

Mother of God First Holy Communion Programme 2023-2024. Children from the parish who have been baptised, are in school year 3 or older and NOT from the Malayalam community, are now invited to enrol for our First Holy Communion Programme. The Malayalam children from our Parish will be prepared for the sacrament by their own special catechist. Application forms are now available at the back of church please fill them in and return them in a sealed envelope, then return them to the basket by Sunday 22nd October at the very latest. Thank you. Looking forward to meeting you all very soon!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE in the church hall

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE will be held on Saturday 18th November after Holy Mass. We need volunteers to mind the stalls. Please bring your donations to church. For any enquiry please contact Teresa & Terry Knott or Ian & Josephine McKay. 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 of Morocco and Libia who have been suffering from a dreadful earthquake and floods and have lost their home and livelihood.

Next Sunday is Prisoner's Sunday, a charity who supports prisoners and their families (PACT). If you would like to volunteer or donate to their appeal please contact, parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk.



A Prayer for our Parish Community

Almighty God,

we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our Church and Parish:

In the ministry of word and sacrament,

in teaching and pastoral care,

in service to the Diocese and Deanery.

The community and those in need,

in ecumenical fellowship and co-operation.

We pray for all members of the congregation,

that in their life and work they may advance

your kingdom and bear witness to your love,

shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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



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**Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctlkeicester.co.uk/
English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/**

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

1st – 8th October 2023

This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners

Sunday 1.10	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - Riona George Thanks Malayalam Mass	The Pope's prayer intentions for October 2023. For the Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. Feasts of the week: Monday, The Holy Guardian Angels. Wednesday, St. Francis of Assisi. Saturday, Our Lady of the Rosary.
Monday 2.10	No Service		
Tuesday 3.10	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 4.10	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 5.10	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 6.10	9.30am 10am 5pm 5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - CAFOD Family Fast Day Silent Adoration Malayalam Mass	
Saturday 7.10	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Sierah Teza Nimal Thanks	
Sunday 8.10	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass Malayalam Mass	
		CAFOD SECOND COLLECTION TODAY	

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day...Family Fast Day is on Friday 6th October. Join together with friends and family for a simple meal or skip a meal so that families around the world can have access to the medical care they need to survive in increasingly challenging circumstances. By sharing a simple meal and giving what you save, you'll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by disease and poverty, displaced from their homes and communities by the climate crisis. **Envelopes for your donation will be given out today.**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

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 21:28-32.

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

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 17th September: £50 W C (288). £25 M P (230), K W (96).

24th September: £50 J T (32). £25 G K (169), M-F MK (65).

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

Leicester Friends of Bethlehem and The N'Ukes ukelele band invite you to an evening of music at St Anne's Church Hall, Letchworth Road LE3 6HS on Saturday 28 October at 7:00pm. All money raised will go towards the travel costs of The Hakaya Band of young dancers, singers and drummers from the Ghirass Children & Young People's Cultural Centre in Bethlehem, Palestine who are visiting Leicester next summer. Tickets £10 Contact: Claire Wintram (E: claire.delune2021@outlook.com or tel: 07534 618768).

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.**



Please bring your red MISSIO box to church to be 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

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.