

**A message from Jonathan Gamble, Diocesan Accountant.**

**FRAUDULANT DIRECT DEBITS.** Please be aware that a number of Parishes have reported Direct Debits going out of their account to VIRGIN MEDIA or VIRGIN MOBILE which they have never sent up or know anything about. These are fraudulent Direct Debits set up on our accounts and these will need to be reported to the Finance Team at the Curia, so that we can reclaim and cancel them with the bank. The question you may ask is why do Lloyds not stop these being set up, please see the response I received from Lloyds explaining this situation.

**LLOYDS RESPONSE:** I am sorry to say we do not hold set-up forms for these direct debits. This is because these direct debit forms were set using AUDDIS. I would like to explain this system in a little more detail. AUDDIS is a BACS service that allows an organisation ('Virgin Media' as an example) to set up, amend and cancel direct debit instructions electronically with their customers' Payment Service Provider (PSP). We (Lloyds) are the PSP in this instance. AUDDIS is an industry-wide method and now accounts for the vast majority of direct debit instructions. It is the responsibility of the originator (again, 'Virgin Media' for example) to ensure they complete adequate security and verification checks when setting up AUDDIS direct debits for their customers. The bank have no involvement in this whatsoever, nor do we have any involvement in setting up the direct debits - as mentioned, it is all done electronically. Due to this, there is no way the bank can prevent direct debits being set up via AUDDIS. However, you are protected by the Direct Debit Indemnity Guarantee Scheme, meaning that the bank will ALWAYS refund you should any direct debits be claimed without authorisation. There is also NO TIME LIMIT in which an Indemnity Claim can be raised after the event. I can see that these direct debits already show as cancelled. Please let us know if you need us to assist you with any indemnity claims. You can also report these to Action Fraud. Their telephone number is 0300 123 2040. Their website is [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

You can Manage Direct Debits and Standing Orders online. Managing your Direct Debits online. You can: see all your Direct Debits including when they were last paid and their frequency. Request a refund of a Direct Debit, cancel your Direct Debits Help & Support is available here: [Contact Us](#) | [Protecting Yourself From Fraud](#) | [Lloyds Bank](#)

**SUMMER FAYRE in the church hall  
on Saturday 30th of September after the 10am mass.**

We need volunteers from both communities to manage the stalls. There will be a cake stall, bric a brac, tins and dried food, toys, used clothes, bottles and cans etc. We will also need volunteers to help serve the refreshments and to tidy up after the event. Donations of unwanted gifts, toiletries, fashion jewellery, tins and dried food, boxes of chocolates and biscuits, drinks, such as wines, liquor & spirits etc. are very welcome.

Please contact Teresa and Terry Knott, Ian and Josephine MacKay for any enquiry.

**Raffle Tickets will be available soon.**

**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.**

**Let's also pray for all the people who are suffering from wildfires  
and floods and have lost their home and livelihood.**



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**Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914**



**Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time**

**6<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**Feast of the  
Transfiguration  
of the Lord**

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| Sunday<br>6.08    | 6.30am<br>10.30am<br>4pm | Malayalam Mass<br>Holy Mass<br>Malayalam Mass - Mathai Thomas RIP  |
| Monday<br>7.08    | No<br>Service            |  |
| Tuesday<br>8.08   | 9.30am<br>10am           | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass  |
| Wednesday<br>9.08 | 5.30pm<br>6pm            | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass  |
| Thursday<br>10.08 | 9.30am<br>10am           | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass - Robert Letts ints.   |
| Friday<br>11.08   | 9.30am<br>10am           | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass  |
| Saturday<br>12.08 | 9.30am<br>10am           | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass  |
| Sunday<br>13.08   | 6.30am<br>10.30am<br>4pm | Malayalam Mass<br>Holy Mass - Dulio & Belmita Lopes RIP<br>Francisco & Maita Rosario RIP<br>Malayalam Mass |

**The Pope's prayer  
intention for  
August 2023.**

**For World Youth Day**  
We pray the World  
Youth Day in Lisbon  
will help young people  
to live and witness  
the Gospel in their  
own lives.

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

**PS: If any of our young people would like to have their Confirmation on July 4<sup>th</sup>  
2024, please contact St. Peter's Church at [stpetersleicester@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersleicester@gmail.com).  
Please also communicate with Father George.**

**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.

**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.

**Feasts of the week:** Tuesday, St. Dominic, priest.

Thursday, St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr. Friday, St. Claire, virgin.



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

## Background on the Gospel Reading Matthew 17:1-9.

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion.

In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration. In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him.

In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

**At this time we remember the devastation caused in Hiroshima and Nagasaki** when the atomic bombs were dropped, on 6 and 9 August 1945, and we pray that nuclear weapons will be abolished so that they can never be used again. In his message, 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace', Pope Francis asks, 'How many resources are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the provision of health care'. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi. Their website suggests many ways we can all promote peace in our daily lives, including activities for families to do at home: <https://paxchristi.org.uk>

**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. For the first time in many years a group of Young Adults from the Diocese of Nottingham will attend WYD, accompanied by Bishop Patrick and Fathers Neil, Liam and Limnyuy. Follow this historical journey of our young diocesan pilgrims by visiting [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/wyd](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/wyd) which features links to live streams, reflections, schedules and more. Read Pope Francis' full message [here](#).

**Congratulations and best wishes to Robert Letts**, one of our parishioners, who will be baptised this coming Thursday after the 10am Mass.

**300 Club Draw 29<sup>th</sup> July:** £100 E P (83). £50 M G (203). £25 K S (1), E C (126).

**VACANCY: St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP).** Director of public Communication, Public Affairs and Marketing. Full Time, permanent - Location: Remote. Closing date for CVs: 14<sup>th</sup> August. Deadline for Application Forms 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Interviews: W/C 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023. **SVP England & Wales National Office**, St Vincent de Paul Society, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB [Click here for contact numbers](#)

**VACANCIES: Are you being called to a year of mission, formation and service at the Briars?** We work with thousands of young people every year from schools and parishes across the diocese and beyond. We have two spaces left to join the Briars team 2023-24, starting at the end of August. This opportunity would suit young adults aged 18-24 who want to share their faith with young people whilst living in a community of other likeminded young adults. A year on team will help you grow as a person, develop skills in group work and leadership, and help you to grow in your faith. You will receive high quality professional training and support to equip you for youth ministry in a fun, vibrant and faith filled setting. Applications for next year are also now open (2024-25). The Youth Service is also advertising for an apprentice to start this month. The closing date for applications is 14<sup>th</sup> August. For any of these opportunities, apply at [www.ndcys.com](http://www.ndcys.com) or email [director@ndcys.com](mailto:director@ndcys.com) for more information and a conversation.



### A prayer for our earth

All powerful God,  
you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us  
the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters,  
harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world  
and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty,  
not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe  
and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray,  
in our struggle, or justice, love and peace.

**FOODBANKS.....** Please continue to help your local FOODBANK. More people are in need to supplement their food shopping with items of prime necessity to feed their families.