

HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2024.

Give today so that people around the world can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. £10 can teach someone to read, can provide training like carpentry and sewing for those who missed out on school so they can earn a living, can buy all the tools, equipment and teaching materials for six months of carpentry training.

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR COLLECTION ENVELOPE IN CHURCH!

SECOND COLLECTION TO BE TAKEN ON SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER.

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.

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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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

	<p>Twenty-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time 22nd – 29th September 2024</p>	<p>Mass intentions this week for all parishioners</p>
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Sunday 22.09	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Family intentions Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p>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.</p>
Monday 23.09	No Service	St Pius of Petralcina	
Tuesday 24.09	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Manisha Shaji thanksgiving Our Lady of Walsingham	
Wednesday 25.09	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 26.09	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 27.09	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Biju Joseph RIP	
Saturday 28.09	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Joseph Pazulkunnel RIP St. Vincent de Paul, priest	
Sunday 29.09	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

International Mass on Sunday 29th September with Bishop Patrick McKinney. It would be lovely to see parishioners wear their National Dress. There will be food and refreshments in the Hall afterwards. Please bring savoury/sweet dishes for a sharing table. There will be a photographer for the website so, please let us know if you do not give permission for a photograph to be used. Thank you.

Congratulations to our new Chair of the Parish Council Mairead Collins, and Sharon Pritchard the new secretary. We would like to express our gratitude to Ian McKay for all his hard work during the last few years.

CENSUS UPDATE: There are Census forms on the table in the church porch. Please fill in a form, so that you could be added to our parish list. Also, let us know of any recent change of address. Please give your completed form to Fr. Hans or Sharon Pritchard.

Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 9:30-37.

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behaviour. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

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).

300 Club Draw 15th September 2024: £50 M J (217). £25 R H (135), K K (136).

Come and play the Cathedral Organ on Saturday 28th September, 12noon - 3pm. There's no need to book, simply turn up to Nottingham Cathedral (NG1 5AE) and enjoy a hands-on afternoon of activities, including the opportunity for children and young people to learn about and play the organ.

Open Evening for Year 6 students at English Martyrs' Catholic School on Thursday 3rd October 2024, 5.00- 6.45pm. Formal Address by Mr Calen, Principal at: 5.00pm, 5.25pm and 5.45pm in the Auditorium.

Sixth Form Open Evening at English Martyrs' Catholic School on Thursday 17 October 5.00 - 6.45pm.

IS GOD CALLING ME TO BE A PRIEST? Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood? If so, please contact Father Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at vocations@nottinghamdiocese.uk to book a place at the next discernment meeting taking place at Cathedral Hall, Nottingham at 10.30am on Saturday 5th October.

LACY's BIG SING 2024. After the success of last year's Big Sing, we at Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY) are holding another Big Sing 2024 at The Immaculate Conception Church, Oadby on Sunday 6th October 2024 at 4pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to share our faith and celebrate our talents through music and singing. We are inviting all young people, families, friends and parishes with their own music groups and choirs, to come along and be involved in the liturgy with their voices and instruments. We welcome anyone who plays an instrument to join our folk group and bring along percussion instruments to use during the event. Parish choirs/folk groups are welcome to sing/play favourite hymns. If you have any questions about the event or would like to be involved in playing with the folk group or singing as a choir, please contact: Pauline Payne email - paulinepayne@hotmail.com - tel: 07885 187374 or Jo Shearer - joshearer@hotmail.com.

Church at the Edge on Saturday 12th October, 11.15am- 4.00pm, in Corpus Christi Church, Cleethorpes, the 2024 Diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly. Join Caritas for a day to build parishes which reach to the margins of society. Starting with Mass with Bishop Patrick, the keynote speaker is Lord Maurice Glasman, director of the Common Good Foundation, also afternoon speakers on seafarers' chaplaincy, visiting migration detainees and growing greener churches. For details visit bit.ly/churchattheedge.

VACANCY: We are looking for a full time Night Porter to join the team at the Walsingham Trust. Based in our offices in Little Walsingham, Norfolk we administer the Catholic National Shrine. This is a role which requires someone who can demonstrate commitment and responsibility to providing a safe environment for visitors in our accommodation. Hours: 40 hours per week including weekends and Bank Holidays. There will be initial training during the day between the hours of 8am - 8pm, then training overnight. Closing date for applications: 27/9/24. For further information and/or a Job Description, please contact: recruitment@walsingham.org.uk.

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. Further details from www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers. The closing date is Friday 27th September.

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



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World Mission Sunday, will be celebrated on Sunday 20th October.