

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of April we celebrate the Feast of Saint George  
PATRON OF ENGLAND (Transferred from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

O GOD, you granted to St George strength in his many torments which he sustained for our faith. We beseech You, through his intercession, to keep our faith from wavering and all doubt, so that we may serve You with a sincere heart and remain faithful unto death.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
... St George, Pray for Us ...

**Happy Feast Day to our Parish Priest Father George**

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Other Feasts of the week:

Monday, St. Mark, Evangelist. Friday, St. Catherine of Siena, Saturday, St. Pius V, Pope.

**The Pope's prayer intention for APRIL. For health care workers.** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities

**Words of the Holy Father.** Thomas was one who was not satisfied and seeks, intending to confirm himself, to have his own personal experience. After initial resistance and apprehension, in the end even he was able to believe, even though through effort, he came to believe. Jesus waited for him patiently and offered himself to the difficulties and uncertainty of the last to arrive. The Lord proclaimed "blessed", those who believe without seeing (cf. v. 29) the first of which is Mary his Mother. He also met the needs of the doubting disciple: "Put your finger here, and see my hands..."

**THANK YOU**



**In 2021 our parish raised £500.26** through the red boxes, including individuals giving directly. Our missionary community here at Mother of God is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. The founder of this network (APF/Missio), Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified on 22<sup>nd</sup> May this year.

This remarkable lay woman's life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God. Pauline's life helps us to see how every prayer, however short and every contribution, however very small, is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Thank you for being part of Pauline's legacy.

Please bring your red MISSIO box to church to emptied and collect your free magazine. If you would like a Red Box, please speak to Maila Taylor.



Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish.

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Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - [www.ctlk.org/p\\_Home.ikml](http://www.ctlk.org/p_Home.ikml)  
English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - [www.emschool.co.uk/](http://www.emschool.co.uk/)

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914

	<p><b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Feast of the Divine Mercy</b></p> <p><b>24<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022</b></p>	
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Divine Mercy Sunday 24.04	7am 10.30am 3pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass Malayalam Mass (Feast of St. George)	<p><b>COVID Guidance</b></p> <p>Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance.</p> <p>Please continue to wear a face mask. Do not attend church if you display any sign of illness.</p> <p>Full guidance displayed in church porch.</p>
Monday 25.04	No service		
Tuesday 26.04	No service		
Wednesday 27.04	No service		
Thursday 28.04	No service		
Friday 29.04	No service		
Saturday 30.04	No service		
Sunday 01.05	10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Malayalam Mass	

**Divine Mercy Prayer**

Eternal God,  
in whom mercy is endless  
and the treasury of compassion - inexhaustible,  
look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us,  
that in difficult moments we might not despair  
nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit  
ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen

**PS: Centenary Mass at St. Edward's, Aylestone on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon with Bishop Patrick the main celebrant. Everyone is welcome. There will be music and a buffet in the hall afterwards.**

**Mass at Mother of God will be at 10am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

## Gospel background for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April - *John 20:19-31*

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

**300 Club Results** 17<sup>th</sup> April: £50 Fr G Thomas (164). £25 Mr T Knott (13), T Alessandro (206).

**Grapevine 43:** The next few months see some exciting opportunities to get involved with Caritas in endeavours for the Gospel. This issue outlines the key dates coming up. Also, hot off the press, we share the final report on the diocesan Synod process, which will guide Caritas from here. There's a lot to share with you this time, so let's get on with it!

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**Laudato Si' (Praise Be To You).** Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* is a worldwide wake up call to help humanity understand the destruction that humanity is rendering to the environment and our fellow people. Event: Become a *Laudato Si'* Animator. Join the *Laudato Si'* Movement in acting to care for our common home. The Free course includes weekly readings, videos, four online dialogues (which you can follow live or whenever you want), and practical ideas to lead your community based on prayer, sustainability, and prophetic advocacy. You can learn the story of Mildaiza, an animator from Brazil through **YouTube**. The first webinar is on 20th April. **More details available [here](#).**

## **Journey in Hope - New directions for outreach in the post-pandemic parish.**

Tuesdays at 7.00 from 3 May on Zoom. Does your parish have a group which was active before the Covid-19 pandemic hit? Would you like to regroup and reconceive your purpose for the challenges now emerging? If so Journey in Hope is for you. The lockdown of 2020 confronted us with realities that had gone unchallenged in our society: indifference, loneliness, inequality, poverty, pollution, polarisation. How much have we learnt its lessons? And where is the 'new normal' we were promised, under the cold shadow of the cost of living crisis and war in Ukraine? Even so we can glimpse a future through our own Synodal consultations, as we navigate the reorganisation of parishes. At this time of new discovery, where does God call us? Who indeed are 'us' in the midst of so much change? Now is a time for trust - not passively waiting for someone to tell us what to do; rather, an active trust marked by curiosity, perseverance, and a willingness to take risks. For all of God's people it will be a journey whose destination we do not know - a journey in hope. As we travel through Eastertide, we will be guided by Scripture and the writings of Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* and *Let Us Dream*. And we'll listen together for God's word in our hearts and on each other's lips. **Click here to book for 'Journey in Hope'**

Journey in Hope has been compiled by a team of parishioners around Nottingham Diocese. Over six weeks, we invite you to set out with us on six contemplative forays, each taking its bearings from the experience of God's people, past and present:

3 May: From loneliness to friendship

10 May: From fragmentation to community

17 May: From fear to trust

24 May: From inertia to creativity

31 May: From introspection to adventure

7 June: From here to the future.

Do not feel you have to attend every session. Click on the relevant link below to sign up on Zoom. You can also download the complete study guide - feel free to read the first 8 or 10 pages before we start. We look forward to meeting you.

**Leicester West Saturday Seven Steps Scripture Sharing** at the Upper Room, West Holme St, LE3 0TA or on first Saturdays by Zoom from 10 to 11.30, almost every Saturday - with Easter, summer and Christmas breaks. Our Scripture Sharing is open to all baptized adults who can attend regularly. When we have more than twelve members, new groups are formed. Next term: 30 April - 9 July. Enquiries to [criscus@me.com](mailto:criscus@me.com)

**The Leicester Ukrainian Community** is indicating ways of supporting refugees via this website: <https://linktr.ee/KalynaHome>. The Ukrainian Catholic Community Church of the Ascension of Our Lord is on the corner of Hinckley Road and Fosse Road South. Please help if you can. **A full list of items you can donate is available from the church porch.**



**We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people.**

**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.**