

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. There will be an Introductory meeting for all parents of children who would like to be enrolled in our First Holy Communion Programme on Wednesday 30th October at 6.40, in the church, immediately following the 6pm mass. Thank you. **Margaret Bobs**

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.





Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in our parish collection or online and your prayers are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family. Learn more at cafod.org.uk/harvest ".

Mission Prayer

Loving God, inspire us to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet.'
Nourished from gathering around your table,
may our communities reflect your unconditional love,
so that all are welcomed with open arms,
and the most vulnerable find refuge, care, and compassion.
May our prayers and generosity bring strength to missionaries,
enabling them to share the joy that faith brings,
so that everyone, everywhere, may experience your hope and love,
renewing and healing our world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Stella Maris - Seafarers Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2024

An appeal for Christmas shoe boxes for the Seafarers Mission in Immingham is launched for 2024. A List of items will be in the church porch to remind people of what is needed. **The deadline will be 1st December. Thank you.**

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<p>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctlkeicester.co.uk/ English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/</p>			
<p>Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914</p>			
	<p>Twenty-Eighth Week of Ordinary Time</p> <p>13th -20th October 2024</p> <p>Prisoner's Sunday</p> 		
<p>Sunday 13.10</p>	<p>8.30am 10.30am 3.30pm</p>	<p>Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite</p>	<p>The Pope's prayer intentions for October 2024</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Monday 14.10</p>	<p>No Service</p>		
<p>Tuesday 15.10</p>	<p>9.30am 10am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass - Private Intentions St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin & doctor (memorial)</p>	
<p>Wednesday 16.10</p>	<p>5.30pm 6pm 4pm/7pm</p>	<p>Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass Our Lady of Walsingham Statue at our church</p>	
<p>Thursday 17.10</p>	<p>9.30am 10am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass - Whilemina Lopes Birthday ints. St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr (memorial)</p>	
<p>Friday 18.10</p>	<p>9.30am 10am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass - Mary Johny RIP Saint Luke, Evangelist (Feast)</p>	
<p>Saturday 19.10</p>	<p>9.30am 10am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass</p>	
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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
Pray with the Global Church

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the **Missio envelopes**, call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

CHRISTMAS Bazaar in the church hall

Will be on Saturday 14th December after Holy Mass with Carol Singing afterwards. There will be a short public meeting after Mass on Sunday 20th October, to start planning for the occasion. Raffle tickets will be available soon. Donations will be very much appreciated.

Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 10:17-30.

A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God. Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

Prisoners' Sunday-13th October. We will remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity support prisoners, their families and their children. Offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. To Donate, please visit - [Donate - Prison Advice and Care Trust](#).

300 Club Draw 6th October 2024: £50 E P (83). £25 S R (168), S S (6).

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.

Assisted Suicide: a threat to the vulnerable: a talk being given on Tuesday 15th October at 7pm in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AE by Professor David Jones, explaining why legalising assisted suicide would be a mistake. MPs will soon be voting on a bill to legalise assisted suicide. The danger of the legalisation of assisted suicide within the British Isles has never been greater. Please join us if you are able, or the talk will be livestreamed www.facebook.com/dioceseofnottingham For more information, contact John of Nottingham SPUC on 077578 15625 or spucnottingham@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

If you wish to contribute to the Parish Funds, please use these Bank Details. If you are a tax-payer, please request a gift aid declaration form from the parish via email, so that we can reclaim for the parish fund money you pay in tax to the government.

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