

Cycle of prayer during Ordinary Time (Winter).

- Peace on Earth;
- Openness to the Word of God; especially Today Sunday 26th January.
- Christian Unity; especially between Saturday 18th and Saturday 25th January inclusive.
- The Sick and Those who Care for them; especially on Tuesday 11th February.
- Victims of Trafficking and those who Work to Combat it; especially on Saturday 8th February.
- The Unemployed, especially on Sunday 2nd March.

Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. 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. Thank you.

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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Jubilee Prayer

God our Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, awaken in us this Jubilee Year a missionary heart for the coming of your Kingdom. May the gift of your grace transform us, Pilgrims of Hope, into your missionary disciples, blessed with the gifts and talents you give us. Strengthen us to share our Saviour's message of love, joy, and peace with all the people we meet this year, so that we may help build up your Kingdom on earth. To you our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory and praise for ever and ever.
 Amen

Please take this newsletter home with you.

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

MOG Safeguarding Officer: Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - michelleadempster@gmail.com
 Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914

	<p>Third Week of Ordinary Time 26th January – 2nd February 2025</p>	<p>Openness to the World of God</p>
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Sunday 26.01	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Frances McLaughlin RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p>The Pope's prayer intentions for JANUARY 2025</p> <p>For The Right To An Education Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.</p>
Monday 27.01	No Service		
Tuesday 28.01	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass St. Thomas of Aquinas, priest and doctor (memorial)	
Wednesday 29.01	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Michael Deevey & Sheila RIP	
Thursday 30.01	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 31.01	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. John Bosco, priest (memorial)	
Saturday 1.02	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 2.02	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish. We continue to pray for Ukraine and its people, for the people of Israel and Palestine, Lebanon and Syria and for all the war-torn countries in the world. Let's also pray for all the people that have been affected by climate change and have lost their home and livelihood.

	<p>Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall. Please join us!</p>
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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.
A huge thank you to all of you!

We are delighted to confirm that Christ the King School has maintained its Outstanding grade and has been judged as 'Outstanding' in all 5 areas. A copy of the report will be on our website.

Background on the Gospel Reading Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

300 Club Results 19th January 2025: £50 Y S (113), £25 M S (282), T W (190).

300 Club: New Members. More members are required. Application forms are available on the notice board at the back of the church. Please return your completed forms to John Gray. **Existing members** - You are reminded that winning cheques are sent by post, so please ensure that you advise of any change of address.

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse.

Our next online Faith and Footprint workshop online, Monday 17th February 7pm. Faith and Footprint is our regular opportunity to explore how our faith calls us to live on the Earth - and to put it into practice. Join us to answer the call to care for our common home. At this session we'll:

- Introduce the **Laudato Si Animators'** programme which starts on 28 April - it would be great to have a group from Nottingham Diocese following it together
- Share plans for the 2025 **Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope** which converges on Nottingham in September
- Exchange practical ideas for reducing our parishes' environmental footprint and decarbonising your buildings.

Everyone welcome. You'll find the workshop especially useful if you are involved in the CAFOD Livesimply scheme or a diocesan Pioneer Parish - but everyone who is praying and working for a greener Church and world is invited. [Book now for Faith and Footprint](#)
[Find out about the Laudato Si Animators' programme.](#)

Cathedral Hall, Nottingham, Thursday 13 February 1.00 - 5.00pm, If you're involved in, or would like to set up, a parish-run community café, warm space or drop-in join us at this event to get inspired, connected and equipped. Volunteers and organisers are very welcome from across our diocese. The event is organised by the ecumenical network Transforming Notts Together which Caritas belongs to. It is an opportunity to hear inspiring stories from projects like your parish's, find mutual support and encouragement, connect with NHS and other partners, and be equipped for your service with training and insight from leading experts. Speakers include:

- David Barclay, Warm Welcome Spaces Campaign Director and Partner in the Good Faith Partnership
- Nigel Adams, Places of Welcome co-ordinator for Notts, founder of Hope Nottingham, author of 'Communities of Hope' [Ask for further details on 'What next for Warm Spaces'](#).

Jubilee of Marriage. Bishop Patrick warmly invites all married couples to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on **Sunday 16th February** when we will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm to mark the **Jubilee of Marriages**. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

Fish & Chip Lunch: The fish & chip lunch is taking place on **Tuesday 18th February** in the hall at **Blessed Sacrament**. Mass will be at midday followed by lunch at 1pm in the hall, it would be lovely to see you. Senior parishioners from Mother of God, Blessed Sacrament & St Peter's please sign up on the list at the back of the Church to reserve a space and if you have any questions, please call Karen on 07935381771. We look forward to welcoming you to food & good company! This event is being funded by the Francis Caus Charity.