

SUMMER FAYRE in the church hall

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, The Summer Fayre had to be postponed. A new date will be announced soon.

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.

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.

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.

Fests of the week:

Wednesday, St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor.

Thursday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Friday, Our Lady of Sorrows.

Saturday, SS Cornelius, pope and Cyprian, martyrs.

English Martyrs: a copy of Mr Calen's Start of Term letter to parents, will be available in the church porch & on our website.



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



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

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

10th – 17th September 2023

SECOND COLLECTION

for *Evangelii Gaudium*
Sunday to be taken
next Sunday.


Sunday 10.09	6.30am 10.30am	Malayalam Mass International Holy Mass - Principal Celebrant Bishop Patrick McKinney
Monday 11.09	9.30 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass
Tuesday 12.09	No Service	Priests training
Wednesday 13.09	No Service	Priests training
Thursday 14.09	No Service	Priests training
Friday 15.09	No Service	Priests training
Saturday 16.09	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass
Sunday 17.09	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass Malayalam Mass

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.

This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners



Mother of God Church Leicester

Celebration of the nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary & Parish Feast



International Mass

September 10, 2023
10:30 am

Dear Beloved Friends,
With great warmth and joy, we extend to you a heartfelt invitation to join us in commemorating the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God, taking place from September 1st to September 10th, 2023. We are especially excited to announce that an international Mass will culminate our celebrations on **September 10th, 2023, at 10:30 AM**, presided over by the esteemed Principal Celebrant, the **Rt Rev. Patrick McKinney**, Bishop of Nottingham.

This sacred occasion brings us all together to raise our voices in praise and gratitude to God for the marvelous blessings He has bestowed upon us. It is a time to unite in prayer and thanksgiving. We wholeheartedly encourage you to be part of this divine gathering and to open your hearts to receive the abundant graces that heaven has in store for us.

With faith and anticipation,

For the Parishioners,
Rev. George Thomas Chelackal & The Parish Council

Background on the Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20.

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

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.

300 Club Draw 3rd September: £50 K K (136). £25 J S (270), P L (215).

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.

Community Move Screening. 'The Letter', a message from our earth. Wednesday 27th September at 7pm, at Immaculate Conception, New Street, Oadby, LE2 4LJ. All welcome. Please see poster in church porch.

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. Dinner and welcome meeting Tuesday 17th October 2023 A Day in Knock. Tour of Museum and Grounds. Mass. Lunch. Private Time. 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. 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. 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! 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*. See poster in church porch.

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-LeicesterCouncilofFaiths(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).