



PEACE SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2024

For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we know that we do need to think about the consequences

of the advances in AI for peace and justice.

"at the start of the New Year that the rapid development of forms of artificial intelligence will not increase cases of inequality and injustice all too present in today's world, but will help put an end to wars and conflicts, and alleviate many forms of suffering that afflict our human family,".

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.**

Cycle of prayer during Ordinary Time (Winter).

Peace on Earth. Openness to the Word of God. Christian Unity.

The Sick and Those who Care for Them. Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it. The Unemployed.

300 Club Draw 7th January 2024: £50 J S (99). £25 R F (218), Mrs J F-MK (246).



Almighty God,

**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!

FOODBANKS. Thank you so much to all that donated food for the FOODBANKS. It is very much needed. Please continue to donate, if you can.



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Second Week of Ordinary Time

14th – 21st January 2024



Peace Sunday

Sunday 14.01	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite English Mass - David Mason RIP Holy Mass in the Syro- Malabar rite	The Pope's prayer intentions for January 2024. For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.
Monday 15.01	No Service		
Tuesday 16.01	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Anna Patricia Periera Intentions.	
Wednesday 17.01	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Anthony, Abbot	
Thursday 18.01	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Jean Hidelaratchi RIP	
Friday 19.01	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 20.01	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 21.01	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass in the Syro- Malabar rite English Mass Holy Mass in the Syro- Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS.

A Letter from Bishop Malcolm McMahon will be read today in place of the Homily.

Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish, also let's pray for the deceased 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 storm and flooding and have lost their home and livelihood.

**Induction Mass of Father Hans
will be on Saturday, 10th February 2024 at 2.00pm.**

Background on the Gospel Reading John 1:35-42

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

The Year of Prayer... 2024 being the second year of preparation for Jubilee Year 2025. Reflections from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer: To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing – God has taught us how to bless and we must bless – through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: "The prayer of blessing is our response to God's gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing" (n. 2626). Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

Diocesan Catechist Formation Courses. A six sessions crash course in the fundamentals of Catholic belief. It is aimed to give you a broad knowledge of Catholic theology and how to present it. Missionary Catechesis - this course is also four sessions and explores whys to advance your parish catechesis, to go beyond sacramental preparation and to adapt catechesis for those with special or additional needs. The cost for Discipleship Catechesis is £50 and Missionary Catechesis is £25, it is normal for parishes to cover the cost of Catechist training so please speak to your parish priest about funding. The course will be starting on Wednesday 24th January - 7pm on Zoom. You can sign up/request more information from: [get in touch](mailto:adult_formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk). More information on the courses please email: adult_formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Synodality 101. Three free workshops on running Conversations in the Spirit. Wednesday evenings from 24 January. Last October the Synod assembly in Rome used a process of spiritual conversation throughout its month-long meeting - an experience which many found to be revelatory. The UK-based School for Synodality is running a series of online evening workshops to help people experience, facilitate and lead these conversations in the Spirit. It will introduce the principles of holding prayerful, truthful and safe conversations which value gracious listening and courageous speaking. Two initiatives in this bulletin will be using the same method of discernment - Do Justice, the workshops for civic renewal outlined above, and Hope & Anchor, our own invitation for the Year of Prayer described below. It would be good to build up a team of people in the diocese confident in this simple method of facilitation. If you do take part, feel free to [let us know](#): [Find out more about Synodality 101](#).

Gathering for Young Adults - Christus Vivit is the Diocesan ministry to Young Adults aged 18-35. Our group gathers here in Leicester meeting on the fourth Thursday of every month at Sacred Heart, Mere Road. With a time of prayer, a talk led this month by Fr. Benedict OP, a group discussion and a social time at a local pub. This month's gathering will be on Thursday 25th January 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.

Homes for Ukraine. Join us on Friday, February 2, at 2:30pm at The Frassati Centre, Holy Cross Priory, 45 Wellington St, Leicester LE1 6HW for a Homes for Ukraine gathering hosted by SJOG and CSAN. Nearly two years since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the number of those still wishing to evacuate and find refuge in the UK continues to be high. It is a programme run by St John of God Hospital Services in partnership with Caritas Social Action Network. We offer a matching pathway & training and support programme for sponsors and individuals displaced by the war in Ukraine. We support people on their journey and provide opportunities to integrate into community life in the UK. You will find a wealth of useful information about hosting that will give you a clear understanding to help you decide if it is right for you. A great opportunity to learn about Ukrainian refugees. Please register on <https://forms.office.com/e/7p54vDsGbz>.

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English Martyrs' Catholic School. Teacher of Religious Education, 32.5 hours per week. Perm/full time. Salary/Grade: £28000-£43,685(FTE) MPS1-UPS3. Start Date: Sept 2024. Closing date: 9am 25th January 2024. Our school is highly successful and has 1200 students aged 11-19. Our catchment draws from the west side of Leicester. We have strong Catholic values and pride ourselves our care/commitment to all. Our governing body and the Principal are looking to appoint a Teacher of Religious Education to support students to reach their full potential. We will offer the successful applicants a happy, welcoming and supportive team where everyone is committed to staff development and raising standards for all in an enjoyable and purposeful environment. To apply for this role please visit the Trust vacancies page www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies/ and submit your application no later than the closing date stated above.