

Words of the Holy Father: Jesus then repeats for the disciples the fundamental gesture of every Eucharist. He takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it. Does not Jesus' entire history perhaps lie in this series of gestures? (...) Jesus takes us, blesses us, "breaks" our life – because there is no love without sacrifice – and offers it to others; he offers it to everyone. Jesus' encounter with the two disciples of Emmaus is a fleeting one. But the entire destiny of the Church is contained within it. It tells us that the Christian community is not enclosed within a fortified citadel, but rather journeys along its most essential environment, which is the road. (...) And then offer the Word of Life, the witness of love, a love that is faithful until the end. And thus, the hearts of people reignite with hope.

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.



RED BOX 2022: Thank you. In 2022 our Parish of Mother of God, raised £412.74 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at MOG is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support has enabled a Mill Hill Missionary to help children learn in a safe environment and instil values that empower them to turn away from conflicts and towards faith in God. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more about how your support changes life for the better.

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

Mother of God Holy Communion

Children from the Malayalam Community will have their First Holy Communion on Saturday 17th June at 11.30am. 8 children from the English Community will have their First Holy Communion on Sunday 18th June during the 10.30am Mass. Please keep the children in your prayers.



A Prayer for our Parish Community

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our Church and Parish:

*In the ministry of word and sacrament,
in teaching and pastoral care,
in service to the Diocese and Deanery.*

*The community and those in need,
in ecumenical fellowship and co-operation.*

*We pray for all members of the congregation,
that in their life and work they may advance
your kingdom and bear witness to your love,
shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

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English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Third Week of Eastertide

23rd – 30th April 2023



Sunday 23.04	7am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - David Collins RIP Malayalam Mass	<p>The Pope's prayer intention for April 2023.</p> <p><i>For a culture of peace and non-violence.</i></p> <p><i>We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.</i></p> <p>This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners.</p>
Monday 24.04	No Service		
Tuesday 25.04	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 26.04	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 27.04	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Alikutty Joseph RIP	
Friday 28.04	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 29.04	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 30.04	7am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - David Collins RIP Malayalam Mass	

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR CLERGY FORMATION FUND.

Feasts of the week:

Monday, St. George, Martyr, Patron of England. Tuesday, St. Mark, Evangelist. Saturday, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor, Patron of Europe.

Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish. We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people and for all the war-torn countries in the world.

Cycle of prayer during Eastertide, we pray for these intentions:
New members of the church. Human work. Vocations. Survivors of abuse.
The Right Use of the Media. The Church.



Please Join us for tea/coffee in the hall after the 10.30 Mass every Sunday.

Background on the Gospel Reading *Luke 24:13-35*.

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them. Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

Mrs Kristyna Patecka RIP died on Monday. Our deepest and sincere condolences to her family and friends. Funeral detail to follow.

300 Club Draw 16th April: £50 Mr P McCreesh (107). £25 D Greaves (186), Mr J Waldron (227).

At the recent Parish Council Meeting there was discussion surrounding the Mass time on Sunday morning. As Fr George no longer celebrates Mass at St Edwards, it was suggested that the Mass time on Sunday could be moved to 10.00am or stay at 10.30. It was the opinion that this is a matter for those who come to the 10.30 Mass to vote on, so on Sunday 30th April each parishioner at the 10.30 Mass will be given a piece of paper with the two Mass times and asked to tick one box with the choice of time preferred. The 'votes' will be collected and counted and then the outcome announced.

An opportunity to volunteer at Leicester Prison. PACT is looking to strengthen their support for families visiting their loved ones at Leicester Prison. A smile and a welcome can make a big difference. If you are interested, please contact Theresa Alessandro at parish.action@prisonadvice.co.uk to find out more about the roles and the training they offer. Pope Francis says 'No one can face life in isolation, we need a community that supports and help us.'

Raffle Tickets Results: Thank you so much to our parishioners and supporters for their generous donations, in total we raised £1,226.65. The first prize was won by Josephine McKay (weekend in Stratford for 2 people). 2nd prize Lisa George, £20. 3rd prize Teresa Thomas, a bottle of wine, 4th Prize Jerin James a box of chocolates.

Neophyte Mass on Sunday 21st May. The Neophyte Mass is celebrated by Bishop Patrick every year for those who have recently been baptised or received into the Catholic Church. This year St Mary's South Wigston will be hosting the Mass at 3pm please do come along and invite those in your parish who have joined the Church recently. Secondly it is not too late to sign up for the final course in our Catechesis pathway for this spring. It is a hybrid course so you can join in-person or online. The four sessions are:

- Monday 17th April - Creating your own Resources and Leading a team of Catechists
- Monday 24th April - Ongoing formation and Catechesis
- Monday 8th May - Catechesis for those with special or Additional Needs - Led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Fr Frank Daly (Founder of the Diocesan Charity SPANNED)
- Monday 15th May - Family Focused Catechesis - Led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph.

For more information or to sign up please do so here: forms.office.com/r/Q6QNN7yYzV

Loving the stranger. Becoming a hospitable Church to those from other shores. In partnership with the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace Wednesday 17 May 2023 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. Join an online conversation about what we can do to support those fleeing violence and destitution, or settling in our diocese for a better life. Meet others who want to help those in our asylum system recover their human dignity. Hear from Catholics who have volunteered in a variety of settings to support refugees and asylum seekers. Plan ways to engage MPs in a more compassionate asylum policy. Ensure that people from all over the world thrive in our parishes. We'll explore the potential of a network for advocacy and practical service in the diocese. [Book for the workshop on 17 May.](#)

Pilgrimage to Lisieux by Coach June 5th - 8th 2023. (Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). The cost of the Pilgrimage is £380 sharing and £410 for a single room. We will begin our Pilgrimage with a Guided visit to the Cathedral in Lisieux and then to the Basilica dedicated to St. Therese, to the house where she grew up and to the Carmel where she lived and died. In addition to this there'll be an optional excursion to Hon Fleur. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 07853068189.

Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage under the leadership of Bishop Patrick McKinney. The Lourdes Theme for 2023 is "Go and tell the priests to build a chapel here" We look forward to welcoming you on pilgrimage! Saturday 15th - Thursday 20th July. By air for 5 Nights from £709. For more details, please contact www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham - 01732 886666.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers by Coach September 23rd - 30th 2023. (Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). The cost is £715 per person. This price includes Coach and Ferry travel, overnight stay with Bed and Breakfast at the Ibis Hotel in Orleans on the way out, full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes, half board at the Kyriad Hotel in Nevers on the way back. In addition to this there's an optional excursion to Gavarnie, a Ski Resort in the Pyrenees. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 07853068189.

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