

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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English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914

	<p>Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time</p> <p>18th – 25th August 2024</p>	<p>Mass intentions this week for all parishioners</p>
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Sunday 18.08	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Sean Quinn intentions 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 19.08	No Service		
Tuesday 20.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St Bernard, abbot and doctor	
Wednesday 21.08	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Pius, pope	
Thursday 22.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - The Queenship of Mary	
Friday 23.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 24.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Bartholomew, apostle	
Sunday 25.08	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 6:51-58.

Jesus teaches that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live forever.

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarrelled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world.

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

300 Club Draw 11th August 2024: £50 H S (256). £25 A H (36), S K O (89).

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.**

On September 1st at the One Centre, 10 Frog Island at 7pm we are gathering from many churches in Leicestershire to pray and worship together. Over the past few weeks we have all been aware of unrest in our country, even in our own city. Our nation has been disturbed by sad events, and prejudice, violence and hatred have again surfaced. Jeremiah 29:7 reminds us to *pray for the prosperity of the cities we live in*, that God's peace would reign and light will overcome the darkness. We will *pray for those in authority*, as they make decisions and take measures to maintain peace across the land. We are called to demonstrate unity and be a sign and a symbol, an incredible example of deep love across ethnicities, always demonstrating real love in action and a place of refuge for all who need a home. Please join us as we will pray together. Prayer changes things.



"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>.

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.

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.**

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.

Thank you for your continued support.