

Mother of God First Holy Communion Programme. A reminder of our future programme.

1. Meeting for parents-in the church hall on Tuesday 17th May at 6.30pm.
2. Session 16 for the children-in the church hall on Sunday 22nd May from 9 till 10.
3. First Confessions-in the church on Tuesday 24th May from 5.45. (individual timings will be given out at the parent's meeting.)
4. Rehearsal for the First Holy Communion-in the church on Sunday 5th June from 9 till 10...this meeting will involve just the children and their parents who will be making their First Holy Communion at the English mass. The children and their parents from the Malayalam community will attend their on rehearsal for their special day.
5. First Holy Communion Day-(English mass) in the church on Sunday 12th June at 10 30.
6. First Holy Communion- (Malayalam mass) in the church on Saturday 18th June- time to be arranged.

The Leicester Ukrainian Community is indicating ways of supporting refugees via this website: <https://linktr.ee/KalyaHome> . 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.

Words of the Holy Father. These words help us to understand that no one can call himself a follower of Jesus, if he does not listen to His voice. And this “listening” should not be understood in a superficial way, but in an engaging way, to the point of making possible a true mutual understanding, from which one can come to a generous following, expressed in the words, ‘and they follow me’ (v. 27). It is a matter of listening not only with ears, but listening with the heart!

Vocations Masses: Our Vocations Directors - Frs Neil Peoples and Liam Carpenter are visiting different areas of the Diocese to celebrate Mass and pray for vocations to priesthood and the religious life. Please come and join them to pray for an increase in vocations. If you know someone who you think would make a great priest, nun, religious sister/brother or monk, invite them to come with you to hear how the diocese can help them discern God's exciting call for their life. Join us to pray for vocations at St. Peter's Church, Hinckley Road, on Thursday 14th July, starting at 6pm with adoration/confessions followed by Mass at 7pm, with refreshments afterwards.

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

“Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God’s call in their lives, to find courage to say ‘yes’ to God.” -Pope Francis



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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/

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914

	<p>4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Good Shepherd Sunday</p>	<p>8th – 15th May 2022</p>
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Sunday 8.05	7am 10am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - Irine Birthday Malayalam Mass	<p>COVID Guidance</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. Full guidance displayed in church porch.</p>
Monday 9.05	No service		
Tuesday 10.05	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 11.05	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 12.05	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 13.05	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 14.05	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Special prayer and exhortation for GCSE and A level students and parents.	
Sunday 15.05	7am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass Malayalam Mass	

TODAY Sunday 8th May at 12 noon, Centenary Mass at St. Edward's, Aylestone with Bishop Patrick the main celebrant. Everyone is welcome. There will be music and a buffet in the hall afterwards.

The Pope's prayer intention for MAY. For faith-filled young people. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Feasts of the week:

Friday, Our Lady of Fatima. Saturday, St. Matthias, Apostle.



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

Second collection next Sunday for the Clergy Formation Fund.

Gospel background for Sunday 8th May - John 10:27-30

Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see [John 10:31](#) and [10:39](#)). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

300 Club Results 1st May: £50 Mr N Phelan (132). £25 R Fernandes (218), R Hughes (231)

VACANCY for a Parish Centre Manager at St. Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys Leicester. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Raphael Imoni on 0116 235 3329, before 15th May 2022.

Neophytes' Mass 2022. Those who have been received into the Church this year and over the last two years, their families, catechists, sponsors are invited to a special Mass at St Barnabas Cathedral, with Bishop Patrick McKinney presiding, on: Sunday 15th May 2022 at 3.00 pm. The period after initiation is a special time for those recently received into the Catholic Church (Neophytes). It is a time to explore in a fuller and more effective way the "mysteries" they have experienced. It is a time for the Church and new Catholics to gather in order to deepen their grasp of the paschal mystery so that they may be strengthened in their sharing of the Eucharist. Do try to join this special Mass with Neophytes from across the diocese; refreshments will be served after Mass. Please do invite those in your parish who have joined the Church in the last couple of years.

Charity Dance Raising funds for Ukraine, on Friday 20th May 2022 at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Beaumont Leys Lane, LE4 2BD. Music by Irene and Tom. Entry by ticket or pay at the door £7. Contact details: Tony Smith 07905790325 or Jo Edwards 07977351901.

"I was in Prison..." on Saturday 21st May will be a lively and nourishing day to listen to the lived experience of prisoners and their families, and discover simple ways you can help individually or as a parish. Pact, the Catholic prison charity, are joining forces with Caritas for the conference at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell, Nottingham. The day will include Bishop Patrick, the work of Pact, prison chaplains, and the Welcome Directory. More information at bit.ly/iwasinprison or email parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk.

Celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee at Nottingham Cathedral, on Thursday 2nd June 2022, with a concert in her honour. The concert features a selection of Coronation pieces, including Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' and Mozart's 'Coronation Mass K.317.' It will also include music by Charles Hubert Hastings Parry and a number of 'Last Night of the Proms' favourites. The evening has a distinctly ecumenical flavour drawing together a number of local choirs: Nottingham Cathedral Choir, Derby Cathedral Choir, St Anne with Castle Gate Choir and Nottingham Cathedral Boys' and Girls' Choirs. It will also feature the award winning Helix Ensemble, an orchestral group of musicians from across the East Midlands and Mr Alexander Binns, Director of Music at Derby Cathedral on the Organ. Tickets are priced between £8-£15 and include a glass of wine/soft drink in the beautiful Cathedral gardens during the interval. Doors open at 6.30pm. Book your tickets at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/happy-and-glorious-a-musical-celebration-of-hm-the-queens-jubilee-tickets-327590490977

Retreat for Young Adults in Walsingham 10th -11th June Christus Vivit (the Diocese's Young Adult Ministry) is organising a retreat for Young Adults (18-35) to coincide with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The cost of the retreat is £60 (full board including transport from the diocese), there are also a limited number of 50% funded places. Please email cv@dioceseofnottingham.com. for more information, or to sign up by Monday 16th May.

COME WITH LACY to join Bishop Patrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage at Walsingham on Saturday 11th June 2022. Pilgrimage Mass, Picnics, Holy Mile Procession and Benediction. LACY are hoping to provide a coach to go to Walsingham from Leicester for this exciting Diocesan Pilgrimage. Departing approximately 8am, returning by 9pm (including a stop off for chips!). Pick up and drop offs at Wigston, Knighton and Oadby. Warm invitation to all young people, families and friends of all ages to join us. Young people's groups especially invited - we need young people to carry our LACY banner! Cost: £12 per person or £30 per family of 4 people plus. (Deposit of £7.00 per person or £15.00 per family required by Saturday 29th May.) Please be in touch as soon as possible if you are interested, enabling us to go ahead with a coach. It would be great too to see our young people, families and friends from the different parishes of Leicestershire also! We will meet you all on arrival! Contact details: paulinepayne@hotmail.com or mobile: 07885 187374.

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