

**+November - Month of the Holy Souls**

If you would like your deceased relatives and friends remembered in our November Masses, place the names in an envelope along with any Mass offering and drop in the collection basket or post through the Presbytery door. Please clearly mark the envelope "November Holy Souls". We pray for all the deceased people of the parish.

**+Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of November: Feast of all Saints (Solemnity)**

**+Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November: All Souls' Day**

**+Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Sunday**

**Blessing of Graves in Leicester**

Sunday 5th November 2.00pm Saffron Hill Cemetery  
 Sunday 12th November 2.00pm Wigston Cemetery  
 Sunday 19th November 2.00pm Blaby Cemetery and Thurmaston Cemetery  
 3.00pm Countesthorpe Cemetery and Kirby Muxloe Cemetery  
 Sunday 26th November 3.00pm Gilroes Cemetery

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE in the church hall**

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 are available now.**

**Feasts of the week:** Saturday, SS Simon and Jude, Apostles.

**West Leicester Catholic 300 Club**

Thank you to all members for your continued support for this valuable fundraising for our three churches. All members are invited to this year's Grand Prize Draw, which will take place:

On: Sunday 29th October 2023  
 At: St Peter's Church Hall  
 Time: After 11.15 am Mass, with welcome refreshments

Only fully paid-up members are eligible for each draw and our 300 Club year starts again in November when Standing Order subscriptions remain in place, but the monthly/yearly subscriptions become due. Members who currently pay by cash/cheque may switch to Standing Order at any time, as this is the easiest and safest way to subscribe. Grand Prize Draw for this year end October: 1st: £1,000 - 2nd: £400 - and six at £100, as well as the usual end of quarter/weekly prizes.

Prizes for the new year remain at £100 x 1 every quarter, £50 x 1, plus £25 x 2 every week. Please advise us if you have changed address, or if you would like to join the 300 Club for £5 per month. Contact any of the committee members (please see photographed Poster in our church porches for names) or see John Gray after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday.

Good luck with the draw.  
 300 Club Committee



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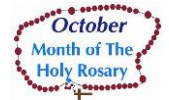
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 English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - [www.emschool.co.uk/](http://www.emschool.co.uk/)**

**Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914**



**Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**



Sunday 22.10	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - James Sweeney RIP Malayalam Mass	<b>The Pope's prayer intentions for October 2023.</b>  <i>For the Synod.</i> 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.  <b>This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners</b>
Monday 23.10	No Service		
Tuesday 24.10	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 25.10	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 26.10	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 27.10	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 28.10	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 29.10	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass Malayalam Mass	

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**



**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Pray with the Global Church**

World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Missio is responsible for coordinating World Mission Sunday and provides new, young or poor dioceses with the essential support they need on their journey to becoming self-sufficient. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. We work through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly - on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories - local Church directly helping local Church! **Donate here>>**

**Please let Father George know if you are holding keys to the Presbytery, the Church or the Hall. There will be a list I the church porch for you to put your name down stating which keys you are holding and for what purpose. Thank you**

## Background on the Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-21.

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favoured the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?

**300 Club Draw 8<sup>th</sup> October:** £50 J D (133). £25 M H (79), A W (38).

**Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish.**

**We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people, for the people of Israel and Palestine 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.**

**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.

### 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. Thank you.

## Join Courses organised by the Light of Truth Apostolate and The Jesuit Institute.

The Dominican Sister of St Joseph are offering the following online talks and courses through their Light of Truth Apostolate: 24th October - 7:30pm-9:00pm - The Four Last Things: 4 Sessions to discover what Catholics believe about judgement, heaven, hell and purgatory 16th November - 7:30pm-9:00pm - Catechesis for the Third Millennium: 5 sessions to cover the main themes of the 2020 Directory for Catechesis, and discuss the challenges faced by catechists today. To sign up for these courses or to discover more that is being offered please visit: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:claire.delune2021@outlook.com) or tel: 07534 618768).

**Revolution of Tenderness: the 2023 annual Caritas Assembly with SVP** on Saturday 4 November 2023 at St Mary's, Derby. Parishioners and SVP members are warmly invited to a day to help you put faith into action and reach out to the community. The gathering starts at 10.00 a.m. with Mass with Bishop Patrick, and keynote speaker is Alessandra Sciarra, parliamentary adviser at the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Afternoon workshops focus on mental health, supporting refugees, offering hospitality and greening the parish. Join Caritas, SVP and Catholics from around the diocese to discover Christ in those in need, deepen our discipleship and build a more just and peaceful world. Find out more and book your place at [bit.ly/revolutionoftenderness](http://bit.ly/revolutionoftenderness) or call Caritas on 0115 648 1509.



*Creator of the earth in which we live,  
Help us today in our search for peaceful ways  
To avoid wars, to eliminate terrorism and tyranny  
And to establish justice for peoples of all races and faiths.  
We pray that the billions of peace-loving  
People of goodwill throughout the nations,  
Will join together in prayer and action  
To bring love where there is hatred,  
Friendship where there is enmity,  
And justice where there is oppression. Amen.*



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