

+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 1st of November: Feast of all Saints (Solemnity)

+Thursday 2nd of November: All Souls' Day

+Sunday 12th 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

A Prayer for Our Deceased

God our Father,

*Your power brings us to birth, your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.*

*Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.*

*I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.*

*In company with Christ, who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.*

*Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.*

Feasts of the week: Saturday, St. Charles Borromeo, bishop.

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 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!



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Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

29th October – 5th November 2023



Sunday 29.10	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - Mary Kennedy RIP Malayalam Mass	<p>The Pope's prayer intention for November 2023.</p> <p><i>For the Pope.</i> We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>This week's Mass Intentions for all parishioners</p>
Monday 30.10	No Service		
Tuesday 31.10	No Service		
Wednesday 1.11	10am	Holy Mass - All Saints Day Christ the King School children	
Thursday 2.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - All Souls' Day - followed by cemetery visit and prayers at Gilroes	
Friday 3.11	9.30am 10am 5.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Silent Adoration followed by Holy Qurbana	
Saturday 4.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 5.11	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - Maureen Walker RIP Malayalam Mass	

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support of World Mission Sunday will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Mission and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To support mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

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 are available now.

Please let Father George know if you are holding keys to the Presbytery, the Church or the Hall. There will be a list in 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 22:34-40.

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read [last Sunday](#). It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see [Matthew 22:22-33](#)). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

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.

It is with great sadness that we have heard of the passing away of **Miss Mary Kennedy RIP**, on Tuesday 24th October. She died peacefully after suffering from a stroke. Mary will be fondly remembered as a RE teacher at English Martyrs School for many years, by her past pupils and staff. In addition, she was a highly valued member of our Parish here at the Mother of God and continued to maintain her great love for us throughout her whole life. Whilst at this parish she was involved with our sacramental preparation classes for First Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation and a member of SVP. She also loved organising her tombola stall for our Christmas and Summer bazaars. Mary left our parish a few years ago for health reasons, to live near family in Bradford, but was missed by many here. Further details of her funeral will follow shortly.

**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.**

300 Club Draw 17th October: £50 G B (220). £25 N P (132), S P (118).

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: 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>.

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 or call Caritas on 0115 648 1509.

VACANCY: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has an opportunity for an outstanding quality assurance professional who will play a leading role providing audit and quality assurance capability to the CSSA to develop and maintain exemplary safeguarding practice across the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The role will contribute to ensuring that the voice and experience of survivors is the learning that permeates every aspect of CSSA policy, practice and culture. Salary: Up to £47,000. Location: Largely Home-based. Contract: Full Time. Closing date: 9am, Thursday, 16 November 2023.

Job Description: CSSA Safeguarding Quality Assurance Analyst. Applicants must confirm their right to work in the UK and forward a full CV and covering letter illustrating their skills and motivation for this role to: HR@cbcew.org.uk.

VACANCY: Parish Office Manager. We are looking for a highly motivated and self-directed Parish office manager to oversee the day-to-day finance and administration, seamless running the parish buildings, and communications for both our parish communities. The parish office manager will report functionally to the Parish Priest/Parochial Administrator as their line manager and will operate within the framework of the Diocese of Nottingham. Based at St. Thomas More, Knighton but occasionally work may be required at Immaculate Conception, Oadby office. Purpose of the role: management of the Parish office and finances including administrative support to clergy. Hours of work: 37.5 hours per week 8.30 to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday (Flexibility may be required, including occasional evening meetings). Apply by Monday 13th November with interviews on Friday 24th November. Applications to be sent to sttomasmorenknighton@gmail.com. Application form to be found on the Nottingham Dioceses website;: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers.

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.



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