

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.

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.

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.



Prayer to St Joseph - Defender of Life

Dearest Saint Joseph, at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant,
you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son

in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you.

May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defence of human life -


especially where it is vulnerable or threatened,

Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. *Amen.*

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Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ckleicester.co.uk/
English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914

	<p>Tenth Week of Ordinary Time 9th – 16th June 2024</p>	<p>Mass intentions this week for all parishioners</p>
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Sunday 9.06	8am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass -English Holy Communion Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p>The Pope's prayer intentions for June 2024.</p>
Monday 10.06	No Service		
Tuesday 11.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Barnabas, Apostle, Patron of the Cathedral	<p>For Those Fleeing Their Own Countries 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.</p>
Wednesday 12.06	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Anthony Kurian RIP	
Thursday 13.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Anthony of Padua	
Friday 14.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - All deceased parishioner of the parish during the last year	
Saturday 15.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - All the deceased parishioner of the parish during the last year	
Sunday 16.06	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR DAY OF LIFE

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. The theme is The Lord is my Shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. Day for Life is marked on the same day by the three Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

Summer Fayre on Saturday 29th 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 3:20-35.

Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me.

In the section of the Gospel just before these verses, Jesus calls his Twelve Apostles. Now he performs his first exorcism. It is told within the context of conflict with his family.

A crowd so large has gathered that Jesus and his disciples are not even able to eat their bread. His family comes to take him away because they think he is beside himself. And the scribes think he is possessed by the devil. Jesus points out to them the absurdity of their thinking that he uses the devil to cast out demons. In fact, it is Jesus who ties up the strong man, Beelzebub, and overcomes him.

He concludes with a brief saying about the forgiveness of sins. All sin can be forgiven except for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. It's not known exactly what he means by this. It could be that the only sin that can't be forgiven is the one that cuts you off from the source of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit.

Mark then brings Jesus' family back into the picture. They are not presented in a critical light but are just trying to see him. This gives Jesus the opportunity to point out that family for him is not based on blood.

Words of the Holy Father: Jesus reacted with firm and clear words; he did not tolerate this, because those scribes, perhaps without realizing it, were falling into the gravest sin: denying and blaspheming against God's Love which is present and active in Jesus. And blasphemy, the sin against the Holy Spirit, is the one unforgivable sin – as Jesus said – because it comes from closing the heart to God's mercy which acts in Jesus. But this episode contains an admonishment which is useful to all of us. Indeed, it can happen that deep envy of a person's goodness and good works can drive one to falsely accuse him or her. Here there is true, lethal poison: the malice with which, in a premeditated manner, one wants to destroy the good reputation of the other. May God free us from this terrible temptation! And if, by examining our conscience, we realize that this weed is sprouting within us, let us go straight away to confess it in the Sacrament of Penance, before it grows and produces its evil effects, which are incurable. Be careful, because this attitude destroys families, friendships, communities and even society.

300 Club Draw 2nd June 2024: £50 R K (142). £25 A T (20), B P (281).

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](#).

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.

SVP and CAFOD are 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 or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

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](#).

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LOURDES 2024: 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.

Walsingham. 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 or Deacon Seamus O'Looskan 0116 251 1437 or seamus.olooskan@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

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Diocesan Family Day 2024 on Saturday 22nd June, 1.30 to 5pm. Trinity School, Beechdale Road, Aspley, Nottingham NG8 3EZ. Don't miss this free event for all ages. We will have a Mass with Bishop Patrick on the day. There will also be games, guests running sessions and activities, and food for everyone to enjoy. [Book your FREE tickets!](#)

VACANCY: 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 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!