

### 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.

**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.**

**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.

### 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.**



### Prayer for the Holy Spirit's Guidance

Heavenly Father,  
We thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
Guide us with Your Spirit,  
Fill our hearts with Your love,  
And lead us to live according to Your will.  
**Amen.**


### Prayer for Unity and Love

Dear Lord,  
On this day of Pentecost,  
We ask for Your Spirit to bring unity among us.  
Fill us with love for one another,  
And help us to spread Your peace and joy.  
**Amen.**

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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**

<p><i>Pentecost Sunday</i></p> 	<p><b>Pentecost Sunday</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b> <b>Day of Special Prayer for the Church</b></p>	<p><b>Mass intentions this week for all parishioners</b></p>
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Sunday 19.05	10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass - Margaret & Frank Quinn RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p><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.</p>
Monday 20.05	No Service	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	
Tuesday 21.05	No Service		
Wednesday 22.05	No Service		
Thursday 23.05	No Service	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	
Friday 24.05	No Service		
Saturday 25.05	6pm	Holy Mass- St Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor	
Sunday 26.05	10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass - Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

### SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY.

### Prayer for peace

**On Monday 20th May at 11.50am** you are invited to join Bishop Patrick in Prayer for Peace. This short period of prayer is a schools' response to the various conflicts affecting thousands of people across the world, especially in Sudan, Gaza and Ukraine. Joining together in prayer will be a powerful way of showing solidarity with those suffering in these countries. Please join with Bishop Patrick in praying the Angelus and CAFOD's Prayer, 'Peace is...'. This on-line event can be accessed via the link below, with cameras and microphones automatically turned off to ensure the safeguarding of all students: <https://bit.ly/3QEFuFi>.

**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.

### Mother of God Holy Communion:

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am: Malayalam Holy Communion.**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am: English Holy Communion.**

### **Background on the Gospel Reading John 20:19-23.**

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles' mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

**300 Club Draw 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024:** £50 J F (148). £25 Fr JJ M (300), G K (169).

**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).

**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.

**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!**

**An Evening with Sherry Weddell.** Tuesday 21st May 6-8PM Online. A LIVE bespoke talk for the Diocese of Nottingham from Sherry Weddell, an internationally renowned speaker and author of "Forming Intentional Disciples". This is a FREE evening but registration is essential.

**Young Adults Evening Leicester.** An evening of prayer, witness & community for those aged 18-35 on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 6.15pm, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Mere Road, Leicester. This month's speaker is Dame Karen Foong! Karen will be giving a talk on Mary and why she is so important to us as Catholics.

**Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris** (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024).

**Faith and Footprint.** Join our next workshop for anyone praying and working for a greener Church and world, Monday 3 June, 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. Three times a year Caritas host an online workshop to help us connect our faith with care for the Earth, taking a lead from Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. Our next workshop, on 3 June, will feature: An update on opportunities to decarbonise our parishes and help the diocese reach net zero. Sharing plans and ideas for the Season of Creation, which starts on 1 September. Exploring how to exercise our vote for the good of the planet as a general election looms! Click below to register, and we'll send you a Zoom link on the day of the meeting. [Register for Faith and Footprint.](#)

**Join us at the cutting edge of outreach.** The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham has an exciting opportunity for someone with an interest in social justice, environmental sustainability and community engagement. Its aim is to foster confident, resourceful, outward-facing Catholic communities which make an impact for the Gospel in their neighbourhoods and wider world, especially to help those on the margins of society. The successful person will provide community development support to an evolving portfolio of local projects, lead on delivery of some externally funded projects (and provide a supporting role in others), and build the capacity of parishes for outreach across the diocese. Through membership of the Caritas Social Action Network of England and Wales the diocese is a part of the worldwide humanitarian network of Caritas. The role is for 22.5 hours per week, which we suggest is worked over four days, and is currently funded for two years. Out-of-hours working, including weekend/evening working, will be necessary on occasion. The annual salary is equivalent to £23,400 full-time (£14,040 actual at 22.5 hours a week). Applications are open now and will close on 20 June. [See our advert on the diocesan website](#) [Email for more on Commission membership.](#)

**Support Caritas as a volunteer.** If you'd prefer to give just a little time, why not enquire about joining our Justice and Peace Commission or another of our topic-focused groups? We're looking for people who'd like to help guide the work of Caritas and connect with parishes in their area. These roles do not demand a lot of time - at a minimum it would need an hour a month on average - what you do beyond that can be up to you and tailored to your passions and circumstances. For the Commission, we are particularly keen to hear from people of Lincolnshire or Nottinghamshire outside the city. However, wherever you are, if you are interested in the work described above and informing our strategy, get in touch. We'll send more information to help you find your part to play. [Email for more on Commission membership.](#)