

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.

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.

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.

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.



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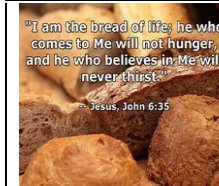
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**Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctlleicester.co.uk/
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Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time

4th – 11th August 2024

**Mass intentions
 this week for all
 parishioners**

Sunday 4.08	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	The Pope's prayer intentions for August 2024 For Political Leaders Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.
Monday 5.08	No Service		
Tuesday 6.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - The Transfiguration of the Lord	
Wednesday 7.08	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 8.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Dominic, priest	
Friday 9.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass- St Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe	
Saturday 10.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Bridie O'Grady RIP St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr	
Sunday 11.08	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

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.

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 Note

No refreshments in the Hall next Sunday 11th August.

Background on the Gospel Reading John 6:24-35.

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the “bread of life.”

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John’s report of Jesus’ walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John’s Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today’s Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today’s Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfilment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus’ true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors’ needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd’s blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John’s Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as “I am,” as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

300 Club Draw 28th July 2024: £ 100 P T (242). £50 Mr S V (73). £25 L M (53), M D (154).

Monastic Experience: The Abbot and Community of Pluscarden Abbey are delighted to offer young single Catholic men a Monastic Experience Weekend, during which they can live, work and pray with the Benedictine Community of Pluscarden Abbey. This will take place from Friday 16th - Sunday 19th August. Further information is available from Father Benedict Hardy at novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org.

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 pilgrimsmary@hotmail.com for more information and to book a place. **See poster in church porch.**

The SPANNED Annual Mass is being celebrated by Bishop Patrick at Saint Peter’s Church, Leicester Road, Hinckley on Saturday 21st September with our five diocesan groups and many friends, at 2.30pm. SPANNED has been working on climate change over the last two years and will present their findings to the bishop at the Mass in the form of a Manifesto, called “If you want to change the world, then change your life”. For more details contact Father Frank Daly after 25th August on 01455 634443 or at hinckleypriory@gmail.com. Likewise, if you are coming, we would like to know numbers so that you can stay with us for some refreshments afterwards. All are very welcome.



"Humanity's abuse of nature requires a true conversion and invites us to change our lifestyles." Pope Francis makes this appeal in his Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be held on 1 September. The Day, which this year is also the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, kicks off the annual Season of Creation, which is celebrated by Christians of all denominations until St Francis' feast day on 4 October. The Day's theme this year is "Hope and Act with Creation," drawn from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:19-25), in which the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit. Click below to watch a video summary of Pope Francis' message. For more information, please visit: <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/ne...>

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.**

UK March for Life 2024, London, Saturday 7th September: Public national witness to the humanity of the unborn child and the injustice of abortion. If you would like to be part of a group travelling from Leicester please contact: francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com, or text/call on 07943 711549. Information about the March for life movement can be found at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

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.