

### Parish Safeguarding Representative

The Parish needs to urgently recruit a volunteer to take on the role of Parish Safeguarding Representative. The role is mainly administrative and coordinates the DBS applications and renewals of volunteers within the parish. A high level of attention to detail is required but training will be provided by the Diocese and support will also be available within the parish. More details of the role can be found on the Nottingham Diocese website under Safeguarding.

[www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/safeguarding](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/safeguarding).

If you are interested in this role please speak to Fr Hans or if you would like more information speak to John Gray.

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

**A huge thank you to all of you!**

**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.**

**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.

**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.

### World Communication Day Prayer

O God,

whose word is truth and in whose light we see light,  
guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth  
and advocates of human dignity.

Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,  
and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world,  
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence  
and of longing for your peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen



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English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - [www.emschool.co.uk/](http://www.emschool.co.uk/)

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



### Seventh Week of Eastertide

12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### World Communication Day

**Mass intentions  
this week for all  
parishioners**

Sunday 12.05	10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass - Martin Lores RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<b>The Pope's prayer intentions for May 2024.</b>  <b>For The Formation Of Men &amp; Women Religious &amp; Seminarians</b>  Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.
Monday 13.05	No Service	Our Lady of Fatima	
Tuesday 14.05	No Service	St. Matthias, Apostle	
Wednesday 15.05	No Service		
Thursday 16.05	No Service		
Friday 17.05	No Service		
Saturday 18.05	6pm	Holy Mass	
Sunday 19.05	10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass - Margaret & Frank Quinn RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY.

The Sisters' Mission of England and Wales wish to thank all the parishioners of MOG, Leicester for their generous donation towards the Annual Mission Appeal 2024.

Your generosity amounted to £234.30. We are grateful for your support and may God reward you all.

### Summer Fayre on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June after Mass

Please bring your unwanted gifts, bric-a-brac, all new and in good condition items, cakes and groceries to church.

We also need items for the raffle and for the bottle stall.

Can you also bring your raffle tickets/money to church ASAP.

**Thank you.**

## Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 16:15-20.

Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfilment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

**300 Club Draw 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024:** £50 M W (137). £25 L Y C H G (219), T A (206).

**Information for all Eucharistic Ministers.** The Leicestershire Eucharistic Ministers Renewal Day is on June 22nd 2024 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Leicester Road, Hinckley, Leics. LE10 1LW. The day will begin at 10:30 am with tea and coffee followed by our first talk and will finish between 3 - 3:30pm. *Many thanks - Mairead*

**Join us online at the Hope and Anchor!** Tuesday 14 May, 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. In a series of monthly drop-in sessions for the 2024 Year of Prayer, we are offering a contemplative but convivial space - somewhere where we can reconnect prayer, hope and action. You will be very welcome to join our next online session on 14 May, and again on 10 June. Hope & Anchor is a place to call home, to which we can return from mission to: rediscover contemplation as the ground of our action be nourished by spiritual conversation for our work in the world test out a sense of call with people we can trust experiment with ways to support each other in mission find a 'mooring' even when the seas are rough. If you've already registered there is no need to do so again - we'll send you the Zoom link (the same as last time) in the morning of the meeting. If you'd like to sign up for your first session, click the link below - we look forward to meeting you at Hope and Anchor. [Register for Hope and Anchor](#)

**'Talking Philosophy: A Carmelite Perspective'** meets on zoom on first Wednesdays of each month from 7:45pm logging on, for an 8pm 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](mailto:james.hunter@dioceseofnottingham.uk). [01507 525274](tel:01507525274).

**Young People's Mental Health Event**, Tuesday 14th May, arrival from 6.30pm for a prompt 7pm start at the MKA Community Centre, Dashwood Road, Evington, Leicester, LE2 1QJ. As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, we are hosting an event exploring young people's mental health post COVID-19. Please do come along and listen to our inspirational speakers, and join in the discussion, about this very important topic. Free, light refreshments will be served. Entry is free and everyone is welcome to attend. Street parking is available close by on Dashwood Road and surrounding streets. The nearest public pay and display car park is located at Victoria Park, approximately a 15 minutes walk away. If you would like more information about the event, please contact Emma Buckler, Leicester Council of Faiths Manager on 07512 893613 or email [info@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk](mailto:info@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk)

**New Parks Men's Shed.** The New Parks Men's Shed is now open and is looking for volunteers with an interest in promoting men's mental health to join the project. They offer a warm and friendly environment where local people can work on making things, repairing tools or gardening. If you can help, or feel that you could benefit from this activity, then pick up an information leaflet from the back of the church or speak to John Gray.

**Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth being introduced:** Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. Take action: To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth).

**From Chris & Netsai Mukopfa:** Dear all, Thank you so much for your heartfelt support and attendance at our 25th wedding anniversary celebration. We will treasure each message and expression of kindness, knowing that we are truly blessed to have such wonderful people in our lives. As we reflect on this milestone and the scripture from Matthew 25:40, we are reminded of the importance of kindness and compassion towards others. Your presence and support have shown us the true meaning of community and friendship. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making our anniversary celebration so memorable and meaningful.