

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.

A huge thank you to all the people that have contributed towards the cost of the new Lectionary Books.

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.

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.

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.






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.

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		Twenty-First Week of Ordinary Time 25th August – 1st September 2024	Mass intentions this week for all parishioners
Sunday 25.08	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 26.08	No Service		
Tuesday 27.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Saint Monica	
Wednesday 28.08	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St Augustine, bishop and doctor	
Thursday 29.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - The Passion of St. John the Baptist	
Friday 30.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - The Dedication of Our Cathedral	
Saturday 31.08	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 1.09	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.**

Education Sunday, 8th September 2024 is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 175 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. The theme for 2024 is, "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak", taken from St Mark's Gospel (7:31-37). There will be a second collection on Sunday 8th September.

SPUC Petition Event

Please do support the petition this weekend to remove the government's punitive 2-child benefit cap. Petition cards will be available in church or you can sign online going to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/end-benefit-cap>

Background on the Gospel Reading John 6:60-69.

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead, John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Twenty-first Sunday of the Year: Our parents, who first taught us to pray, planted within us a seed that matures through our experience of the Christian life. Particularly at difficult moments in life, we come to realize the importance of prayer in strengthening our faith and hope. Jesus insists on the need of his disciples to pray tirelessly and without ceasing: to pray and to teach others to pray is essential for the Church’s mission of proclaiming the Gospel, serving Christ in our brothers and sisters, and drawing all people into the unity of his kingdom. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

300 Club Draw 18th August 2024: £50 Fr. E J (122). £25 R K (102), C S (95).

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.

We are cordially invited to the Celebration of the Feast of St. Aidan’s on Saturday 31st August. Mass at St. Aidan’s Church at 12 noon, followed by buffet lunch.

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.