

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.

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 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.



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

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Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914					
		Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time 23rd – 30th June 2024		Mass intentions this week for all parishioners	
Jesus Calms the Storm				The Pope's prayer intentions for June 2024.	
Sunday 23.06	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Dulio & Belmita Lopes RIP Juveline Intentions Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite		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.	
Monday 24.06	No Service	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist			
Tuesday 25.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass			
Wednesday 26.06	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass			
Thursday 27.06	No Service				
Friday 28.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Ireaneaus, bishop & martyrs			
Saturday 29.06	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Summer Fayre			
Sunday 30.06	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - SS Peter and Paul, Apostles Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite			

Second Collection next Sunday 30th June for Peter's Pence.

Summer Fayre next 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.

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 intentions.

Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 4:35-41.

Jesus calms the storm.

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead, he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, on the Twelfth Sunday of the Year: Three parables in Luke's Gospel emphasize how we need to be constant in our prayer. In the first a man asks for help from a friend in the middle of the night and does not give up until his friend responds; in the second a widow persists in asking the unrighteous judge for justice; in the third a publican and a Pharisee pray in the Temple. We see these three attitudes - insistence, patience and humility - reflected in the saints who persevered in prayer; may we persevere in prayer conscious that we never pray alone, but with Christ himself, in the power of the Holy Spirit. To read the full reflection and find more resources at Year of Prayer (dioceseofnottingham.uk).

300 Club Draw 16th June 2024: £50 W B (70). £25 J W (92), S P (118).

General election with CAFOD and SVP: we are encouraged to pray in the run up to the election, and to engage directly with election candidates using principles of Catholic Social teaching. Engagement could be by speaking to candidates on the doorstep, attending a hustings event, or sending letters/emails. Resources for all of these actions are available [here](#) (and may be in paper form in your parish).

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.

Inter Care - Medical Aid for Africa are holding a Ceilidh Fundraiser at The Rothley Centre on Friday 28th June. Help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary with the Turlough Band from Syston. £12 per person. Doors open 7pm. Book by texting Claudia Domin 07596449055 or email fundraising@intercare.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.](#)

The Briars: We offer a wide variety of venue hire opportunities and retreat experiences. To enquire about booking a stay or retreat please contact bookings@ndcys.com via email or call us on 01773 852044. We have availability all through the year and you can book a self-facilitated stay or a stay with full support from our programme team. Whatever your needs, we look forward to hosting you at The Briars soon!



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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!



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