

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 all the children and their parents in your prayers.
A very special thank you to their catechists,**



On Thursday, June 8th at 7.00pm there will be a Choir Practice, as preparation for the International Mass on September 10th. The aim is to develop a choir also for the 10.30 Sunday Mass and increase our repertoire of music. Entrance will be via the sacristy. The plan is to hold a practice every two weeks so this is a great opportunity for the members of the parish to develop a ministry that is very much at the heart of our worship. The practice will last for exactly one hour.



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.**

**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.**



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**The Most Holy Trinity
Ninth Week of Ordinary Time**

**4th – 11th
June 2023**

Sunday 4.06	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - Sheila Murphy ints. Malayalam Mass	The Pope's prayer intention for June 2023. For the abolition of torture We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families. This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners.
Monday 5.06	No Service		
Tuesday 6.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 7.06	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 8.06	9.30am 10am 7pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Choir practice	
Friday 9.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 10.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Corpus Christi Sunday 11.06	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass Malayalam Mass	

**All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,
should renew their commitment at Mass, next Sunday 11th June.**

Cycle of prayer during Ordinary Time, we pray for these intentions:
A Deeper understanding between Christians and Jews. Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights. Europe. Human Life. Seafarers.

Feasts of the week: Monday, St. Boniface of Crediton, bishop and Martyr.
Tuesday, St. Norbert, bishop.

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.

Background on the Gospel Reading *John 3:16-18*.

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

300 Club Draw 28th May: £50 Mrs M Goodrich (56). £25 C McCreesh (11), Fr G Thomas (164).

Diocesan Caritas... Faith and Footprint: Monday 5th June at 7.00pm - 8.30pm. Caritas invite you to their next online workshop with CAFOD on caring for Creation in our parishes and homes. The session is a chance to meet others who are praying and working for a greener Church, or interested in the parish earning the Livesimply Award. This time we'll focus on:

- Planning for activities for the Season of Creation, which starts on 1st September
 - Designing a 'campaign journey' and assembling resources to engage parishioners
 - Hosting a screening in your parish of The Letter, a film about putting Laudato Si into action.
- To receive the Zoom link book your place at bit.ly/FaithandFootprint.

A Mass and celebration for families across the Diocese. Following on from last years World Meeting of Family the Diocese of Nottingham is once again organising a Mass and celebration for families across the diocese. This year we are delighted that are host parish will be **Sacred Heart Leicester on Saturday 24th June**. Bishop Patrick McKinney will celebrate **Mass at 3pm**. The Mass will be followed by the opportunity to socialise with a barbeque, live music, family games and activities, and an ice cream van in the grounds of the parish and Sacred Heart School next door. To help with catering numbers for the BBQ please book a free ticket here for each member of your family who is attending. Donations are welcome on the day to cover the cost of the event. Please contact Joe Hopkins, Director of Adult Formation for Mission. joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk. [0115 953 9806](tel:01159539806).

See, I Do a New Thing - Bringing our church's social mission to life in 2023 is a workshop near you to celebrate the impact you've had over the last year, discover God at work in it, share what we're learning, and invest in the future. We will take time to listen afresh to God's call, and focus on developing two things which many people around the diocese have told us they need: Self-confidence and practical skills for outreach

Parish and diocesan structures to help lay leaders pray, plan and act.

The workshop will introduce a wider project called Paving the Way. Much is said about 'missionary discipleship', but what do you and your parish need for this outward turn to happen in practice? And how might Catholic social teaching, often called the Church's 'best kept secret' become an engine of grassroots renewal across the diocese? With your help, at this workshop and over the next two years, we will find answers to these questions - and put them into practice for the common good and the kingdom of God. **Leicester: 17th June at Our Lady, Rushey Mead. For details and to book visit bit.ly/new-thing.**

VACANCY: PA to the Bishop of Nottingham. To apply please complete the application form to be found on the Diocese of Nottingham website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers Personal Assistant to the Bishop of Nottingham. Please submit applications by email, using the Diocesan Application Form, to: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk by midday on Monday 26 June 2023. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview to take place on Thursday 6 July. 20Hours of work: 20-30 hours per week (to be negotiated) worked over 4 days per week. Hourly Rate: £27-£35k p.a. pro-rata (depending upon qualifications and experience) The Bishop's Personal Assistant is crucial to enabling him to fulfil these roles and responsibilities efficiently, effectively and courteously. The post is a key part of his immediate support staff and the wider Diocesan Curia (central services). The person we seek, therefore, needs to be willing and able enthusiastically to support the mission of the Catholic Church and must have knowledge of its organisation and functions.

Important information about FOODBANKS.

You may have seen, or read in the news recently, that FOODBANKS are running out of food and rely on the generosity of their volunteers. Unfortunately, more and more people are in need to supplement their food shopping with items of prime necessity to feed their families and rely heavily on FOODBANKS. This current economic crisis is affecting a lot of families, especially families with young children. Please help, if you can, by donating an item of dry food/tins/cereals/rice/pasta in the box of your local supermarket or in the box in the church porch. Thank you for your generosity!



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