Please Note: We are updating our new website.

If anyone has any memories or old photos of Mother of God Church and they would like to share for the new website, please speak to Sharon Pritchard after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday.

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.

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.

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.

End of term Letter from English Martyrs.

One copy will be available in the porch and also online.



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

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

21st - 28th July 2024

Mass intentions this week for all parishioners

Sunday 21.07	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite - Joyal Tom Thanksgiving Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	The Pope intentions 20
Monday 22.07 Tuesday 23.07	No Service 9.30am 10am	St Mary Magdalene Silent Adoration Holy Mass	For The Pa of Th Let us pra Sacrame Anointing of bestows to strength
Wednesday 24.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Bridget, Patron of Europe Day of special prayer for Europe.	
Thursday 25.07 Friday	No Service No	St. James, Apostle	
26.07	Service		receive it o loved ones,
Saturday 27.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - SS Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.	may become an ever more of compassi
Sunday 28.07	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	No Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

The Pope's prayer intentions for July 2024 for The Pastoral Care

of The Sick
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.

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Our parish raised £222.00. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk.

VOCATIONS

If you want to speak to someone about whether God might be calling you to the priesthood, contact Fr Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call 01283564814.



Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall.

Please join us!

Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 6:30-34.

Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.

In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

300 Club Draw 14th **July 2024**: £50 R K (142). £25 E W (85), J D (78).

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

MARRIAGE CARE: in partnership with the Diocese of Nottingham are looking for volunteers who would like to train to help local couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. If you would like to know more about what is involved in helping couples build their marriage on a firm foundation come to our webinar (with no commitment to train as a facilitator) on Wednesday 24th July at 7pm. Visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk to book your place.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday 28th July 2024. Pope Francis' message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2024, Reminds us that God never abandons his children, never. He chose the theme: "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf.Ps 71:9).https://bit.ly/3zHS0yi.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life is being held in Walsingham on Saturday 3rd August, led by Bishop David Oakley of Northampton Diocese. Information at: www.walsingham.org.uk/event/pro-life-pilgrimage-4/.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Monday 26th 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 pilgrimsofmary@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 1st 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 31st 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 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!

Volunteers are needed to tidy the church gardens, especially the spaces in front of the church.

Any help you can give will be much appreciated.

For further information, speak to Maila Taylor after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday, or send an email to the parish office (mogparish@gmail.com).

Thank you.