

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 has 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

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

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time

13th – 20th August 2023

Sunday 13.08	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass - Kattackal Thoma Ouseph & Rosy Joseph RIP Holy Mass - Dulio & Belmita Lopes RIP Francisco & Maita Rosario RIP Malayalam Mass	<p>The Pope's prayer intention for August 2023.</p> <p><i>For World Youth Day</i> We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.</p> <p>This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners</p>
Monday 14.08	No Service		
Tuesday 15.08	9.30am 10am	The Assumption of the BVM - Holy Day of Obligation Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 16.08	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 17.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Aaron Siju ints. / Mathew RIP	
Friday 18.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Michael Quinn RIP	
Saturday 19.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Fr. Paul Nellikulam ints.	
Sunday 20.08	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - David Collins RIP / Alaine Ruzivo Birthday Malayalam Mass	

PS: If any of our young people would like to have their Confirmation on July 4th 2024, please contact St. Peter's Church at 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: Monday, St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr. Tuesday, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Background on the Gospel Reading Matthew 14.22-33.

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in [Chapter 8](#), of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with [last week's Gospel](#) about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

Words of the Holy Father: What type of faith is great? Great faith is that which brings its own story, marked even by wounds, and brings it to the Lord's feet asking Him to heal them, to give them meaning. Each one of us has our own story and it is not always a story "of export", it is not always a clean story... Many times, it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain, many misfortunes and many sins. What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" This is what this woman teaches us, this wonderful mother: the courage to bring our own painful story before God, before Jesus, to touch God's tenderness, Jesus's tenderness. Let's try this story, this prayer: let each one of us think of his or her own story. There are always ugly things in a story, always. Let us go to Jesus, knock on Jesus's heart and say to Him: "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" And we can do this if we always have the face of Jesus before us, if we understand what Christ's heart is like, what Jesus's heart is like: a heart that feels compassion, that bears our pains, that bears our sins, our mistakes, our failures. But it is a heart that loves us like that, as we are, without make-up: He loves us like that. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!"

We welcome into our community Robert Letts, who was baptised last Thursday. A huge thank you to all who contributed to make this day so very special.

300 Club Draw 6th August: £50 B P (255). £25 J F (82), M P (29).

Our Lady Queen of Peace Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Monday 28th August 2023 led by Fr Zvonimir OFM (Parish Priest of St James, Medjugorje) 1.15pm Gathering, Rosary and Litany, Talk by Fr Zvonimir Sacrament of Reconciliation available. 3.45pm Mass, Adoration and Benediction and 5.30pm Depart. Full details of local coach from Paul 077 1056 7183 or email pilgrimsomary@hotmail.com.

VACANCY: St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). Director of public Communication, Public Affairs and Marketing. Full Time, permanent - Location: Remote. Closing date for CVs: 14th August. Deadline for Application Forms 23rd August. Interviews: W/C 11th 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 14th August. For any of these opportunities, apply at www.ndcys.com or email 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.