



Pope Leo XIV at Inauguration Mass: 'Let us walk towards God and love one another'. Pope Leo XIV presides at the Mass of Inauguration of his Petrine Ministry in Saint Peter's Square, and invites the Church to walk together along the path of God's love and remain united in one family. Religious delegations included Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Zoroastrian and Jainists, among the many present for the celebration. Expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the prayerful and joyful support offered to him as he begins his pastoral ministry as Pope, Leo XIV recalled the intense emotions experienced over these past few weeks.

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)

TODAY IS DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY.

This year's focus is on the theme of "The Empty Chair". Many of us are saddened by reducing numbers in our churches. This is happening for a wide variety of reasons, but our thoughts are on those who are not there because they have suffered abuse in a church setting and cannot face being here. They may be the families or friends of survivors. There may be former members of a community affected by allegations or convictions for abuse. They may be people who are simply so disgusted or ashamed by what they have heard about abuse within the Church that they no longer want to be part of it. All these groups and others are represented by "The Empty Chair".

What is Safeguarding? Safeguarding is about protecting ourselves and others from harm. We all get things wrong, and sometimes the things we do and say can hurt others, or we can get hurt by them. This can happen anywhere - at church, school, home, or with friends - and makes us feel sad, worried, or confused. Just like an umbrella that keeps us safe from the rain, safeguarding protects us from being hurt by others. It's important because each of us is special to God and deserves to feel, and be, safe. In our country we have rules and laws to help keep people safe. Just like a lollipop person helps us cross the road safely, we have people in our church who make sure we follow these rules to make it a safe place. Everyone has a job to do. If you ever feel worried, upset, or unsure about something that happened to you or someone else, tell someone you trust. By speaking up, we can help keep everyone safe. Remember, safeguarding is all about protecting ourselves and others from harm.

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,



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

25th May – 1st June 2025

Sunday 25.05	10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope Francis prayer intentions for May 2025 For Working Conditions Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.
Monday 26.05	No Service	St Philip Neri, priest (memorial)	
Tuesday 27.05	No Service		
Wednesday 28.05	No Service	St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop (Feast)	
Thursday 29.05	No Service	The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)	
Friday 30.05	No Service		
Saturday 31.05	No Service	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)	
Sunday 1.06	8.30am 10.30am 4.00 pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Appreciation of Chris Mukopfa. Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION.

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.

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.

A Letter from Bishop Patrick for Parishes and Chaplaincies on Safeguarding Sunday 2025, will be available in the church porch and on our website.

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.

Background on the Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29.

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

Mass Intentions. 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 note: If intention is for a living person, they must sign the envelope for permission to print their name on newsletter or intention will be listed as Private Intention and initials of intention.

Anthony Lefley RIP, passed away recently. He was a regular attendant of our church until he became ill. Our deepest and sincere condolences to his family and friends. Funeral arrangements to follow.

300 Club Results 18th May 2025: £50 A M (131), £25 M A (42), E M (292).

Collection on Sunday 18th May: £337.25. Thank you very much.

MISSIO RED BOXES. Mother of God RC CHURCH raised £446.82 in 2024, through the Red Boxes, including individuals giving directly. **THANK YOU SO MUCH.**
If You would like a box, or give a donation, please speak to Maila Taylor.

Communications Conference 2025 ON Monday 2nd June from 10am to 2pm. The Communications Department invites all involved or interested in communications (Social Media, Journalism, Website, Parish Newsletters, plus any other means...) to the upcoming Communications Conference, celebrating the Jubilee of Communication Workers. The event will include a networking breakfast, a keynote input, workshops, Q&A, concluding with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick, with the blessing of communication workers, and lunch. Sign up no later than 26th May with limited spaces. To book visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events. [Find out more](#)

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.

Laudato Si' Week. The tenth anniversary of the papal encyclical Laudato Si' is this coming Saturday 24th and also the start of Laudato Si' Week. In Laudato Si', Pope Francis exhorted us to be good stewards of creation, to hear the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor, and to care for our common home. For the anniversary, Westminster Justice and Peace has organised a free on-line talk by Austin Ivereigh, the papal biographer seen on the media during our change of popes. The talk is on Wednesday 4 June at 7pm; you can register via the link: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/52368>.

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.

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 22nd - 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. Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. If you have any questions, please email 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 Nurse 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 for more details.

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