

**+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.

+ Cemetery Visits  
Sun 17th 2pm Blaby  
Sun 17th 3pm Countesthorpe  
Sun 17th 2pm Kirby Muxloe  
Sun 17th 2pm Thurmaston  
Sun 24th 2pm Gilroes

**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.

**West Leicester Catholic 300 Club**

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 1<sup>st</sup> December. Thank you.

**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.



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Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



**Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time**

**17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Day of special prayer for the Poor**

**+ This week's Mass intentions for all the deceased people of the Parish.**

Sunday 17.11	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Jean Hidelaratchi RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<b>The Pope's prayer intentions for November 2024</b> <b>For Those Who Have Lost A Child</b> 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 18.11	No Service		
Tuesday 19.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 20.11	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 21.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - The Presentation of the BVM (memorial)	
Friday 22.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr (memorial)	
Saturday 23.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 24.11	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Departed souls of Shaju & Biny Family Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

**CHRISTMAS Bazaar in the church hall**

Will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 are available now. For any enquiry, please see Teresa Knott.**

**CAFOD World Gifts Christmas is just around the corner!** This year, why not give a Gift that Changes Lives? The CAFOD World Gifts catalogue is available NOW. CAFOD's World Gifts are thoughtful presents that support vulnerable communities around the world. Each World Gift works towards building a brighter future for those in need. It's a beautiful way to spread love and hope during the Jubilee year! Starting from as little as £4, why not order early and send a world gift instead of a Christmas card? Browse the full range of gifts here: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>. Let's make a lasting impact together this Christmas!

CAFOD is thanking all the Parishioners for their support & generous donations!

### **Background on the Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-32.**

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

**300 Club Results 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024:** £50 I T (263). £25 F D (22), D G (221).

**Bishop Patrick is inviting all Young Adults** across the diocese to 6.00pm Mass at St. Barnabas Cathedral on Sunday 24th November. He will then join us for some social time afterwards. If you would like to support the Mass in some way - Altar Serving, Music, Welcome, etc, then please contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Young Adults are invited to Sacred Heart church**, Leicester, on Thursday 28th November, starting from 6.00pm with a holy hour, followed by a talk at 7.00pm from Father Dave Cain, finishing with social time and compline.

**With the introduction of a new translation of the Scripture Readings for Mass** the priests of the deanery encourage all current and prospective readers to attend a **Readers Course** we are running in advent this year. St Peter's Parish Hall, Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 0TA, Saturday 30th November & Saturday 14th December 11.00am - 1.15pm. The course will be presented in four sessions on these two days and will provide Deanery level certification for Readers. Please register with your parish priest or directly to Fr Vitalis Akandu: [vitalis.akandu@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vitalis.akandu@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

**There are now just over two weeks until the all-crucial vote in Parliament on Kim Leadbeater MP's assisted suicide bill.** This will be voted on by MPs on 29th November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs to vote against the bill. Please urgently contact your MP and ask him/her to vote against the bill by visiting [www.livesworthliving.org.uk](http://www.livesworthliving.org.uk). or write to him/her at: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. You can also find many resources on the SPUC website both on the issue of assisted suicide, and on how to lobby MPs. **Postcards will be available in the church porch. Please send it to your MP.**

**November 25th marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women & Girls**, launching 16 Days of Activism, which concludes on International Human Rights Day on December 10th. This summer, the National Police Chiefs' Council published their findings, estimating that 2 million women are victims of violence perpetrated by men each year across the UK. Yvette Cooper, the Home Secretary has described the levels of violence against women and girls as a national emergency. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), an agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, together with Safe in Faith, hosts the Domestic Abuse Alliance, and we invite you to join us online on November 18th to discuss this national emergency and launch our call-to-action across the Catholic community in response to the Pope's call to 'act immediately, at all levels'. Kindly share the invite with your parishioners and help us to raise awareness across the Catholic community. View the agenda below for details and register for the webinar at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZykdeqtrjguGtQo6idxRsMow3EuDE4j172m#/registration>.

### **Advent Preparation Recollection**

**on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm led by Fr. Ted Mullen. IC.**

**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](mailto:general@alivepublishing.co.uk) / Visit our website: [www.alivepublishing.co.uk](http://www.alivepublishing.co.uk).

### **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.