

**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](http://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><b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH</b> 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><b>LLOYDS BANK</b> 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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<p><b>MOG Safeguarding Officer:</b> Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - <a href="mailto:michelleadempster@gmail.com">michelleadempster@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914</p>																										
	<p><b>Second Week of Lent</b> 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025</p>	<p>† <b>Stations of the Cross every Friday after morning Mass.</b></p>																								
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**Please bring your old Palms to church.**

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

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day SECOND COLLECTION TODAY**  
**Please use an envelope for your donation, if you are a tax-payer.**

**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 9:28b-36

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James.

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

**300 Club Results 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025:** £50 U L (26). £25 M F (74), W C (286).

**Weekly Collection: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March £379.19.**

**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 Service on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Gilroes Cemetery at 1 pm. Our deepest and sincere condolences to his family and Friends.

**St. Patrick's Day Mass** on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Leicester LE4 2BD. We are honoured to have Bishop Patrick celebrating this special Mass. Let us come together in faith, joy, and thanksgiving as we honour the patron saint of Ireland and Nigeria. All are welcome.

**The Emerald Centre** would like to invite families to join us on our annual pre St Patrick's Day celebration parade, which is being held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025. There will be lots of flags, music, Irish dancing and fun!!!! You do not have to be Irish to be a part of the Parade everyone is welcome to join in. We will be commencing the parade on New Walk next to Holy Cross Church - LE1 6HW at 12noon and walking through the streets of Leicester City Centre arriving at the Clock Tower for more music and dancing. Email us on - emeraldcentre@yahoo.co.uk or call 0116 2769186 or text 07733897561 Facebook & Insta: @The Emerald Centre @Leicester's St Patrick's Day Parade Celebrations 2025.

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE: How do we respond?** Join us on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025. Contact [Charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk). or visit [www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham-ya](http://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham-ya).

**Walsingham Jubilee Year:** Christians have always made pilgrimages to holy places to seek an encounter with the face of Christ, to deepen their faith, and to embrace into their own lives the merciful reconciliation which Jesus offers each of us as pilgrims. In Jubilee Years, many of us will recall the opportunity to pass through a Holy Door, in Rome, or in the local Cathedral, and in more recent times in Walsingham too. Pilgrimage is an important part of a Jubilee Year. Holy doors remind us of Jesus' words in the Gospel, 'I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.' As we journey towards the Jubilee Year 2025, we encourage everyone to make a special pilgrimage to Walsingham in the footsteps of kings, saints, and holy people of times gone by to deepen your faith and reliance on our Lord Jesus Christ. **For this special occasion, we will have a second collection on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March.**



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