

**From Ian McKay - Chair of The Parish Council**

At the time of going to Press the Parish Bazaar is still to come. However, our thanks go out to all who have organised the event and who have contributed towards what will be a successful parish occasion. The generosity of so many people cannot be gainsaid.

There will be a Parish Council Meeting in the near future and updates will be given in due course.

One important announcement concerns the International Mass in September. The music practices will begin on July 4th (Election Day) at 7.00pm. Entry to the church will be via the sacristy door. We need the music and worship to reflect the diverse communities, languages and cultures that make our parish so special. Please come. Attend the music practice sessions which are held every two weeks. Make this a priority. Many thanks.

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**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.

**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.**



**Almighty God,**




*Creator of the earth in which we live,  
Help us today in our search for peaceful ways  
To avoid wars, to eliminate terrorism and tyranny  
And to establish justice for peoples of all races and faiths.*

*We pray that the billions of peace-loving  
People of goodwill throughout the nations,  
Will join together in prayer and action  
To bring love where there is hatred,  
Friendship where there is enmity,  
And justice where there is oppression.  
Amen.*

**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.**



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

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		<b>Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time</b>  <b>7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>	<b>Mass intentions</b> <b>this week for all</b> <b>parishioners</b>
Sunday 7.07	8.30am  10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite - Ann & Alwyn Anto Thanksgiving. Holy Mass - Frank Burke RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<b>The Pope's prayer</b> <b>intentions for July</b> <b>2024</b>  <b>For The Pastoral Care</b> <b>of The Sick</b> Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.
Monday 8.07	No Service		
Tuesday 9.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 10.07	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 11.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe.	
Friday 12.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 13.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 14.07	8.30am  10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite - Sebastian Alumkal RIP Holy Mass - Kathleen Quinn RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	



**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR STELLA MARIS**

**Please use an envelope if you are a tax payer.**

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. The Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

Our grand total sales for the Summer Fayre was £2,629.35. I would like to thank our parish team who tirelessly worked so hard and for their unwavering support to make our fundraising a truly successful event. May it long continue, so that we can reach our goal to repair our church hall. On behalf of Father Hans and our parish team, we would like to thank you all for your love and support. May God bless us all. Teresa Knott.

## Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 6:1-6.

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a haemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk knows him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus. This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

**300 Club Draw 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024:** £50 F-MK (246). £25 G H (120), E W (234).

**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!**

**Mass Intentions.** 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. Please note: If the 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.

**VACANCY:** Serco is currently looking for a Roman Catholic Chaplain to join their team at HMP Fosse Way. The postholder's main responsibilities will include providing pastoral and faith-specific care to both prisoners and staff, leading worship, meditation, prayer and faith-specific meetings. Additionally, the postholder will be responsible for nurturing chaplaincy volunteers and contributing to the development of local policy, procedures, and practice. For further information, please visit Roman Catholic Chaplain - HMP Fosse Way Job Details | Serco Plc.

**CAFOD is offering 1-hour training sessions on Zoom** for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. Designed for beginners and anyone who needs to make announcements, ask for volunteers or speak on behalf of a charity or a parish appeal at Mass. Come along to learn new skills, practise, and discover how you can inspire our congregation. It'll be inviting, relaxed and fun! [Register here](#) to receive the link or use the QR code to the right with your mobile phone camera. Date and time: Saturday 13 July, 11am-12pm and Tuesday 16 July, 7pm-8pm.

**LOURDES 2024:** The Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Patrick between Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes) or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at [simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at the Catholic National Shrine led by Fr Zvonimir Pavičić OFM parish priest of St James, Medjugorje. 1.15pm Gathering, Rosary and Litany. Talk by Fr Zvonimir. Break (Sacrament of Reconciliation). 3.45pm Holy Mass, Adoration and Benediction. 5.30pm Depart. A coach will leave Leicester from St Patrick's, Beaumont Leys Lane, at 8am with a stop at St Joseph's, Uppingham Road. The cost of a return seat is £19. Children under 16 years £5. Please ring Paul Spencer on 07710567183 or email [pilgrimsomary@hotmail.com](mailto:pilgrimsomary@hotmail.com) for more information and to book a place. **See poster in church porch.**

**Family Pilgrimage Day at Mount Saint Bernard's Abbey.** On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Outdoor Mass at 2pm in the guest house garden, family picnic, (please bring a chair or picnic blanket & picnic). Marian procession followed by adoration and Benediction. This will be run alongside the Cyprian Tansi Pilgrimage held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August. It would be really lovely to join together our parishes, schools and families. The date chosen is the first weekend of the start of term. **See poster in church porch.**

**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](mailto: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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