

**Day for Life - Sunday 18 June**

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. For the first time, it will be celebrated in Scotland and Ireland on the same day. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. The 2023 Day For Life message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.



**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.**

**World Refugee Day - 20 June 2023**

Each year on 20 June, the world celebrates World Refugee Day - a day to honour refugees around the world who show strength and resilience as they are forced to flee their homes. This year, the theme of World Refugee Day is 'home away from home', finding ways to be more inclusive towards refugees in our communities. Every person has a right to a home and to feel welcomed and accepted - whoever they are, wherever they come from and whenever they are forced to flee. Pope Francis has called on us as Catholics to welcome migrants and refugees with arms wide open.

**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:** Wednesday, St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious. Thursday, SS John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs. Saturday, The Nativity of St, John the Baptist.



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**Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time  
18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**

When Jesus saw the crowd he had compassion for them, because they were harrassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Sunday 18.06	6.30am 10.30am  4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - First Holy Communion MOG Parish Jean Hidelarachi RIP- Shirley Forrester RIP Malayalam Mass	<p><b>The Pope's prayer intention for June 2023. For the abolition of torture</b> 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.</p> <p><b>This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners.</b></p>
Monday 19.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Tuesday 20.06	No service		
Wednesday 21.06	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 22.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 23.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 24.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 25.06	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass -Thomas Varkey RIP Holy Mass - Thomas Varkey RIP Malayalam Mass - Thomas Varkey RIP	

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR DAY FOR LIFE.**

**Prayer to St Joseph - Defender of Life**

Dearest Saint Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home.

As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defence of human life - especially where it is vulnerable or threatened, Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.  
**Amen.**

## Background on the Gospel Reading *Matthew 9:36-10:8*.

Jesus sends the twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of heaven.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

**Words of the Holy Father:** The Gospel says that Jesus "appointed twelve, to be with Him, and to be sent out to preach" (Mk 3:14); two things: to be with him and to send them to preach. There is one aspect that seems contradictory: He called them to be with him and to go and preach. One would say: either one or the other, either stay or go. But no: for Jesus there is no going without staying and there is no staying without going. It is not easy to understand this, but that's the way it is. Let us try to understand a little bit what is the sense in which Jesus says these things. First of all, there is no going without staying: before sending the disciples forth on mission, Christ – the Gospel says – "calls them to himself" (cf. Mt 10:1). The proclamation is born from the encounter with the Lord; every Christian activity, especially the mission, begins from there. Not from what is learnt in an academy. No, no! It begins from the encounter with the Lord. Witnessing him, in fact, means radiating him; but, if we do not receive his light, we will be extinguished; if we do not spend time with him, we will bear ourselves instead of him – I am bringing myself and not him – and it will all be in vain. So only those who remain with him can bring the Gospel of Jesus. Anyone who does not remain with him cannot bear the Gospel. He will bring ideas, but not the Gospel. Equally, however, there is no staying without going. In fact, following Christ is not an inward-looking fact: without proclamation, without service, without mission, the relationship with Jesus does not grow.

**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.

**300 Club Draw 4<sup>th</sup> June:** £50 F Gilhooley (233). £25 Mr & Mrs A Murphy (40), Fr. P Nellikulam (144).

**11<sup>th</sup> June:** £50 M Wakeley (121). £25 Mrs Mr Uczniak (17), Dn J Sebastian (270).

The next choir practice will be on Thursday 22nd June at 7.00pm. Entrance is via the sacristy door. All are welcome. We had a good number for the first practice but there is room for many more. This is preparation for the International Mass in September.

**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 our 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](mailto:joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk). **0115 953 9806**.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

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