



### Pope Leo XIV: 'Peace be with all of you'

In his first appearance as the Successor of Peter, from the Central Loggia of St Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo XIV greets the faithful and the world invoking peace and pledging to work for a united Church faithful to Jesus and to the Gospel. "I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, and among all the people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world."

### Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Faithful God,  
You guide us on the path of life  
and your goodness is our constant companion.  
Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,  
in his service of the Church.  
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,  
the peace of your presence  
and the compassion of Christ.  
May he walk with you,  
in wisdom and humility,  
and lead us, together with all God's people,  
to embody your love for the world.  
Amen. (from CAFOD)

**Please do not park at the front of the church,  
this space is only for Hearses or Ambulances.**

**We need a list of First Aiders: if you have a First Aid Certificate or Medical  
Registration, please speak to Sharon Pritchard.**

**We also need volunteers to join a garden group which will help towards  
reducing the costs of grass cutting. Please speak to Matthew Nazareth. THANK YOU**

### Update from April Parish Council meeting

**Finance.** The 24/25 financial accounts are currently being finalised. It was highlighted that employing a gardener to mow the grass around the church and hall was very expensive and it was agreed to try and get some volunteers to form a mowing group to save money.

**Health & Safety.** Although we have lots of medically trained and first aid qualified parishioners, we need to compile a list of First Aiders.

### Dates for your diary

Syro Malabar Holy Communion Saturday 7th June.

First Holy Communion Sunday 15th June at 10.30am Mass

Our Ladies Procession Saturday 21st June at 2.00pm.

Patricia Dube RIP Memorial Mass Saturday 12th July at 10.30am.

Jubilee Summer Social Event Sunday 31st August from 12noon to 3.00pm.

International Mass Sunday 28th September.



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**Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914**



### Fifth Sunday of Easter

**18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Sunday 18.05	10.30am	Holy Mass - - Margaret and Frank Quinn RIP, Frank Burke RIP & Jean Hidelaratchi RIP	<b>Pope Francis prayer intentions for May 2025</b>  <b>For Working Conditions</b> Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.
	4pm	Juvenile Ndamukong RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Monday 19.05	No Service		
Tuesday 20.05	No Service		
Wednesday 21.05	No Service		
Thursday 22.05	No Service		
Friday 23.05	No Service		
Saturday 24.05	No Service		
Sunday 25.05	10.30am 4.00 pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

**Children's Liturgy and Sunday refreshments in the hall will be cancelled  
next Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Cycle of Prayer during Eastertide, we pray for these intentions:**  
 New Members of the Church. Human Work. Vocations. Survivors of Abuse.  
 The right use of the Media. The Church.

**We will be celebrating our Ecumenical June Procession on Saturday, 21st of June, in honour  
of our Lady. We will start the procession from St Aidan's Church at 2pm, and then proceed  
to our Mother of God Church. Light refreshments & food to share thereafter in the hall.**

**We need volunteers to ensure the success of this event.**

**Please contact Teresa / Sharon for any further enquiries. Thank you,**

**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.

**Background on the Gospel Reading: John 13:31-33a,34-35.**  
Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper. John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show. John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

**300 Club Results 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025:** £50 P T (47). £25 J F-Mc (246), R K (109).  
**Collection on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** £393.06. Thank you very much.

**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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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, Syria and Sudan and for all the war-torn countries in the world.

**Young Adults' Evening Leicester** with Sr Catherine COLW. Join Sister Catherine COLW for an evening of discussion, prayer, food and social time on Thursday 22nd May from 6 to 8pm. Location TBC. Visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events). For more information and to sign up.

**Join Bishop Patrick** on the Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 14th June. From 11:30am there will be youth activities in the Anglican Shrine. The opening liturgy will be at 12:45pm with the procession to the Catholic Shrine. At 3pm there will Divine Mercy and youth Stations, ending with Mass at 4pm.

**Could you be a Briars Ambassador for 12 months?** The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) has a wonderful group of volunteers who support The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre through practical support, prayer and fundraising. The Friends of The Briars is hosting an Ambassadors' Day for those interested in becoming a Briars Ambassador, on Saturday 7th June between 10.00am and 3.00pm at The Briars, DE4 5BW. Visit [ndcys.com/friends-of-the-briars/](https://ndcys.com/friends-of-the-briars/) for more information.

**UNVEILED FACES:** Healing and Transformation with the Saints; a Weekend Retreat between Friday 27th and Sunday 29th June led by Father Emmanuel Mansford, CFR at the Christian Heritage Centre, contemplating the healing and transformational work of grace in the ordinary and imperfect lives of the saints. In the light of their example, the retreat will offer an opportunity to reflect on and to seek healing for the wounds in our own lives. To book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/unveiled-faces/>.

**THE NDCYS** is organising a Lourdes Reunion on Sunday 27th July at Saint Mary's Church, Derby DE1 3AU. Young people are invited from 11am, with Mass at 3pm, followed by refreshments for all pilgrims. For more information and to register visit [ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities](https://ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities).

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival** provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. Taking place in the grounds of **Ampleforth College from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Monday 25th August**. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at [youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025](https://youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025). Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. If you have any questions, please email [events@youth2000.org](mailto:events@youth2000.org).

**The Health Team who supports the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** is in need of some additional experienced team members for this year's pilgrimage. If you, or someone you know, is a currently Registered Nurses or trained and experienced Care Worker, who may be interested and can commit to being available for this year's Jubilee Pilgrimage between Monday 14th and Friday 18th July, as well as for a couple of training days on Sunday 15th and Saturday 28th June, please contact Deacon David Knight [david@sthughslincoln.org.uk](mailto:david@sthughslincoln.org.uk) for more details.

**Mission Lab Caritas:** Monthly inspirations for parish evangelisation and outreach. Mission Lab offers fresh ideas for the future of your parish. In nine online sessions starting in May 2025, we'll showcase how parishes around Nottingham diocese are seeking to build vibrant, attractive, and outward-facing Catholic communities.

Tuesday 20 May: Welcomers and welcoming

Monday 16 June: Intertwining vocations

Tuesday 8 July: What next after RCIA's?

Mission Lab isn't just a 'think tank' for mission, but a 'do tank' as well - a space to discern, plan and equip ourselves to be pilgrims of hope, in the Church of today and tomorrow. We'll:

- learn from good practice around the diocese and beyond
- develop initiatives that can be proposed in our own parishes
- grow personally in confidence, resourcefulness, and leadership
- form a community of practice for parish resilience and renewal.

More details & how to book can be found here:

<https://us14.campaign-archive.com/?u=836fda909b1148aa84bb903fe&id=8464ff33f1>.



**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