

New Missal

Hodder & Stoughton are publishing a brand new edition of The Sunday Missal for use with the new ESV-CE lectionary from Advent this year. It is available from all good bookshops and online., priced at just £18.99, and available in an attractive blue or red binding. Contains an easy-to-follow Order of Mass, introductions to all the seasons and readings as well as extra devotional material - a true spiritual companion (blue 9781399822831, Red 9781399822770).

Cycle of prayer during Ordinary Time - Autumn; we pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers. The Spread of the Gospel. The Harvest. The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation. Justice and Peace in the Worlds. All Victims of War. Young People. Prisoners and their Families.

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-Second Week of Ordinary Time 1 st - 8 th September 2024	Mass intentions this week for all parishioners
Sunday 1.09	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Mass Flag Hoisting & Holy Qurbana	The Pope's prayer intentions for September 2024 For the Cry of the Earth Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.
Monday 2.09	10am 5.30pm	Holy Mass (English) Followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist & Adoration Holy Qurbana	
Tuesday 3.09	10am 5.30pm	Holy Mass (English) - St Gregory the Great, pope and doctor - Followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist & Adoration Holy Qurbana	
Wednesday 4.09	10am 5.30pm	Holy Mass (English) Followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist & Adoration Holy Qurbana	
Thursday 5.09	10am 5.30pm	Holy Mass (English) Followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist & Adoration Holy Qurbana	
Friday 6.09	10am 5.30pm	Holy Mass (English) Followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist & Adoration Holy Qurbana	
Saturday 7.09	10am 5.30pm	Holy Mass (English) Followed by Exposition of the Holy Eucharist & Adoration Holy Qurbana	
Sunday 8.09	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Mass Holy Qurbana	

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).

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2024
 for EDUCATION SUNDAY.

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 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23.

Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B, but substitute John's report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark's report of this event.

In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus un masks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

300 Club Draw 25th August 2024: £50 M A (42). £25 J C (226), A F (264).

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. 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.

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: www.humandevlopment.va/en/ne...

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.

VACANCY: The Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service based at Mackworth, Derby, is seeking to appoint an Administrator / Receptionist to its team from 1st October. This role is for 21 hours per week, term time only. Please see www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers for further details. The closing date is Monday 16th September.

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.

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.

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