

Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee,
a holy year which happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church.

Be a pilgrim with us in the Church Year of Jubilee.

A Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage will be held at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Sunday 31st August, starting with Mass at 2pm, together with a family picnic, Marian Procession, and Adoration. For more details email jnoakes@englishmartyrs.org. Poster in church Porch.

During this Jubilee Year there will be a national Jubilee walking Pilgrimage of Hope taking place in late August and into September, and converging at Saint Barnabas Cathedral. The Pilgrimage will culminate with Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at 11.15 am on 14th September 2025 at Nottingham Cathedral. A small group of 'perpetual pilgrims' will walk the full distance of each Way, with up to 20-day pilgrims joining for day stages. There are potential feeder routes to the four main Ways from all the other Catholic cathedrals of England & Wales.

We have lots of resources which can be found on our [Jubilee webpage](#).

"The Jubilee is a time of conversion and renewal, an opportunity to embark on a new path, animated by the hope that we can build a world in which everyone can lead an authentically human life in truth, justice and peace." Pope Leo XIV



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

Cycle of Prayer during Ordinary Time:

A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews. Those who suffer persecution,
Oppression, and Denial of Human Rights. Europe. Human Life. Seafarers.

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.

End of Term Letter for Parents from English Martyrs' on the Notice Board.



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Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time

13th – 20th July 2025

Sunday 13.07	8.30am 10.30am 4pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Rosemary Ebalo & Geoffry Minafloh RIP - Bridie O'Sullivan RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope's prayer intentions for July 2025 For Formation In Discernment Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.
Monday 14.07	No Service		
Tuesday 15.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor (memorial)	
Wednesday 16.07	5.30pm 6pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Belisa Mendes 2 nd Birthday	
Thursday 17.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 18.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Jean Hidelatachi RIP	
Saturday 19.07	9.30am 10am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 20.07	8.30am 10.30am 4.00 pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	



STELLA MARIS

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR STELLA MARIS.

Please use the envelope provided if you are a taxpayer

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 13th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you

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. 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. Thank you.

Background on the Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37.

The parable of the Good Samaritan

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting [Deuteronomy 6:5](#), on loving God with all your heart, and [Leviticus 19:18](#), on loving your neighbour. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbour are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbour whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travellers. The traveller in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead, he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbour. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbour in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A neighbour is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbour in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

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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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: International Mass Sunday 28th September 10.30am.
Bishop Patrick McKinney will be attending.

300 Club Results 6th July 2025: £50 S V (73). £25 J G (248), T F (4).

Sunday Collection 29th June £ 272.17 - 6th July £298.10.

Our Parish Jubilee Picnic will be at Mount St Bernard's Abbey on Saturday July 26th at 1pm. This will be a lovely occasion for the whole family, following on from our Parish Jubilee Walk to the Holy Door at Holy Cross Church. If you are interested in going, please speak to Josephine in the Music Group after Mass today and sign the list at the back of the church.

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.

The National Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life is being celebrated at Walsingham by Bishop John Keenan on Saturday 2nd August. The Pilgrimage can be followed on livestream at www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/ or for more details, visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org.

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/summer-festival2025. Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. If you have any questions, please email events@youth2000.org.

Lourdes From Home launches for a third time! Sign Up Now! Join the Diocesan Pilgrimage from wherever you are, between Monday 14th and Friday 18th July. Free registration gives access to live streams and the chance to have your intentions taken to the Grotto. You can also order a Pilgrim Pack for just £10 (including UK postage) and prayer resources, the official pilgrimage book, a Robin Hood hat, and a candle lit in Lourdes for your intention at: dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/Lourdes-from-home. or email: communications@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information.

WeBelieve is a feast of Catholic faith, 'ever ancient, ever new'. The festival programme is drawn from the rich traditions of the Church and the legacy of a pivotal network of evangelists. Venue and stream schedules are coming soon! At St. Mary's College, Oscott, is our stunning venue with its rich Catholic heritage setting the perfect atmosphere. From 25th to 28th July 2025. Whether you're flying solo, bringing mates or coming as a church or family, **WeBelieve** is for you. Get your tickets from the [official site](#). **WeBelieve** is a collaboration of many ministries in the Church. It's thanks to the initiative and generosity of [The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom](#) that this festival is taking place. **WeBelieve** is overseen by The Guild, including their patron, [Archbishop John Wilson](#). As a festival, **WeBelieve** is organised and managed by Peter's House and St Mary's College, Oscott. More information on the festival can be found on the [WeBelieve website](#).

National Walking Pilgrimage of Hope: Monday 1 to Saturday 13 September. The 4 routes will converge at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. St John's Way passes through Leics. All ages are invited to join as day pilgrims, no charge. For more information and registration, please see: pilgrimways.org.uk.

VACANCY: THE DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE is looking for its third and final Programme Leader to complete their programme team for the next academic year. Visit ndcys.com/job-vacancies or email recruitment@ndcys.com for more information. The closing date is Friday 18th July.