

+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 offer our sympathy and the support of our prayers to their family and friends, past and present parishioners at this time.

May the angels lead all those who have recently died to Paradise.

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

+Sunday 10th November: Remembrance Sunday.

+ Cemetery Visits

Sun 3rd 2pm Saffron Hill, Sun 10th 2pm Wigston
 Sun 17th 2pm Blaby - 3pm Countesthorpe
 Sun 17th 2pm Kirby Muxloe - Sun 17th 2pm Thurmaston
 Sun 24th 2pm Gilroes.

Parish Meeting on Sunday 20th October.

Thank you to everyone who attended and for your support. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the Counting, Cleaning, Census, 10.30 Mass Women's Group, Watching Stewards and Welcomers/Greeters. For anyone who was unable to attend we still need lots of help. There are lists at the back of the church for you to enter your names for the different roles with the different Lead contacts on them. Many thanks and more details to follow.

West Leicester Catholic 300 Club

Please find below the results of the 300 Club 2024 Grand Prize Draw

£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.

Those members who pay yearly are reminded that subscriptions for the coming year are now due. To pay by cheque or cash please see John Gray. If you wish to become a member pick up an application form from the notice board at the back of the church. A big thank you to all those members who have supported the parish throughout the past year.

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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MOG Safeguarding Officer: Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - michelleadempster@gmail.com

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Thirty-First Week of Ordinary Time

3rd – 10th November 2024

This week's Mass Intentions for all the deceased people of the Parish

Sunday 3.11	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Chris Mukopfa Birthday Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Monday 4.11	No Service	St. Charles Borromeo, bishop (memorial)
Tuesday 5.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Holy Souls
Wednesday 6.11	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass for our Deceased
Thursday 7.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Holy Souls
Friday 8.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Holy Souls
Saturday 9.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Holy Souls The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)
Sunday 10.11	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Holy Souls 1 st Holy Communion Enrolment 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.

Mother of God First Holy Communion Enrolment mass will take place on Sunday 10th November at the 10.30 mass.

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

Congratulations to Fr Anthony Pateman on his 60th Anniversary of priestly ordination. Ad multos annos.

Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 12:28b-34.

Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped ([chapter 11](#) and part of [chapter 12](#)), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbour stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

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.

Online Talk: New Lectionary Explained Tuesday 5th November at 7pm. QR code on Poster or. <https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/our-new-lectionary-explained> and/or watch a YouTube presentation by Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen on "Introducing the English Standard Version" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VmjpgvOxkWg>.

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.

Advent Preparation Recollection

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

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 wardened 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.

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 Deceased

God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth, your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.
In company with Christ, who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.

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.