

**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 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 jewellerys, tins and dried food, boxes of chocolates and biscuits, drinks, such as wines, liquor & spirits etc. are very welcome. **Raffle Tickets will be available soon.**

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

'There will be a brief meeting after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 3rd September for all those who are helping with the Summer Fayre on September 30th. All are very welcome.'

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.

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.



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



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Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time

3rd – 10th September 2023

This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners

Sunday 3.09	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - Jerry & Teresa Tims 60 th Wedding Anniversary Malayalam Mass (Meeting of 1 st Holy Communicants of 2023)	The Pope's prayer intention for September 2023. For people living on the margins 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.
Monday 4.09	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. Malayalam Mass	
Tuesday 5.09	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. Malayalam Mass	
Wednesday 6.09	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. Malayalam Mass	
Thursday 7.09	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. Malayalam Mass	
Friday 8.09	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration - Feast of the Nativity of the BVM Holy Mass - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary. Malayalam Mass	
Saturday 9.09	9.30am 10am 3pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Malayalam Mass - Principal celebrant Mar Remigius Inchananiyil Bishop of Thamarakey (Kerala). Procession and benediction - Charity Event.	
Sunday 10.09	6.30am 10.30am	Malayalam Mass International Holy Mass - Principal Celebrant Bishop Patrick McKinney	

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 periods 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 16:21-27.

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in [last week's Gospel](#). Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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.

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 29th August: £50 J W (227). £25 M B (49), M B (70).

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 7pm. 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: Leics 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 contact Pauline Payne, LACY Co-ordinator as soon as possible if you are interested in sharing the occasion: email - 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*.

VACANCY: Bringing People Together Join Us! We are currently recruiting for: Faith Communities Engagement Officer (x 2 posts). On a sessional basis, fixed-term contract for 12 months, hourly rate £16.00 to a maximum of 84 hours per post spread over the 12-month contract period. We have secured funding from Macmillan Cancer Support to engage with Leicester and Leicestershire's faith communities, to explore the issues around cancer and faith. We are looking for two experienced community engagement officers, to work with us on delivering this exciting project. You will be supporting our manager to deliver a series of listening events and engagement activities with faith communities, develop a Faith and Cancer Network, work with a professional film maker to document personal stories around cancer and faith issues, and create content about the project for our website and social media channels. To apply download the job description and more information at

[Vacancies - Leicester Council of Faiths \(lcof.org.uk\)](http://Vacancies-Leicester-Council-of-Faiths(lcof.org.uk)).

Please email info@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk your CV and a covering letter (no more than 2 pages) outlining how you meet the essential requirements for the position and your experience by midnight on Sunday 17th September 2023. Interview date: Tuesday 26th September 2023 in Leicester (in person).