

**FUNDRAISING AND PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER.** Derby City Mission is pleased to offer a new opportunity for a Fundraising and Partnerships Manager to join the team. If you are looking for an exciting new challenge, in a fast-paced environment, then this role is for you. You will work closely with the Senior Team and your colleagues to maintain and grow the charity's Individual Giving income along with developing Church and Corporate connections. Please send your completed application form back to us by 5pm on Monday 22nd January 2024. You are welcome to ring for more information and an informal chat (from 2nd January 2024). Please contact Elle Warrener, Managing Director, on 07927 355434. Interviews dates: w/c 22nd or 29th January 2024 to be arranged. [DOWNLOAD THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION HERE.](#) [DOWNLOAD AND COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM HERE.](#)

**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 please visit the Trust vacancies page [www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies/](http://www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies/) and submit your application no later than the closing date stated above.

**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.**



**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!**



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**Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - [www.ctkleicester.co.uk/](http://www.ctkleicester.co.uk/)  
English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - [www.emschool.co.uk/](http://www.emschool.co.uk/)**

**Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914**



**Third Week of Ordinary Time**

**21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Sunday 21.01	6.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass in the Syro-Malabar rite English Mass Holy Mass in the Syro- Malabar rite	<b>The Pope's prayer intentions for January 2024. For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church.</b> 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 22.01	No Service		
Tuesday 23.01	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 24.01	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor	
Thursday 25.01	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - The conversion of St. Paul	
Friday 26.01	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - SS Timothy & Titus, bishops	
Saturday 27.01	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - James Camilo (Birthday)	
Sunday 28.01	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass in the Syro- Malabar rite English Mass - Frances McLaughlin RIP Holy Mass in the Syro- Malabar rite	

**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.**

**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, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 2.00pm.**

## Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark. The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead, Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfilment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them “fishers of men.” James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfilment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

**300 Club Draw 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024:** £50 R F (218). £25 R B (252), Mr N P (132).

Last year, the 300 Club raised £7,500 (£2,500) for each church! Many thanks to everyone who is part of this fundraising parish lottery and an especially thanks to those who organise and promote it. A particular mention to Donna Brighton who died last year. May she rest in peace.

### 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.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Holocaust Memorial Day 2024.** We have great pleasure in inviting you to Leicester city's annual commemorative event, which is taking place at a new venue this year. The event will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm in De Montfort University's Hugh Aston Building, The Newarke, Leicester, LE2 7BY. The national theme this year is “Fragility of Freedom”, which not only provides an opportunity for us to remember the Holocaust and subsequent genocides, but also gives us the chance to celebrate our differences and diversity. We very much hope you will be able to join us on this important occasion and look forward to welcoming you on the day. Please reply to: [tonynelson32000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonynelson32000@yahoo.co.uk). Parking is available at the University's Staff and Visitor Car Park at a cost of £2.

**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. 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 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. Please register on <https://forms.office.com/e/7p54vDsGbz>.