

+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 12th November:

Blessing of Graves in Leicester

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

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.

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.



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.

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

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914

	<p>32nd Week of Ordinary Time 12th – 19th November 2023</p> <p>Remembrance Sunday</p>	
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Sunday 12.11	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - Enrolment Mass 1 st HC children Deceased members of McCreesh family Holohan family ints. Malayalam Mass - KC Kochuveetil RIP Jijo Varghese & family thanks	<p>This week's Mass Intentions for all the deceased people of the Parish</p> <p>The Pope's prayer intentions for November 2023. For the Pope. 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>
Monday 13.11	No Service		
Tuesday 14.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Baby Moses Mendonca RIP Jose Joseph RIP	
Wednesday 15.11	No Service		
Thursday 16.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - All departed souls	
Friday 17.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Augustine K J RIP Mathai & Thresiamma Powathuparambil RIP	
Saturday 18.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - K P Cyriac RIP	
Sunday 19.11	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - John & Maria Luiza Miranda RIP K & P McCreesh Private ints. Malayalam Mass	

No children's Liturgy Today.

Feasts of the week: St. Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop, Patron of our Diocese.

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**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 available**  
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As you are aware, Father George will be moving to Wolverhampton at the Parish Church of St. Anthony of Padua on November 23rd. 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 25:1-13.

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In [last week's Gospel](#), we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

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.

300 Club Weekly Prize draw - 5th November 2023 £50 M K (12). £25 M F (74), E C (126).

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 for these courses or to discover more that is being offered please visit: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>.

Leicester Council of Faiths Open Meeting, InterFaith Food Sharing Festival and AGM. On Thursday 16th November from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Rushey Mead, Leicester, LE4 7ZB. There will be vegetarian and vegan food (available from 6.30pm) and we have four amazing women, talking about their personal response to the open meeting theme: Women and Faith.

Miss Mary Kennedy RIP, died on Tuesday 24th October. 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. For those people who are unable to attend Mary's Funeral, her requiem Mass will be streamed from St. Patrick's, Birstall, near Bradford Yorks on Monday 20th November at 12 noon. <https://stpatricksbirstall.org.uk/>. Our deepest and sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Christmas Bazaar at St. Patrick's Church, Beaumont Leys, Leicester LE4 2BD. On Saturday 25th November from 10.30am to 1.30pm. All welcome.

CANON CAUS ADVENT TEA. This event is principally for the benefit of our more elderly parishioners. It will follow on from our 4.00pm monthly St Peregrine devotion on Sunday 3rd December. There will be a light tea provided by caterers from DMU so we need to know numbers as soon as possible. Please sign the list at the back of church over this weekend and next if are interested. If anyone is willing to help with serving & transport please contact Sr Gabrielle 07944872154 or email marieclaireosc@gmail.com or John Gray after 10:30am Mass.

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.

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.