

+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.

Mother of God First Holy Communion Programme 2024-2025.

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. Applications forms for our First Holy Communion are 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. Thank you. **Margaret Bobs**

West Leicester Catholic 300 Club

Please find below the results of the 300 Club 2024 Grand Prize Draw held at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall.

£1000 First Prize: D A (140) MOG.
£400 Second Prize: 143 T K (143) BS.

£100: C F (61) BS, B H (276) BS, W C (286) BS, T F (4) BS, E C (100) MOG, M F (74) StP.

£100 Quarterly prize: T A (206) BS. **£50 Weekly prize:** R K (64) MOG.

£25 Weekly prize: J C (197) BS, P O'B (243) StP.

Note there will be no draw on Sunday 27th October and the drum will pass to Blessed Sacrament for a few months.

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



Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

27th October - 3rd November 2024



Sunday 27.10	8.30am 10.30am 3.30pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	The Pope's prayer intentions for November 2024 For Those Who Have Lost A Child Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.
Monday 28.10	No Service	St. Simon and Jude, apostles (Feast)	
Tuesday 29.10	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass	
Wednesday 30.10	5.30pm 6pm 6.40pm	Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass Meeting for parents of 1st HC children	
Thursday 31.10	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration and Rosary Holy Mass	
Friday 1.11	9.30am 10am 5pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Feast of all Saints (Solemnity) Silent Adoration followed by Holy Mass Syro-Malabar Rite	
Saturday 2.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - All Souls' Day	
Sunday 3.11	8.30am 10.30am 3.30pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit missio.org.uk or call **020 7821 9755** (office hours).

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.

Rosary Rally: Rosary sessions are conducted every first Sunday of each month in Leicester City Centre and the next one will be on Sunday 3rd November 2024 opposite the Sports Direct Shop on Humberstone Gate, Leicester, LE1 1DA, at 1.30pm.

Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 10:46.52.

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the haemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith— "Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

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.

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.

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.

300 Club Draw 20th October 2024: £50 J D (133). £25 K S (1), L M (69).

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.

Francis Caus Charity. The Francis Caus Charity invite you to an afternoon tea and Evensong led by the Chaplin and Fr John at Wyggestons on Hinckley Road. Expect a lovely tea in very pleasant surroundings. In addition to the tea, it's an excellent opportunity to see and experience the facilities that Wyggestons can provide for elderly needing care in later life such as warden flats or a care home. There is no charge for this event. If you are interested see the poster at the back of the church and add your name to the list.

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.

Advent Preparation Recollection

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

CAFOD DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal: The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: www.cafod.org.uk/give.

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.

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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A Prayer for our Parish Community

Almighty God,

we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our Church and Parish:

In the ministry of word and sacrament,
in teaching and pastoral care,
in service to the Diocese and Deanery.

The community and those in need,
in ecumenical fellowship and co-operation.
We pray for all members of the congregation,
that in their life and work they may advance
your kingdom and bear witness to your love,
shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen