

**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.

Feasts of the week: Monday, St. Augustine, bishop and doctor.
Tuesday, The Passion of St. John the Baptist.

Pope Francis has established 1st September as a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.

**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-Autumn; we pray for these intentions:
Students and Teachers. The Spread of the Gospel. The Harvest. The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation. Justice and Peace in the World. All Victims of War. Young People, Prisoners and their Families.

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 note: If intention is for a living person they must sign the envelope for permission to print their name on newsletter or intention will be listed as Private Intention and initials of intention.

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. This current economic crisis is affecting a lot of families, especially families with young children. Please help, if you can.



Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall. Please join us!



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Twenty-First Week of Ordinary Time

27th August – 3rd September 2023

This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners

Sunday 27.08	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - Mrs Ushamba Birthday Malayalam Mass	<p>The Pope's prayer intention for September 2023.</p> <p><i>For people living on the margins</i> We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.</p>
Monday 28.08	No Service		
Tuesday 29.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 30.08	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 31.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 1.09	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Novena starts for the celebration of the Nativity of the BVM (Feast) Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Rosary Malayalam Mass	
Saturday 2.09	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. Malayalam Mass	
Sunday 3.09	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - Malayalam Mass (Meeting of 1 st Holy Communicants of 2023)	

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. September 1 - 8 2023.

The celebration of the Feast of the BVM at Leicester is now in its fifth year. A traditional form of piety for the Syrian Christians, towards our heavenly mother, this period consists of eight days of prayer and fasting - popularly known as Ettu-Noimpu. Like past years, this year as well as parishioners of Mother of God church, St. Alphonsa mission, Leicester other like-minded community members, will jointly celebrate this festal period. We must take this opportunity to thank our heavenly mother who, through her continual heavenly intercessions, helped us spiritually, mentally and physically to overcome our personal difficulties. We can express our sincere gratitude through our prayers and participation in the liturgical celebrations. All are welcome.

To sponsor a mass, please contact the parish priest. Timetable for celebration will be published on the website. Also see poster in church porch.

Background on the Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-20.

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Annual Diocesan Altar Servers' Mass. The Guild of Saint Stephen in Nottingham Diocese would like to invite all Altar Servers to join for the Annual Diocesan Servers' Mass, on Saturday 23rd September at 11.30am at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Patrick, and all are invited to be part of the day. Please email James Noakes for further details JNoakes@englishmartyrs.org.

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 pilgrimsmary@hotmail.com.

Women's Pilgrimage to Lincoln Cathedral. The Diocese of Nottingham is organising a pilgrimage for Women to Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday 9th September. We will meet at 10:30am at the Cathedral, to be ready to celebrate Mass together at 11am, following Mass we will have Lunch together. After lunch we will have a private tour of this historic Church, built by our diocesan co-patron St Hugh and where he was laid to rest. The day should finish by 2pm. Please note that this is an event for those aged 18 and over. For more information and to book your place please click [here](#).

300 Club Draw 20th August: £50 P D (25). £25 M (154), M G (56).

Belief in Brief: A course for Parents and Carers. The Diocese is offering a new online course in conjunction with the Diocese's Education Service. This course is for parents and carers to explore the Catholic Faith and Parenthood together. Each session will have a different aspect of the Catholic Faith to explore. It will give the opportunity to meet parents who share your desire to know more about the Catholic Faith. There are 12 sessions spread throughout the academic year on Tuesdays between 10.00am and 11.15 am commencing 12th September. For more information and to sign up please go to: www.bookwhen.com/nrcdes.

Call of creation: Reading the signs of the times. You are invited to join this webinar hosted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD and St. Mary's University in conversation with Archbishop Peter Loy Chong of Fiji and Sr Margaret Atkins. On Tuesday 12 September at 7:00pm. Duration: 1hour. This September marks a year since the Bishops of England and Wales republished The Call of Creation, a document that encourages us to repair our relationship with God's creation. It recognises the interconnectedness of the biggest challenges of our times and urges each of us to ask ourselves how we can protect our common home. Register at <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/signsoftimes>

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo. Monday 16th October 2023. Depart UK. 20 Minutes transfer to Knock Shrine. Hotel Check In. Dinner and welcome meeting Tuesday 17th October 2023 A Day in Knock. Tour of Museum and Grounds. Mass. Lunch. Private Time. Dinner followed by entertainment. Wednesday 18th October 2023 Mass in Fr. Peyton Centre with tour. Lunch. Onwards to Museum of Country Life. Return to Hotel for Dinner. Free evening. Thursday 19th October 2023 Guided tour of Ballintubber Abbey with Mass. Lunch. Visit the holy mountain Croagh Patrick. Enjoy some shopping time in Westport. Return to hotel for Dinner and farewell entertainment. Friday 20th October 2023 Morning Mass, time permitting. Private time before return flight. Price of £699.00 per person Package includes: Flight with 10kg Luggage from UK. 4 night's accommodation on Full Board basis in 3* Knock House Hotel. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours. Assistance from Knock Pilgrimages representative. Single room supplement of £150.00 Contact: Patricia Tel: 01268 762 278 Mob: 07740 175 557 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

LACY BIG SING AT ST. PATRICK'S, Leicester, 1ST October 2023 at 4pm: Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth are extending a warm invitation to all parishes to invite them to come along to a "Big Sing" for an hour in Leicester. We are inviting music groups and choirs to be involved in the liturgy by singing a hymn/Christian song of their choice. We are hoping that many young people, families and friends will come and join us! We will be celebrating the Mysteries of Light led by Father Simon Gillespie and we hope that many groups will get in touch with us to make this the most exciting event ever! Our invitation also extends to everyone who would like to come and share the celebration. Bring your young people - your voices - your instruments! To enable us to put all of this together we would be most grateful if you could please contact Pauline Payne, LACY Co-ordinator as soon as possible if you are interested in sharing the occasion: e mail - paulinepayne@hotmail.com and tel number: 07885 187374. Let's raise the roof at St. Patrick's in song! "He who sings, prays twice" - *St. Augustine of Hippo*.

**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.**