

LOVE CHRISTMAS

Bishop Patrick is encouraging parishes to get involved in the Love Christmas initiative. The scheme is a national initiative, growing through a network of thousands of churches and other local organisations to share 'Bags of Kindness' with people in their neighbourhoods.

In the wake of the COVID pandemic, many people continue to live isolated from friends, family and community; often struggling with financial distress, poor health, job uncertainty and bereavement. Love Christmas brings Catholic parishes and other local churches together to give, pack and deliver practical gifts. It strengthens personal connections in communities across the UK and lets people know we are with them, and they are not alone.

It's a great way to lift our eyes from concerns about the impact of the pandemic on our own parish congregation, look outwards to the wider community, and build our confidence for mission. Follow the link below to see if Love Christmas is something your parish could do.

Please help by donating a box this Christmas or, if you prefer, there will be a box in the church porch for donations of dry food and tins. Thank you

A moment of consequence. After a year's postponement, negotiators and world leaders are about to gather for COP26 in Glasgow. It is the most consequential international summit of our generation. I for one will be following every move with bated breath. I imagine that in all of our parishes we'll be praying for a courageous outcome. Let's hope the needs of the poor and future generations win over short-term self-interest.

Immediately afterwards is our online diocesan annual Justice and Peace Assembly. And we can have no better keynote speaker to help us make sense of the outcome than Lord Deben, Chair of the UK Climate Change Committee, which advises government on climate policy.

The biggest casualty of a bad outcome from COP26 would be justice, and we're also privileged to be joined by Raymond Friel, Chief Executive of Caritas Social Action Network. CSAN leads the co-ordinates advocacy and action at national level across a whole range of social concerns. The impact of Covid-19 is giving their work - and the task facing all of us - a sharper focus than ever.

Now is the time to get your booking in - and to put the advert below in your parish bulletin! You'll be able to join people from your parish and district in buzz groups. Together we'll seek to navigate this 'change of era' with the Gospel as our guide. I look forward to having you with us!

Paul - Programme Leader for Social Action, Diocese of Nottingham

A message from CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th – 14th November 2021

Children's Liturgy Group will start today.

Sunday 7.11	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass	<p>Updated Guidance: Hand Sanitiser will be available at the entrance. Wearing of face-coverings is highly recommended. During Mass, you can remain seated or stand, but please do not kneel. Congregational singing is again permitted. Holy Communion can be distributed with distancing. Some of our people will be very anxious at the sudden rise of Covid cases. We can be patient and caring towards each other, as we take this next big step towards normality.</p>
Monday 8.11	No service		
Tuesday 9.11	No service		
Wednesday 10.11	No service		
Thursday 11.11	No service		
Friday 12.11	No service		
Saturday 13.11	No service		
Sunday 14.11	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass	

✚ November - Month of the Holy souls

November is when we remember the souls of our departed brothers and sister / relatives and friends. Please hand in an envelope with the names for those whom you wish to be prayed for during this month. We pray for all the deceased people of the parish.

✚ Sunday 14th November: Remembrance Sunday

Pope Francis November Intentions - Universal intention - People who suffer from depression. We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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.

Gospel background for Sunday 7th November 2021 - Mark 12:41-44

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honour and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

An Act of Spiritual Communion: 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

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 Prizes

1st £1000 M Rossa (105).

2nd £400 A Hall (271).

3rd £300 D Avery (194).

4th £200 B Hickinbotham (39).

Quarterly prize

£100 S Pachy (91).

£50 J Daines (133).

£25 Mrs M Cook (108), J Fernandes (148).

Please find the time to join us for this special 12 Days of Prayer for COP26. Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio invites you to join us for 12 days of prayer for the success of The COP26 Environmental Conference 1-12 Nov 2021 in Glasgow with world leaders in attendance. Simply tune into Heaven's Road and click to Live Masses at heavensroadfm.com/live-masses/.

'A Change of Era' - Saturday 20 November. Hard on the heels of COP26, join our online Diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly, with Bishop Patrick and parishioners from around our diocese, and two high-profile keynote speakers:

Lord Deben, Chair of the Climate Change Committee, which advises the UK Government on climate policy. Raymond Friel, Chief Executive of Caritas Social Action Network.

Pope Francis has said 'We do not live in an era of change so much as a change of era'. There is no doubting his words. Covid-19 is still rife worldwide and climate change is accelerating. In these turbulent times, three things abide: faith, hope and love.

You will be warmly welcome to join by Zoom from 10.00 a.m. to 1.15 p.m., to listen and share what the Spirit is saying to the Church - particularly as parish communities called to mission in the wake of Covid-19 and the Glasgow climate summit the previous week. More details and booking at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/changeofera
More about 'A Change of Era' Book your place here

Praying for Leicestershire at 7pm on November 28th at All Nations Centre - 10 Frog Island, LE3 5AG. On behalf of the Bishop, and many Leicester churches we are writing to invite you to an evening of prayers. The evening will include worship and interactive prayer led by many different church leaders from Leicestershire. It will be fantastic to be together and to pray. Please find a graphic attached to be used to let your congregation know about the event. There is parking at the venue. *"One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: 'Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no-one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.'"* Acts 18:9-10 NIVUK

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>> or call 0115 648 1509.

World Day of the Poor. Following the World Day of the Poor, Sunday 14 November, the diocesan Synod journey invites us to ask, 'Who are the people who feel marginalised or separated from the Church and from society; and how can we best respond?'. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) have published a Novena of prayer, liturgy and reflection, starting on 5 November. It sets the scene well for the Synod conversations which follow. It's ideal for use in personal reflection or in the parish.

We need more readers.

If you can help, please see Sharon Pritchard after mass.
