

Mother of God First Holy Communion Programme 2024-2025.

Applications forms for our First Holy Communion are now available in a box at the back of the church. Children from school year 3 or older and have been baptised are invited to apply. Parents, please be aware that your active participation will be needed in order to support your child throughout this programme. Please complete the application forms in block capitals and return them in a sealed envelope to the same box or to Father Hans directly. Thank you all very much and am looking forward to meeting you all soon.

Margaret Bobs

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.

West Leicester Catholic 300 Club

Thank you to all members for their continued support for this valuable fundraiser for Mother of God, Most Blessed Sacrament and St Peter. The Grand Prize draw will be held as follows and, as always, all parishioners from all three churches are invited to attend and a gentle reminder that only fully paid-up members are eligible for each.

draw: Date: **Wednesday 23rd October 2024. Time: 2 pm.**

Venue: Blessed Sacrament Hall, during the Drop in and Drop Off afternoon.

1st prize: £1,000 - 2nd prize: £400 - plus Six prizes: £100 each.

Plus, usual end of quarter prizes.

If you wish to become a member from November onwards pick up an application form from the notice board or see John Gray.

Harvest prayer 2024: Praise be to you, O God

Praise be to you, O God, source of life and goodness.

You fill the earth with abundance and love all that you have made.

*As we join creation in singing your glory,
teach us to care for our common home.*

Praise be to you, O God, revealed in Jesus, God with us.

*We hear the call of the Carpenter,
to carve a path to a better future.*

*Guide our hands to repair what's broken,
to build a just and peaceful world.*

*Praise be to you, O God, who enfolds us with the Spirit,
to call us deeper into the heart of love, to comfort and disturb.*

*Give us strength and courage
to work with you to make all things new.*

Amen.

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

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

6th - 13th October 2024

Rosary Today at 1.30pm, City Centre (opposite Sports Direct).



Sunday 6.10	8.30am 10.30am 3.30pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass-Thank God for Granddaughter Mbiku-Kinkela Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Monday 7.10	5.30pm	Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Our Lady of the Rosary (memorial)
Tuesday 8.10	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Wednesday 9.10	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass - St John Henry Newman, priest (Feast) Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Thursday 10.10	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass- St Paulinus, Bishop & the Anglo-Saxon SS of our Diocese (memorial) Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Friday 11.10	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Saturday 12.10	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Sunday 13.10	8.30am 10.30am 3.30pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite

The Pope's prayer intentions for October 2024
For A Shared Mission
Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER.

Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

Give today so that people around the world can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential.

International Mass with Bishop Patrick McKinney.

Bishop Patrick has written a message of thanks to Fr. Hans and wished to pass on to all of us, his gratitude for the warmth he has received and for the wonderful celebration of diversity that our Parish represents.

He also wishes to thank everyone who contributed to this very special occasion: The Altar Servers, the Musicians, the Choir and to all who contributed and served the wonderful buffet in the Church Hall.

Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 10:2-16.

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in [Deuteronomy 24:1-5](#). This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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,
Palestine and Lebanon and for all the war-torn countries in the world.**

Our Lady of Walsingham statue is travelling across the UK.

On the following days it will be in Leicester.

16th October 9am to 1pm at LRI Hospital chapel.

1pm to 4pm at Glenfield Hospital chapel.

4pm to 7pm at Mother of God Church.

On 17th October 10am to 2pm at Leicester General Hospital chapel.

We are honoured that Our Mother Mary's statue will be coming to our Church.

300 Club Draw 29th September 2024: £50 S C (287). £25 E G (240), V T (161).

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).

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

LACY's BIG SING 2024. We 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. For 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.

Caritas is working with Adult Formation to offer four interactive sessions to explore how we can reach those at the edge of our parish communities. **Pastoral Peripheries webinars.** **Each Monday in October at 7.00pm on zoom.** There are many people who visit our parishes, or have had some contact with us but feel distant from the community. How do we reach them? How do they know we care? How can we help them feel Christ's presence in our community? Each session will focus on a different group and what parishes are doing to help them feel part of the community and encounter Christ. The Sessions will be on **Families, The Bereaved, Neurodiverse Parishioners, The Socially Isolated.** Register on bit.ly/4dPPII7.

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.