

CAFOD Lent Appeal - Family Fast Day collection. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10, or scan the QR code.



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.

Cycle of Prayer during Lent, we pray for these intentions:

- Candidates for the Sacraments; especially on the Sundays of Lent
- Women;
- The Needy and Hungry of the World;
- Penitents and Wanderers
- Victims of Trafficking and those who Work to Combat it.
- The Unemployed.

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.

<p>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.</p>	<p>LLOYDS BANK Mother of God Leicester RCP SORT CODE 30-94-97 ACC. NO. 01538822</p>
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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.

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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/

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

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914

LENT		First Week of Lent 9 th – 16 th March 2025	† Stations of the Cross every Friday after morning Mass.
Sunday 9.03	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Thanks giving - Barrett & Collins family Ann Intentions Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p>The Pope's prayer intentions for March 2025</p> <p>For Families In Crisis</p> <p>Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.</p>
Monday 10.03	No Service		
Tuesday 11.03	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 12.03	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 13.03	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 14.03	9.30am 10am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration CAFOD Lent Fast Day Holy Mass and Stations of the Cross Syro Malabar Mass & Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 15.03	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 16.03	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Sam Intentions Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

Please bring your old Palms to church.

Gluten Free Eucharist is available. If you require it, speak to Terry Knott or Chris Mukopfa.

**CAFOD envelopes for your donations will be distributed today, Sunday 9th March
CAFOD Lent Fast Day - Friday 14th March.
and collected for the following two Sundays, 16th and 23rd March.**

LENT PRAYER

Loving God, when our boat is rocked by poverty, illness or disaster, you quiet the waves, and lead us safely to shore.
When we work hard, but still go hungry, you walk beside us, calling "cast your nets", there is enough for all.
Lead us, Lord to play our part in calming the storm and sharing your gifts so all people may look to the future with hope.
Amen.

Please take this newsletter home with you.

Background on the Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13.

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces, offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

300 Club Results 2nd March 2025: £50 A P (247), £25 A B (114), S D (31).

Weekly Collection: Sunday 23rd February £303.33. Sunday 2nd March £300.78.

Grateful thanks to all those who have already donated for the heating system being installed in the Church. If anyone else wishes to give a donation to help to pay for it they can do so by putting a cheque or cash in an envelope with a reference - Heating Donation- on the envelope. (If you are a tax payer, write your name so that we can claim gift aid). Or by bank transfer using the bank details in the newsletter and using Donation Heating as a reference. Many thanks.

John Murphy RIP: Funeral Mass on Friday 11th April 2025 at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Gilroes Cemetery at 1 pm. Our deepest and sincere condolences to his family and Friends.

English Martyrs' Catholic School, your local Catholic secondary and 6th form, seeks more governors. Ensuring the delivery of education within a Catholic ethos is an important ministry of the Church. Our role involves overseeing the academic, spiritual and cultural life at the school, plus ensuring that all students have a safe and happy environment in which to learn and prepare themselves for life in the world. To find out more and to download the application form, visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/education-service. To have an informal chat about it first, please contact Paul Lazarus, Chair of Governors at English Martyrs' Catholic School (Telephone 0116 242 8880 or Email office@englishmartyrs.org).

The Jubilee of Leicester Deanery. Bishop Patrick will celebrate a Deanery Station Mass at 7pm in Holy Cross Church, Leicester, Thursday March 13th, with the opportunity of confessions from 6pm, together with a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sing the Mass, a day for parish choirs, cantors and anyone who believes that the one who sings prays twice, will cover: Psalms from the new lectionary; Chants in the missal; and Entrance and communion antiphons. The Day will be held at Saint Wilfrid of York, Coalville, LE67 3JB, on Saturday 15th March, from 10.30am for 11.00am start. Bring a packed lunch, hot drinks are provided. The Day concludes with Sunday Mass at 4.00pm, singing what we have learnt. The facilitators are: Lynda Durcan and Father Colin Patey, and the cost is £5, payable on the day. For enquiries and to book: singthecatholicmass@gmail.com.

Flame takes place on Saturday the 15th March 2025 and is the largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales. Filled with inspiring speakers, incredible live music, prayer, adoration and young people from across England and Wales it's an event like no other! Booking for Flame 2025 is now open! [Book here](#). If you have any problems placing an order, please email flame@cymfed.org.uk.

Retreat Day for Parents. 11am - 4pm Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln. Sunday 16th March. Every family is unique, but there are foundational disciplines that moms and dads need to focus on and prioritise. In this retreat, Mike and Alicia Herson (of the Messy Family Ministry) will explain each discipline, show why it is essential, give examples of different ways it can be practiced, and offer some conversation starters for couples to discover how these disciplines should be lived out in their unique situations. We aim to offer activities for Children during the day if you are unable to get childcare. The day will begin with Mass, after registration and dropping off children, couples will be invited to enjoy some tea and coffee before beginning the retreat. Each talk will end with time for reflection and private couple discussion, as well as time to ask questions of Mike and Alicia. We will end the day with adoration. Cost of the event is £25 per couple and registration is required - if you can't afford the cost of the day please still come. Couples are asked to bring a packed lunch. [Register Here](#).

PILGRIMS OF HOPE: How do we respond? Join us on Tuesday 18th March at Holy Cross Priory in Leicester at 7pm. Come to an evening of synodal discussion and inspiration, hosted by Caritas in the Deanery and led by Paul Bodenham, Programme Leader for Social Action in the Diocese. All welcome.

Youth2000 - Day Retreat for young adults at The Briars, Crich, DE4 5BW with Bishop Patrick. Saturday, 22nd March 2025. Contact Charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

'Parish Walk for the Holy Year of Hope. All parishioners are invited to join us for a walking pilgrimage from Mother of God church to pass through the Holy Door at Holy Cross Church, Wellington Street, Leicester. This is for the Holy Year of Jubilee. We'll be leaving Mother of God Church at ten o'clock on **Saturday March 22nd and we hope to arrive at Holy Cross for the 12.30 Mass.** We'll be passing through three parks and walking alongside some of the beautiful buildings of old Leicester. The walk will be around three miles at a leisurely pace. If you would like to join us, please sign up on one of the forms at the back of church. This is a great opportunity to walk alongside your fellow parishioners in hope for the Jubilee Year. If you're not able to walk, you are welcome to meet us at Holy Cross so that we can walk through the door together, as a parish community. If you want to meet the walkers en route, a detailed plan of the walk will be available by next Sunday.'

Nottingham Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place between Monday 14th and Friday 18th July with Bishop Patrick. The Pilgrimage includes a full liturgical programme, with Mass each day; return direct flights from East Midlands Airport to Lourdes; full board for four nights in a three- or four- star hotel; assistance (for those who need it) from the Diocesan Hospitalité and Health Team. Prices start from £899, and more details are at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes. Young adults (18-35) are also warmly invited to join the Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage. For young adults interested in supporting pilgrims, deepening faith, and coming together as a community, contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk, or visit www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham-ya.