

Parish Council Update

The recent Parish Council Meeting on March 20th discussed a number of issues which we want the community to be aware of, as we move forward under the direction of Fr Hans.

1. There is a need to update the Parish Census. This process began last Sunday and will continue in the weeks ahead. Ian, the Chair of the Parish Council, will ask those who believe they are not on the parish census to give their details to Sharon at the end of Mass. A good number of people did so last Sunday. If you are new to the parish, you are very welcome and we would like you to make yourself known.

2. The parish website needs to be updated and work has begun to build a new site that is relevant and useful to all members of our community. We hope to have this work completed in the coming months.

3. The Parish Hall is in urgent need of repair. We agreed there needs to be a short term and a longer-term plan to renovate the Hall which is a valuable asset for our community and others who wish to use it. There are repairs which need to begin immediately and the approximate cost will be around £9,000. After Easter there will be a Second Collection to raise funds for the repairs. The date will be given later. We know how generous you are and know your response will be of great help.

4. The Finances of the parish would benefit from Planned Giving (Envelopes) and Standing Orders. Planned Giving allows the Parish to claim from HMRC, 25% of what is given. More on this later.

5. After Easter, Fr Hans will give a talk on the 'Syro-Malabar' Rite. Every Sunday, large numbers of parishioners from Kerala celebrate Mass (Qurbana) in the Syro-Malabar Rite which is very different from the Latin Rite which is celebrated at the 10.30 Mass. The Syro Malabar liturgy is ancient, dating back to the early days of the Church so it would be good for all of us to understand its history and development. The talk will be accompanied by food and soft drinks. Date to be announced, but it will be a Wednesday evening.




6. We recognise the need for the parish to grow and mature. Our aim is to encourage a strong faith in our younger people through worship, Family Life and Peer support. Plans are being developed through the Diocesan Outreach Service.

7. An International Mass will be celebrated on September 29th.

We shall continue to advise on Parish Council Meetings and developments.

Ian McKay - Chair of Parish Council.

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.

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		Third Week of Eastertide 14th – 21st April 2024	Mass intentions this week for all parishioners
Sunday 14.04	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass in the Syro- Malabar rite English Mass Holy Mass Syrio-Malabar rite	The Pope's prayer intentions for April 2024. For The Role Of Women Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.
Monday 15.04	No Service		
Tuesday 16.04	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 17.04	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 18.04	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 19.04	9.30am 10.30am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 20.04	9.30am 10.30am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 21.04	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION TO BE TAKEN NEXT SUNDAY FOR CLERGY FORMATION FUND

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.

PS: End of term letter for parents from Mr Calen, Principal of English Martyr, in the church porch and on the website.

Cycle of prayer during Eastertide, we pray for those intentions:
 New Members of the Church, Human Work, Vocations, Survivors of Abuse,
 The Right Use of the Media, The Church.



Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall. Please join us!

Background on the Gospel Reading Luke 24:35-48.

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus's best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

300 Club Draw 7th April 2024: £50 N P (132). £25 A P (86), E P (83).

We need to identify a parishioner called M Nazareth, please contact Fr. Hans or John Gray at the back of the church.

Envelopes for April 2024 to March 2025 - Would you like a Box?

Please let Hope know or add your name on the list on the table at the back of the church. Also please sign the Gift Aid Declaration if you pay tax. For existing parishioners who have previously received a box of envelopes, please note the following: if your box replacement is not on the table at the entrance of the church, please put your name on the attached list. Tell us the number on your envelope and confirm you are a tax payer. **Thank You.**

'Talking Philosophy: A Carmelite Perspective' meets on zoom on first Wednesdays of each month from 7:45pm logging on, for an 8:00pm prompt start (with latecomers logging on when they can) and finishing promptly at 10:00pm. Key contacts Rev Deacon James Hunter CertEd BA MA OCDS james.hunter@dioceseofnottingham.uk. [01507 525274](tel:01507525274).

[Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East \(FACE\)](#) is pleased to announce the annual International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, which will take place on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (5 May 2024), with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India. This Day of Prayer - promoted by FACE in partnership with the Dicastery for Oriental Churches - offers Eastern and Western Christians an opportunity to come together in prayer during the season of Easter. The occasion unites the Roman Catholic Church in Europe and the Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the Bishop of Rome. Please join us on this occasion in praying for an end to war and the reestablishment of unity and peace, and to give thanks for the steadfast witness of Eastern Christians in holding fast to their faith, traditions and biblical homelands, even though many suffer the effects of war and discrimination, especially those in Ukraine and the Palestinian territories who are dispossessed and displaced.

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In 2023 our parish raised **£724.45** through the red boxes, including individuals giving directly. Our missionary community here at Mother of God is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more.

Please bring your red MISSIO box to church to emptied and collect your free magazine. If you would like a Red Box, please speak to Maila Taylor.

The Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Patrick between Monday 15th and Friday 19th July. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for the full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Saturday 15 June. 11am - 4.30pm. Join with Bishop Patrick as we seek Our Lady of Walsingham's intercession for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese. For more information contact Father Neil Peoples 01283 564814 or vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk or

FOODBANKS. We are extremely grateful to all the parishioners who donate food for the FOODBANKS. It is very much needed. Please continue to donate, if you can.

A huge thank you to all of you!