

The New Lectionary. The Lectionary, the books that contain the sacred Scripture Readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising the liturgical translations. The new Lectionary will come into force on the First Sunday of Advent 2024. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in a liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. **Buying copies of the New Lectionary will mean a considerable outlay for our parish church. We shall need to pre order the following in the next few weeks from CTS, for delivery by this October:**

Ambo Edition. A Four Volume set of the complete Lectionary for use at the Ambo at Mass - Total Price £695:

- Volume I £173.75 (to donate)
- Volume II £173.75 (to donate)
- Volume III £173.75 (to donate)
- Volume IV £173.75 (to donate)

A Processional Book of the Gospels for use at Sunday Masses, Solemnities and Feast days - Total Price £395. (50% £197.50 to donate).

In line with other parishes, I invite you, as members of our congregation, to consider making a monetary donation towards the purchase of the new Lectionary for our parish church. If you would like to make a monetary donation, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please speak with Fr. Hans in person. Donations should be put in an envelope marked "New Lectionary" which can be put in the collection plate at Mass on Sunday. All Donations, whether large or small, will be gratefully received, and I thank you in anticipation, for your kind generosity to our parish church. The purchase of a complete book would allow you to dedicate that book in the front in memory of a family member who has passed or a family name. Smaller donation will be collected together to purchase a shared book in 'Thanksgiving'.

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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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

	Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time	Mass intentions this week for all parishioners
11th – 18th August 2024		

Sunday 11.08	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Berenice O'Rourke RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p>The Pope's prayer intentions for August 2024</p> <p>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.</p>
Monday 12.08	No Service		
Tuesday 13.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 14.08	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass (Vigil) The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Thursday 15.08	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Private Intentions Mass Syro-Malabar rite Syro Malabar The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Friday 16.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 17.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 18.08	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

Recent violence on the streets of the UK has provoked anxiety for many people from ethnic minority and migrant backgrounds. We would like to reassure our parishioners, That Our parish is a House for all Nations. Let us pray and support each other.

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.

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.

Background on the Gospel Reading John 6:41-51.

Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd, who wonders what he means when he says that he came down from heaven.

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the "Bread of Life discourse" found in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father's will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today's Gospel reading.

Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today's reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

300 Club Draw 4th August 2024: £50 U N (44). £25 J F (82), Mr J G (23).

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 pilgrimsofmary@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/>

ADOREMUS. The focus of the day is on the Eucharist with Mass, Adoration and Benediction as well as keynote speakers; Bishop Alan McGuckian of Down and Connor; Sister Margaret Atkins OSA. It is being held at Saint Mary's, Oscott on Saturday 14th September. Tickets are £10.00 and are limited, being held for young adults, so it is first come first served. <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/adoremus-2024>.

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.

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.

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.