

Sunday 3rd December - First Sunday of Advent, Cycle B - Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

Sunday 10th December - Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle B - John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching repentance.

Sunday 17th December - Third Sunday of Advent, Cycle B. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.

Sunday 24th December - Fourth Sunday of Advent, Cycle B - Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

Monday 25th December - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass at Dawn - The shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant in the manger.

+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.

Blessing of Graves in Leicester: 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.

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.

Feasts of the week: Thursday, St. Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland.



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Thirty – Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

26 November – 3rd December 2023

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King.

**Day of
Special Prayer
for Young
People**

Sunday 26.11	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - Departed souls of the Hendrick Family Malayalam Mass - Rosily Anthony RIP/ M M Mathai RIP	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.
Monday 27.11	No Service		
Tuesday 28.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 29.11	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 30.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Thanksgiving by Roy Neethu & Aiden	
Friday 1.12	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 2.12	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 3.12	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Malayalam Mass Holy Mass - 1st Sunday of Advent Malayalam Mass	

**A warm welcome to Father Hans Puthiakulangara who will be our new Parish Priest.
We look forward to a happy ministry with us here at Mother of God Church.**

★ Our Christmas Bazaar has been a huge success. **We raised £2,677**, thanks to the hard work of the organisers and the helpers. We would like to thank you all and also a special thank you to our supporters who made it possible for it to be a success. We had a lovely time and was especially nice to see so many people in our church hall.

Thank you again!



Throughout Ordinary Time: Winter, we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and those who care for them, The Unemployed.

Background on the Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46.

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that [last week's parable](#) of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

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.**

Mrs. Eve McEaney RIP, died on 4th of November. She has been a long-standing member of our church. Her funeral will be held at MOG church on Monday 11th December at 10am, followed by burial at Gilroes Cemetery. Our sincere and deepest condolences to her family and friends.

300 Club Subscriptions
Members who pay yearly are reminded that subscriptions for the year 2022/23 are now due. Please put your cheque or cash in an envelope and hand it in to John Gray. If you are unable to attend church collection can be arranged by calling John on 0116 2312862. Thank you for your continued support.
300 Club Draw 18th November: £50 M P (29). £25 G P (43), A G (296).

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.

LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth). Calling all young people, families and friends at St. Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road, Leicester, LE2 3HN for an afternoon of craft and liturgy, on **Sunday 10th December 2023** creating cards with Christmas messages to be distributed to the sick and housebound, both at home and in hospital. Help us to pass on the Christmas message of hope, love and peace. Our afternoon begins at 3.00 p.m. and ends with a short liturgy at 4.30pm. The LACY team will be joined by one of the Chaplains from the Leicester Hospitals, Ed Pike, and your presence will make the afternoon very special. Christmas treats, mince pies and drinks will be served in the hall during the afternoon. **We're looking forward to seeing YOU!** More information from Pauline Payne - Tel: 07885 187374 or e mail joshearer@hotmail.com/paulinepayne@hotmail.com.

VACANCIES: Join the team. We're looking for an Outreach and Communications Assistant! The recent diocesan consultation found a strong desire across the diocese in becoming a more outward-facing Church. We are seeking to recruit a skilled, enthusiastic and creative communicator to work three days a week with Caritas, and two days with the Communications Department. This role will interest anyone keen to foster a more mission-minded Church and to support parishes in their outreach. The role may be fulfilled on a job-share or part-time basis, with hybrid working (at our office in Nottingham and at home) a possibility. Applications close on 11 December. The Diocese is also recruiting for a Young Adult Ministry Lead, to develop the diocese's work among those aged 18-35. Applications for this role close on 6 December [Visit the diocesan vacancies page](#).

Prayer for peace in Israel and Gaza
Let us pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.
We remember especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies.
We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace.
May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.
Lord, hear us.
Our Lady of Palestine, pray for us

The need for food banks in the UK is higher than ever before.
In the wake of food poverty and often struggling with financial distress, our parish, this year would like to encourage parishioners to donate to food banks.
Please help by donating an item of dry food, tin etc. this Christmas or, if you prefer, there will be a box in the church porch for your donations, which will be taken to the nearest food bank. Thank you
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