 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.

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.

Saints of the week: Monday, St. Luke, Evangelist. Tuesday, St. Paul of the Cross, Priest. Friday, St John Paul II Pope.

24th October: Mission Sunday. Every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY. Please use an envelope



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

Gospel background for Sunday 17th October 2021 - Mark 10:42-45.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

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 10th October: £50 L Vu (8). £25 R Hughes (231), A Hall (271).

Here: Now: Us comes to Nottingham on Saturday 30 October. After 18 months of social distancing, join fellow Catholics to help the city's parishes grow as confident, outward-looking missionary communities. *Here: Now: Us* will help you put Catholic Social Teaching into action, grow in confidence and leadership, and reach out to the community.

Parishioners from across Greater Nottingham are welcome. The day will stimulate not only imagination about what your parish can do, but also how we can work together across the conurbation.

If you're at St Teresa's Aspley, St Hugh's Bilborough or St Thomas More's Wollaton, you get a special day of your own on 27 November. It will be at St Thomas More's Parish Social Centre, by invitation of the parishes in the west of Nottingham. If you're in those parishes you can now [book for that](#) as well.

West Leicester Catholic 300 Club

Thank you to all members for their continued support for the 300 Club's valuable fundraising for our parishes of Mother of God, Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's.

Grand Prize Draw:

The Grand Prize Draw will take place on Sunday 31st October 2021 with committee members only in attendance. The 1st Prize is £1,000, 2nd prize is £400, 3rd prize is £300, 4th prize is £200 and the usual quarterly £100 and weekly £50 and two £25 prizes. **A reminder that only fully-paid up members are eligible for the draw.**

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.

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

Mother of God Confirmation Programme.

Application forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now available at the back of the church or from Father George. Could the completed forms please be returned as soon as to possible to Father George or to the box at the back of the church. Thank you.



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