

SUMMER FAYRE in the church hall

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, The Summer Fayre had to be postponed until the end of November. 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 of Morocco and Libia who have been suffering from a dreadful earthquake 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.

300 Club Draw 10th September: £50 M P (216), £25 S J (66), K S (01).



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



Please bring your red **MISSIO** box to church to emptied and collect your free magazine. The Red Box is a vital source of support for countless people in need around the world. Thank you

If you would like a Red Box, please speak to Maila Taylor.

World Mission Sunday: 22 October 2023



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Twenty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

17th – 24th September 2023

This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners

Sunday 17.09	6.30am 10.30am	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass Malayalam Mass Jean Hidelaretchi RIP	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 18.09	No Service		
Tuesday 19.09	9.30 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Souls of O'Neill family	
Wednesday 20.09	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 21.09	9.30 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 22.09	9.30 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 23.09	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 24.09	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass Malayalam Mass	

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.

Feasts of the week:

Wednesday, SS Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and companions, martyrs. Thursday, St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist. Saturday, St. Pius of Pietralcina.

Open Evening for Year 6 students at English Martyrs' Catholic School on Thursday 5th October 2023, 5.00- 7.00pm. Formal Address by Mr Calen, Principal at: 5.00pm, 5.25pm and 5.45pm in the Auditorium. A copy of Mr Calen's Start of Term letter to parents, will be available in the church porch & on our website.

Are you looking for a Reception place for your child starting school in September 2024? **Christ the King is your local Catholic School.** It is rated outstanding by OFSTED and by the Diocese of Nottingham. We would love to meet you and show you around our vibrant school at our upcoming Open Days. We are holding our Open Days on Tuesday 10th October @ 13:30 and Tuesday 24th October @ 10.00. **If you would like further information, please ring the school office on 0116 285726.**

Background on the Gospel Reading Matthew 18:21-35.

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

Today's Gospel reading directly follows [last week's Gospel](#) in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

Webinar for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Wednesday 20 September, 6.00 p.m. Hosted by Caritas Social Action Network. World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) is an annual celebration marked by the Church to increase awareness about migration and its opportunities, as well as its challenges. This year, the celebration will be marked on Sunday 24th September. The previous Wednesday, CSAN together with the Bishops' Conference, are hosting a webinar with Bishop Paul McAleenan, the Lead Bishop for Migrants & Refugees, and Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD. We will also be joined by a Vatican representative from the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development who will present the Pope's message. Together, we will be discussing the right to migrate and how we can help homelands to flourish, as well as reflecting on the Bishops' Conference's recent publication *Love the Stranger* and discussing what action we can take in our communities. [Register for the webinar for migrants and refugees.](#)

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.

Community Movie 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.

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.

Faith and Footprint: caring for Creation on Tuesday 3 October 2023 at 7pm on Zoom. Join us for our Autumn workshop to help you bring Laudato Si to life in your parish. At Caritas we support a network of people who are praying and working for a greener Church and world. In the extreme weather being witnessed around the world this summer the environmental crisis is accelerating before our eyes. Our faith calls us to respond, as individuals and as a community. Join us on the eve of St Francis of Assisi's day to answer the call to care for our common home. Opening with a liturgy for St Francis, we'll focus on practical steps we can take to implement the three themes of Pope Francis' Message for the 2023 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: transforming our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our society. We'll also have an update on the diocese's emerging decarbonisation strategy. Everyone welcome, especially if this will be your first eco-workshop with us. You'll find it especially useful if you are involved in the CAFOD Livesimply scheme or a diocesan Pioneer Parish - but anyone who is praying and working for a greener Church and world is invited. [Sign up for Faith And Footprint on 3 October.](#) [Read Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Prayer](#)

Gathering for Young Adults - Christus Vivit is the diocesan ministry to Young Adults aged 18-35. We will be starting a new group here in Leicester meeting on the fourth Thursday of every month at Sacred Heart, Mere Road. With a time of prayer, a talk, group discussion, and a social time at a local pub. Our first gathering will be on Thursday 26th October at 6:15pm, come along to meet other Young Catholics in Leicester and grow in faith. You can join our mailing list by emailing: cv@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo. Monday 16th October 2023. Dinner and welcome meeting Tuesday 17th October A Day in Knock. Tour of Museum and Grounds. Mass. Lunch. Private Time. Wednesday 18th October Mass in Fr. Peyton Centre with tour. Lunch. Onwards to Museum of Country Life. Return to Hotel for Dinner. Thursday 19th October 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 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.