

+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.

Gilroes Cemetery Prayers today at 2pm.

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.

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!

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.

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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Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctlleicester.co.uk/
English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/

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Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)

Thirty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

24th November – 1st December 2024

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

Sunday 24.11	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Private Intentions Special Prayers for the Dedication of our church. Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	The Pope's prayer intentions for November 2024
Monday 25.11	No Service		
Tuesday 26.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Andrew Freyne RIP	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.
Wednesday 27.11	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Dulio & Belmita Lopes, Francisco & Marta Rosario RIP	
Thursday 28.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 29.11	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 30.11	9.30am 10am 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland (Feast) Advent Preparation Recollection	
Sunday 1.12	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

Last Thursday was the Feast of Blessed Mary. Today at Mass we will celebrate this occasion, as well as the anniversary of the dedication of the Mother of God church. There will be special prayers and candles lit.

 **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 are available now. 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 John 18:33b-37.

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is “King of the Jews.”

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John’s Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favourable light than in the other Gospels. In today’s reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John’s Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate’s questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus’ mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John’s Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see [John 17:6-18](#)), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world’s salvation. In today’s reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again, we hear echoes of John’s theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John’s Gospel to understand the context for Jesus’ words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John’s language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John’s Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus’ kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today’s Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: We reflect on how constant prayer was the driving force of the missionary activity of the first Christians. Saint Luke tells us that they “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). In prayer we experience the life of the risen Jesus who, in the power of the Spirit, continues to be present to our world, especially in the Church’s teaching and sacraments, and our efforts to advance his kingdom of reconciliation, justice and peace. Like the early Christians, may we learn, through personal and communal prayer to be ever more closely united to the Triune God of love, and to bring that same love to the world around us.

300 Club Results 17th November 2024: £50 F D (22), £25 T D (222), E W (57).

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

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.

Assisted Suicide Bill: Please urgently contact your MP and ask him/her to vote against the bill by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk. or write to him/her at: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. 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. You can 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.

Caring for our common home: During the closing negotiations of the COP29 Climate Conference this week, we can pray for immediate and decisive actions towards a just energy transition, an effective loss and damage fund to help badly-affected poorer countries, and the cancellation of climate debt.

A Prayer for COP29. God of Life, we thank you for the beauty of this planet and our being part of it. Let us always choose to celebrate Your goodness within Creation. Living Son of God, we know your Heart is bleeding at the sight of this wounded world. Help us recognize the damage we do. Convert our ill desires and our greedy hands to careful loving. Life-giving Spirit, help us feel your constant healing effort flowing through our hearts. May we hear your call and find our calling in the healing of this world. Give us and the participants of COP 29 hope, courage, and wisdom in cooperating for the Common Good. Amen.

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.

The need for food banks in the UK is higher than ever before. In the wake of food poverty and often struggling with financial distress, we would like to encourage parishioners to donate to food banks. Please help by donating an item of dry food, tin etc. this Christmas, which will be taken to the nearest food bank. Thank you.



Please bring your red MISSIO box to church to emptied. Thank you. If you would like a Red Box, please speak to Maila Taylor.