

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 that have been affected by climate change and have lost their home and livelihood.

Feasts of the week:

Monday, St John Henry Newman, priest.
Tuesday, St Paulinus, bishop, and the Anglo-Saxon Saints of the Diocese.



CAFOD Prayer: Seeds of hope

Generous God,
we thank you, for the gifts you have given for all people to share.
We plant seeds of hope and nurture them
as we seek a harvest of plenty for all.
Forgive us for the times these seeds fail to take root in our hearts.
We grieve when homes and crops are washed away by floods,
when lives are uprooted by disaster, or trampled by fear and greed.
Living God, you lead us to a new way of being.
Move us to help one another in our times of need,
to care for the earth and to love one another,
sharing your harvest with all.
Amen



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



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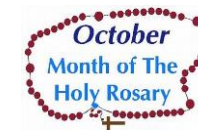
**Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.cktleicester.co.uk/
English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/**

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

8th -15th October 2023



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| Sunday 8.10 | 6.30am 10.30am 3pm | Malayalam Mass Holy Mass Malayalam Mass | <p>The Pope's prayer intentions for October 2023.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners</p> |
| Monday 9.10 | No Service | | |
| Tuesday 10.10 | 9.30am 10am | Silent Adoration Holy Mass | |
| Wednesday 11.10 | 5.30pm 6pm | Silent Adoration Holy Mass | |
| Thursday 12.10 | 9.30am 10am | Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Jose Nadamkandathil RIP | |
| Friday 13.10 | No Service | | |
| Saturday 14.10 | 10am | Holy Mass - Sierah Teza Nimal Thanks | |
| Sunday 15.10 | 6.30am 10.30am 4pm | No Service Holy Mass Malayalam Mass | |

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for CAFOD

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day...Family Fast Day was 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. **Please use an envelope if you are a tax payer.**

Prisons Week 2023: Sunday 8th - Saturday 14th October

Prisons Week is a week in October where people all over England and Wales join together in prayer for everyone affected by imprisonment. That includes not just people in prison but their families and all those working in prisons as well. It also includes victims of crime and communities affected by it. As you are reading this, it means that you are being prayed for too! We encourage prayer for all of these people, but we also want to encourage all affected by imprisonment to pray too. If you would like to volunteer or donate to their appeal please contact, parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk.

Background on the Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-43.

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

Today's Gospel follows directly after [last Sunday's Gospel](#) in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in [Mark 12:1-12](#). There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

300 Club Draw 1st October: £50 S O'B (228). £25 T A (206), D S (104).

CAFOD is hosting an online event on Thursday 12 October at 7pm to reflect on what Pope Francis' Laudate Deum means for us. 'The world sings of an infinite love, how can we fail to care for it?' (*Laudate Deum* #65). Pope Francis, has on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, published [Laudate Deum: to all people of good will on the climate crisis](#), his new Exhortation on the environment, a [follow up](#) to his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. Please do join us and share this invitation with others.


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.*

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).

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**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.**  
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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.

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|  | <p>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</p> |
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FOODBANKS

Please continue to support 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, with donations of dried food, tins, cereals etc. There is a box in the church porch for your donations. Thank you.