

### 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.**



### A Prayer for our Parish Community

**Almighty God,**  
**we pray for your blessing on all who**  
**share in the life and work of our Church and Parish:**  
**In the ministry of word and sacrament,**  
**in teaching and pastoral care,**  
**in service to the Diocese and Deanery.**  
**The community and those in need,**  
**in ecumenical fellowship and co-operation.**  
**We pray for all members of the congregation,**  
**that in their life and work they may advance**  
**your kingdom and bear witness to your love,**  
**shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

		<b>Mother of God</b> <b>Greencoat Road</b> <b>Leicester LE3 6NZ</b>  <b>☎(0116) 287 5232</b> <b>✉nogparish@gmail.com</b> <b>www.motherofgodleicester.co.uk</b>	<b>Parish Priest: Fr Hans Puthiakulangara</b> <b>e-mail: <a href="mailto:hansps83@gmail.com">hansps83@gmail.com</a></b> <b>mob: 07428658756</b>   <b>NRCDT- Registered Charity</b>
<b>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - <a href="http://www.ckleicester.co.uk/">www.ckleicester.co.uk/</a></b> <b>English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - <a href="http://www.emschool.co.uk/">www.emschool.co.uk/</a></b>			
<b>Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914</b>			
		<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>  <b>Ninth week of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Mass intentions</b> <b>this week for</b> <b>all parishioners</b>
Sunday 2.06	10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<b>The Pope's prayer</b> <b>intentions for June 2024.</b>  <b>For Those Fleeing Their</b> <b>Own Countries</b> Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.
Monday 3.06	No Service	SS Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs of Uganda	
Tuesday 4.06	No Service		
Wednesday 5.06	No Service	St. Boniface of Crediton, bishop and martyr.	
Thursday 6.06	No Service	St. Norbert, bishop	
Friday 7.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Holy Communion children ints.	
Saturday 8.06	10.30am	Malayalam Holy Communion	
Sunday 9.06	8am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite English Holy Communion Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

**Cycle of prayer during Ordinary Time**, we pray for these intentions: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews. Those who Suffer persecution, Oppression, and Denial of Human rights. Europe. Human Life. Seafarers.

### Mother of God Holy Communion

Children from the Malayalam Community will have their First Holy Communion on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. Children from the English Community will have their First Holy Communion on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June during the 10.30am Mass.

**Please keep all the children and their parents in your prayers.**  
**A very special thank you to their catechists,**



## Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 14:12-16,22-26.

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead, he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ own blood. Mark’s Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

**300 Club Draw 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024:** £50 M A (138). £25 S O’R (157), R H (135).

**Triskelion Ceilidh Band Gig for Gaza:** Friday 7 June, 7:00-10:00pm. Christchurch Baptist Church, Clarendon Park Road. LE2 3AH. Admission: £10 on the door. All proceeds to Medecins Sans Frontieres.

**Great Big Green Week 8 - 16 June.** We are encouraged to participate in local community activities aimed at mitigating the climate emergency and looking after our common home - such as the vegan food event at the Quaker meeting house on Queens Road. Follow the link for this and other events: <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/find-an-event/>.

**Marriage Retreat - Retrouvaille** is a Catholic ministry for married couples who are having difficulty in their marriage, it is a Catholic programme but it is open to couples of any, mixed, or no faith. They will be having their next retreat 14th-16th June more information can be found here: [Retrouvaille](#).

**Walsingham Pilgrimage:** Gather together with Bishop Patrick on Saturday 15th June at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham 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 see the poster at the back of church, or contact Father Neil Peoples 01283 564814 or [vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or Deacon Seamus O’Looskan 0116 251 1437 or [seamus.olooskan@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:seamus.olooskan@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

**Calling Foundation Governors.** A virtual information session about being a foundation governor in one of our Catholic schools is taking place on Thursday 27th June from 7.00pm - 8.00pm. See the poster on the parish notice board, or contact: Julie Sweeney at [julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk).

**Support Caritas as a volunteer.** 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. If you are interested in the work described above get in touch. We’ll send more information to help you find your part to play. [Email for more on Commission membership](#).

**SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election.** As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure political parties commit to taking action to tackle poverty and injustice. CAFOD and the SVP have produced resources to help us do so. *All citizens, therefore, should be mindful of the right and also the duty to use their free vote to further the common good.* (Gaudium et Spes #75). **Step 1:** make sure If you’re a student, you may be able to register to vote at both your home address and your term-time address, but you can only vote once. [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/who-can-vote/students](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/who-can-vote/students). Can you gather a parish team to share the Year of Encounter resources? Contact [cmdanaher66@gmail.com](mailto:cmdanaher66@gmail.com). Would you like to join the Caritas Leicester and Leicestershire WhatsApp group to keep up to date with this and other campaigns in your area? Contact [cmdanaher66@gmail.com](mailto:cmdanaher66@gmail.com).

**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. The role is for 22.5 hours per week, which we suggest is worked over four days, and is currently funded for two years. Applications are open now and will close on 20 June. [See our advert on the diocesan website](#) [Email for more on Commission membership](#).

**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!**