

**+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.

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

**Blessing of Graves in Leicester**

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

**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.

**Results of 300 Club Grand Prize draw - 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

£1000 No 164 Fr G Thomas (MOG)  
 £400 No 227 Jim Waldron (StP)  
 £100 No 54 E Odell (BS)  
 £100 No 279 C Sarmiento (BS)  
 £100 No 208 C Cusack (BS)  
 £100 No 186 D Greaves (StP)  
 £100 No 21 G O'Garro (StP)  
 £100 No 163 B Fenn (StP)

**Results of 300 Club Weekly Prize draw - 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

£100 N Dyer (257). £50 G McKeefry (232). £25 P Flynn, M George (111).

**Our 300 Club year starts again in November**

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.



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

**Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914**



**Thirty-First Week of Ordinary Tim**

**5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**This week's Mass Intentions for all the deceased people of the Parish**

Sunday 5.11	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - Christopher Mukopfa / Maureen Walker RIP Malayalam Mass	<b>The Pope's prayer intentions for November 2023.</b>  <b>For the Pope.</b> 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.
Monday 6.11	No Service		
Tuesday 7.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Thomas Joseph RIP - Sibi Nedunilam RIP	
Wednesday 8.11	5.30am 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 9.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Formukong Thomas RIP	
Friday 10.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Kathreena Cherian RIP	
Saturday 11.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Chris Jacob Thanks - Chakiath Anthony & Thresiamma RIP	
Sunday 12.11	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass Malayalam Mass	

**The enrolment mass for our First Holy Communion children will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the 10.30am mass.**

**Feasts of the week:** Thursday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Friday, St Leo the Great, pope and doctor. Saturday, St. Martin of Tours, bishop.

**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.

**There will be a short meeting for all volunteers after Mass on Sunday.**

**As you are aware, Father George will be moving to Wolverhampton at the Parish Church of St. Anthony of Padua on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**He will be replaced by Father Hans Puthiakulangara - MST.**

**We wish Father George and Father Hans our best wishes in their new ministry.**

## Background on the Gospel Reading Matthew 23:1-12.

Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honoured and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honour in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

**Miss Mary Kennedy RIP**, died peacefully on Tuesday 24th October after suffering from a stroke. Mary will be fondly remembered by all of us here at Mother of God and also by past pupils and teachers at English Martyr's School where she was a RE teacher for many years. Mary's funeral will take place at St. Patrick's church Birstall, on Monday 20th November at 12 noon. Followed by a burial at Bowling Cemetery at 2pm. The wake will take place at Gomersal. Our deepest and sincere condolences to her family and friends.

**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.

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.

## 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>.

## VACANCIES

**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](mailto:HR@cbcew.org.uk).

**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 13<sup>th</sup> November with interviews on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Applications to be sent to [sttomasmoreknighton@gmail.com](mailto:sttomasmoreknighton@gmail.com). Application form to be found on the Nottingham Dioceses website;: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers).

## 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.