

## 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.

**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.**






**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.**

**PS: Mr Calen's Start of Term Letter on the Notice Board and on the table.**

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**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 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER FOR EVANGELII GAUDIAM.

Growing as missionary disciples. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations". Inspired by our ongoing Synodal process, Scripture, and Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, we have chosen the theme 'Growing as missionary disciples'. On the day itself, we can encourage the faithful to pray for our parish communities, that they would become intentionally missionary in their life and witness. Please support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate and hold this important work in your prayers.

**International Mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September with Bishop Patrick McKinney.**

## Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 7:31-37.

Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

### 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.

**300 Club Draw 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024:** £50 C S (95). £25 P F (244), M F (260).

**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>.

**Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, Sunday, 15 September 2024.** This year, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday will be celebrated in our parishes on 15 September 2024. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19. Inspired by our ongoing Synodal process, Scripture, and Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, we have chosen the theme 'Growing as missionary disciples'. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

**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](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers) for further details. The closing date is Monday 16th September.

**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 donate food for the FOODBANKS. It is very much needed. Please continue to donate, if you can.

**Thank you for your continued support**

### 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>



Please bring your red MISSIO box to church to be emptied and collect your free magazine. The Red Box is a vital source of support for countless people in need around the world. Thank you. If you would like a Red Box, please speak to Maila Taylor. World Mission Sunday, will be celebrated on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October.