



This year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone'. 'Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. He asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?' A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023>. Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY - Tel: 0208 203 4884


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Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914

	<p>Second week of Ordinary Time</p> <p>Peace Sunday</p>	<p>15th -22nd January 2023</p>
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 Please keep in your prayer all the sick and housebound people of the parish. If you know of anybody who would like a visit from Fr. George, please let him know.


pray FOR peace *Almighty God,*
*Creator of the earth in which we live,
 Help us today in our search for peaceful ways
 To avoid wars, to eliminate terrorism and tyranny
 And to establish justice for peoples of all races and faiths.
 We pray that the billions of peace-loving
 People of goodwill throughout the nations,
 Will join together in prayer and action
 To bring love where there is hatred,
 Friendship where there is enmity,
 And justice where there is oppression. Amen.*

We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people
and for all the war-torn countries in the world.

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.

Sunday 15.01.2023	10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Malayalam Mass
Monday 16.01	No service	
Tuesday 17.01	No service	
Wednesday 18.01	No service	
Thursday 19.01	No service	
Friday 20.01	No service	
Saturday 21.01	No service	
Sunday 22.01	10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass- Frances McLaughlin RIP Malayalam Mass

**The Pope's prayer intention for
January 2023.**
For educators
**We pray that educators may be
credible witnesses, teaching
fraternity rather than competition
and helping the youngest and most
vulnerable above all.**

**This week's
Mass Intentions
for all parishioners.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th -25th January. As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone

Cycle of Prayer during Ordinary Time Winter:
Peace on Earth. Openness to the Word of God. Christian Unity. The Sick and Those who Care for Them. Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it. The Unemployed.

Feasts of the week:
Tuesday, St. Anthony, abbot. Saturday. St. Agnes, virgin and martyr.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS.

Gospel background for Sunday 15th January 2023 – John 1:29-34

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him. John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

Mrs. Margaret O'Connor RIP. Funeral details: Reception into church on Thursday 2nd February. Funeral Mass on Friday 3rd February at 10am followed by burial at Gilroes Cemetery. Our deepest and sincere condolences to her family and friends.

300 Club Draw 8th January: £50 Mrs R Kennedy (142). £25 J Jose Lalson (81), S Philip (130).

English Martyr's Start of term letter available from the church porch. If you have a child attending the school, please take a copy.

Just a little reminder that the first of our three new Catechist Courses start on Monday 16th January (7-9pm) it is more than likely finish before 9. The Encounter Catechesis course will take place at Our Lady of Lincoln parish but you can join at exactly the same time on Zoom. I've attached a flyer about the three pathways for more information and here is the link to register: <https://forms.office.com/r/Q6QnN7yYzV>. You can attend in person at one of the courses at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Beaumont Leys Ln, Leicester LE4 2BD, Cost: £35. **Who is it for?** These four sessions will help identify key principles to develop a culture of ongoing catechesis, formation and discipleship. Ideal for those more experienced catechists or anyone who would like to take their parish catechesis further. **Dates Topics:** 17/4/23 Leading a team of catechists and creating your own resources. 24/4/23 Family Focused Catechesis. 15/5/23 Catechesis for those with Special & Additional Needs. 22/5/23 Ongoing Formation and Discipleship.

Towards a politics of communion on Wednesday 18th January at 7.00pm on Zoom: an ideal taster for anyone who wants to know about Catholic social teaching but was afraid to ask! Paul Bodenham from Nottingham Caritas is hosting a talk by Dr Anna Rowlands, professor of Catholic social thought and practice at the University of Durham, and one of the most engaging experts on the topic in Britain today. To book a place visit bit.ly/AnnaRowlands.

Share, Inspire, Support: Tuesday 17 January 2023, 7.00 -9.00 p.m. St Peter's Church, 21 Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 0TA Parishioners and clergy in Leicester and Leicestershire are invited to the second bi-monthly meeting of the Leicester Hub of Caritas. We'll share ideas and experience, inspire and support each other, and explore new ways of working together for outreach and mission. This time our themes are:

- Communication and Inclusion
- Reflecting on our experiences during the pandemic and beyond.

Share, Inspire, Support is a friendly and informal opportunity for Catholics in Leicester and Leicestershire to reach out, both to each other and to those in need. Come and hear what is happening in our parishes and discuss with others your thoughts and ideas. Just turning up is fine, but it would be helpful to have some idea of numbers, so if you're able to let us know, drop an email to Karen at karencott070663@gmail.com.

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages. Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk. See poster in church porch.

Words of the Holy Father: The Church, in every time, is called to do what John the Baptist did: point Jesus out to the people, saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!". He is the One Saviour! He is the Lord, humble, in the midst of sinners, but it is He, He: there is no other powerful one who comes; no, no it is He! Woe, woe when the Church proclaims herself; she loses her bearings, she doesn't know where she is going! The Church proclaims Christ; she does not bring herself, she brings Christ.



Please join us in the Hall for tea and coffee after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday.