

World Communications Day.

Four days into his election to the papacy, Pope Leo XIV made a point of holding an audience with the men and women who were in Rome to report on the death of Pope Francis, the conclave, and the first days of his own ministry. He met with media professionals in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, and thanked reporters in Italian for their tireless work over these intense few weeks. He began his remarks with a call for communication to foster peace by caring for how people and events are presented. He invited media professionals to promote a different kind of communication, one that "does not seek consensus at all costs, does not use aggressive words, does not follow the culture of competition, and never separates the search for truth from the love with which we must humbly seek it." "The way we communicate is of fundamental importance," he said. "We must say 'no' to the war of words and images; we must reject the paradigm of war."

The Pope went on to reaffirm the Church's solidarity with journalists who are imprisoned for reporting the truth, and he called for their release.

He said their suffering reminds the world of the importance of the freedom of expression and the press, adding that "only informed individuals can make free choices."

Pope Leo XIV then thanked reporters for their service to the truth, especially their work to present the Church in the "beauty of Christ's love" during the recent *interregnum* period.

He commended their work to put aside stereotypes and clichés, in order to share with the world "the essence of who we are".

Our times, he continued, present many issues that are difficult to recount and navigate, noting that they call each of us to overcome mediocrity.

"The Church must face the challenges posed by the times," he said. "In the same way, communication and journalism do not exist outside of time and history. Saint Augustine reminds of this when he said, 'Let us live well, and the times will be good. We are the times'."

Pope Leo XIV said the modern world can leave us lost in a "confusion of loveless languages that are often ideological or partisan."

"Communication is not only the transmission of information," he said, "but it is also the creation of a culture, of human and digital environments that become spaces for dialogue and discussion." In conclusion, Pope Leo XIV repeated Pope Francis' [Message](#) for the 2025 World Day of Social Communication. "Let us disarm communication of all prejudice and resentment, fanaticism and even hatred," he said. "Let us disarm words, and we will help disarm the world."

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 Palestine and Israel, Lebanon, Syria and Sudan and for all the war-torn countries in the world.

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,

Dates for your diary




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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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> Seventh Sunday of Easter 1st – 8th June 2025 </div> </div>			
Sunday 1.06	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass- Appreciation of Chris Mukopfa. Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope Francis prayer intentions for June 2025 That The World Might Grow In Compassion Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.
Monday 2.06	No Service		
Tuesday 3.06	9.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass -SS Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs of Uganda (memorial)	
Wednesday 4.06	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 5.06	9.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Boniface of Crediton, Bishop & martyr (memorial)	
Friday 6.06	9.30am 10.00am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Norbert, bishop (memorial) Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Saturday 7.06	10.00am 11am	Holy Mass First Holy Communion for the Malayalam Community Children of the Parish.	
Sunday 8.06	8.30am 10.30am 4.00 pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION.

Mother of God Holy Communion

Children from the Malayalam Community will have their First Holy Communion on Saturday 7th June at 11am. Children from the English Community will have Their First Holy Communion on Sunday 15th June during the 10.30am Mass.

Please keep the children in your prayers.

Please keep all the children and their parents in your prayers.

A very special thank you to their catechists,



Background on the Gospel Reading: Luke 24:46-53

Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfilment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

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.

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

300 Club Results 25th May 2025: £50 D A (140). £25 P E (265), S H (41).

Collection on Sunday 25th May: £367.43. 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](#)

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>.

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

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 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 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