

+November - Month of the Holy Souls

If you would like your deceased relatives and friends remembered in our November Masses, place the names in an envelope along with any Mass offering and drop in the collection basket or post through the Presbytery door. Please clearly mark the envelope "November Holy Souls". We pray for all the deceased people of the parish.

+Friday 1st of November: Feast of all Saints (Solemnity)

+Saturday 2nd of November: All Souls' Day

+Wednesday 6th November: Mass for our Deceased at 6pm.

+Sunday 10th November: Remembrance Sunday

+ Cemetery Visit at Gilroes on Sunday 24th November at 2pm.

Walk with Me. Special Advent edition in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025. The Jubilee Year begins on December 24 2024 when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. We enter the Jubilee Year as pilgrims of Hope, expectant and joyful, confident of receiving the blessing of God's love poured out into our hearts. "Cardinal Vincent Nichols". To order the booklet, call our Hotline on 01782745600 / email general@alivepublishing.co.uk / Visit our website: www.alivepublishing.co.uk.

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 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 1st 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.

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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Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

20th – 27th October 2024



Sunday 20.10	8.30am 10.30am 3.30pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - James Sweeney RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p>The Pope's prayer intentions for October 2024</p> <p>For A Shared Mission</p> <p>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>
Monday 21.10	No Service		
Tuesday 22.10	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass	
Wednesday 23.10	No Service		
Thursday 24.10	No Service		
Friday 25.10	No Service		
Saturday 26.10	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass	
Sunday 27.10	8.30am 10.30am 3.30pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace, and justice to those in need. To donate, use the **Missio envelope**, 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. We need volunteers to mind the stalls. Donations of any unwanted gifts, toiletries, bottles of alcohol, chocolates, biscuits etc. will be much appreciated.

Raffle tickets will be available soon. For any enquiry, please see Teresa Knott.

Advent Preparation Recollection

on Saturday 30th November at 6pm led by Fr. Ted Mullen. IC.

Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 10:35-45.

Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour, when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honour they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the [25th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#), Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

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

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.

300 Club Draw 13th October 2024: £50 J D (133). £25 K S (1), L M (69).

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.

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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Catechist Formation Pathways - Are you a catechist? Have you thought about being one? The Diocese offers three courses that can be done together or stand alone. Encounter Catechesis provides the foundations of catechesis; Discipleship Catechesis explores a good knowledge of key points of Catholic Theology; and Missionary Catechesis is focused on going beyond sacramental preparation to help form disciples of all ages. To enquire please follow this link bit.ly/formation2425 or email: formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

The UK's largest Catholic youth event, Flame's Unstoppable, is happening on Saturday 15th March 2025 at London's Wembley Stadium. The Diocesan Youth Service, NDCYS, is offering young people a wonderful opportunity to be involved, with tickets and return coach travel packages. For more information please visit ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/ or email michelle.thomas@ndcys.com.

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.

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.



Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall. Please join us!