

Cycle of prayer during Ordinary Time (Winter).

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

<p align="center">FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>LLOYDS BANK Mother of God Church SORT CODE 30-94-97 ACC. NO. 01538822</p>
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The Christmas Crib Collection for Rainbow was £130.66. Thank you for your contribution.

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!



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



~ Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall. Please join us!

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Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

9th - 16th February 2025

Sunday 9.02	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p>The Pope's prayer intentions for FEBRUARY 2025</p> <p>For Vocations To The Priesthood And Religious Life.</p> <p>Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.</p>
Monday 10.02	No Service	St Scholastica, virgin (memorial)	
Tuesday 11.02	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Our Lady of Lourdes (optional memorial), Day of Special Prayer for the Sick.	
Wednesday 12.02	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 13.02	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 14.02	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - SS Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop, Patron of Europe (Feast).	
Saturday 15.02	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 16.02	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

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.

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.

Please take this newsletter home with you.

Background on the Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11.

The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead, he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

Words of the Holy Father: Jesus encourages him by saying: "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men" (v. 10); because God – if we trust in Him – frees us from our sin and opens a new horizon before us: to cooperate in his mission. The greatest miracle that Jesus accomplished for Simon and the other tired and discouraged fishermen is not so much the net full of fish, as having helped them not to fall victim to disappointment and discouragement in the face of failure. He prepared them to become proclaimers of and witnesses to his word and the Kingdom of God. And the disciples' response was immediate and unreserved: "when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him" (v. 11). May the Blessed Virgin, model of prompt adherence to God's will, help us to feel the allure of the Lord's call, and make us willing to cooperate with him to spread his word of salvation everywhere.

300 Club Results 2nd February 2025: £50 P F (259). £25 M H (79), L H (298).

"300 CLUB DIVIDEND. The 300 Club Committee are pleased to announce the dividend for the year ending October 2024 totals £6,600 - to be split evenly as £2,200 for each of our three churches of Mother of God, Most Blessed Sacrament and St Peter. Thank you to all members and there are more membership numbers available for current members and new members alike - subscription remain as £60 per year/£5 per month. Please contact John Gray for a new Membership Form.

Existing members - You are reminded that winning cheques are sent by post, so please ensure that you advise of any change of address.

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.

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.

Mass For Young Adults at St Barnabas Cathedral on Friday 28th February. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 10pm for Young Adults (18-35) making use of the beautiful lighting in the Cathedral for 'Nottingham Night Light'. If you would like to support the Mass in any way, reading, serving, welcoming, then please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk.