

Stella Maris. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

Just as Jesus offers rest to those who are burdened and weary, Stella Maris offers refuge and support to seafarers who are facing the challenges of life at sea. Its chaplains and volunteers are the hands and feet of Jesus in this world, bringing comfort to seafarers.

Second Collection to be taken on Sunday 16th July.



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

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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Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.cktleicester.co.uk/
English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time
2nd - 9th July 2023

This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners

Sunday 2.07	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - Vera Sweeney Ints Malayalam Mass - Lijo, Jaimol Intentions	<p>The Pope's prayer intention for July 2023. For a Eucharistic life</p> <p>We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.</p>
Monday 3.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass (Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle)	
Tuesday 4.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 5.07	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Preethi Joseph RIP	
Thursday 6.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 7.07	9.30am 10am 5pm 5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Silent Adoration Malayalam Mass & Adoration till 8pm	
Saturday 8.07	No service		
Sunday 9.07	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass Malayalam Mass	

SECOND COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE

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.

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 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.

Background on the Gospel Reading Matthew 10:37-42.

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

Words of the Holy Father: Jesus certainly does not intend to undervalue love for parents and children, but he knows that if family bonds are put in first place, they can deviate from the true good. We see this: some forms of corruption in governments come about precisely because love for family is greater than love for country, and so they put family members in charge. When, instead, love for parents and children is inspired and purified by love for the Lord, it then becomes wholly fruitful and produces good fruits within the family itself and well beyond it. Then, Jesus says to his disciples: "he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10:38). This means following him along the path that he himself trod, without looking for shortcuts. There is no true love without the cross, that is, without a personal price to pay. Many mothers, many fathers who sacrifice a great deal for their children, and bear true sacrifices, crosses, because they love them, say this. And the cross is not frightening when borne with Jesus, because he is always at our side to support us in the hour of the most difficult trial, to give us strength and courage.

Choir practice in the church on Thursday evening 6th July at 7.00pm. Entrance is via the Sacristy Door.

300 Club Draw 25th June: £50 S Hunt (41). £25 K O'Brien (3), Fr A Pateman (98).

FUNDraiser Day at the Briars. Briars Lane, Crich DE4 5BW. Sunday 9th July. Morning Mass with Bishop Patrick at 10am followed by Cake and Refreshments in our refurbished Hebron Lounge. Then from 12pm to 5pm: lots of Activities, Hot Food & Bar, Raffle Draw with over £750 worth of prizes, Exclusive on the day offers for Saints' Meadow Luxury Retreat Cabins. For all enquiries about the fun day, to book the escape room, stalls or buy raffle tickets, please email hannah.brown@ndcys.com.

Racial Justice in the Church Tuesday 11 July 2023. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be hosting a free webinar this summer to build upon the work that has taken place around Racial Justice Sunday in recent years on 11th July at 14:00 - 15:30 - Online via Zoom. This includes

the [Image and Likeness of God](#) initiative which celebrates images of Our Lady and the Child Jesus from a range of countries and cultures, and the [Walking Together, Praying Together, and Working Together](#) project, which reflects on the role that each of us has to play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. Both projects have been well received in dioceses, parishes, and schools. [Register Here](#)

English Martyrs' 60th Anniversary of the school. Dear Parents, as you will be aware from previous correspondence, English Martyrs' will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the official opening of the school; 4th May 1965, as such, we will be building up to this important milestone in the school's history, culminating in celebration events in the summer of 2025. I have over the last terms held assemblies with all year groups looking back over the history of the school and setting students challenges. From September 2023 each group will begin fundraising for our 60th Anniversary, we plan to publish a photo book looking over the history of the school along with many other events. To begin our 18 months of celebrations we are starting with a photography exhibition with pictures from across all the decades of the school. I invite you to come and see if you can spot people you may know in our vast range of photographs and reminisce. Also, if you know of any previous students or parents who wish to attend, please invite them. If you would like more details of events or have any memories or photographs you wish to share, please email 60years@englishmartyrs.org This event will take place on Monday 10th July starting at 4.00 - 6.00pm.

Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle. The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm. Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

Healing Retreat: Good Shepherd Prayer Group invites you to come and rest in the arms of Jesus. Monday 31st July/Wednesday 2nd August from 2pm to 7pm. At Early Learner Nursery School, 78 Uppingham Road LE5 0QE. Limited places, admission only by seat reservation. Book your place on Whatsapp by submitting your full name and contact number on 074 7784 1227. Your seat will be reserved when you receive a reply of confirmation.

World Youth Day - 1 - 6 August 2023. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelisation for the youth world. Addressing young people in particular, and challenging them to be courageous missionaries, the following was written by the Pope in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: "Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us everywhere. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some" (CV 177). Read Pope Francis' full message [here](#).

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).