

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.

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

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

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.



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



Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall. Please join us!



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Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

27th July – 3rd August 2025

**Jubilee of
Grandparents
and the Elderly**

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| Sunday 27.07 | 08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm | Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite | Pope's prayer intentions for August 2025 For Mutual Coexistence Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons. |
| Monday 28.07 | No Service | | |
| Tuesday 29.07 | 09.30am 10.00am | Silent Adoration Holy Mass - SS. Matha, Mary & Lazarus (memorial) | |
| Wednesday 30.07 | 05.30pm 06.00pm | Silent Adoration Holy Mass | |
| Thursday 31.07 | 09.30am 10.00am | Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest (memorial) | |
| Friday 1.08 | 09.30am 10.00am 05.00pm 05.30pm | Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Bishop & doctor (memorial) Silent Adoration Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite | |
| Saturday 2.08 | 09.30am 10.00am | Silent Adoration Holy Mass | |
| Sunday 3.08 | 08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm | Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite | |

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.

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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Background on the Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13.

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbour, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First, he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

During a Mass celebrated on Nottingham Diocese's annual Family Fun Day, Bishop Patrick McKinney also urged parents not to feel defeated when they spend much of the Mass distracted by their children, and praised parents for persisting with bringing their children to Mass. Bishop Patrick, went on: "In response, I want to say to you as parents today, Christ Jesus is delighted that you make the effort to bring your children to Mass. He knows the personal cost to you, and He delights in your efforts to help your children become familiar with Mass and their parish community. The clergy and parish members gathered with you for Mass should also be delighted that you have brought your young children because, without the involvement, excitement and noise of young children, a parish can quickly become an impoverished community, a parish possibly without a future," he explained. As families with children, and with young people of varying ages, you all have a prominent role to play in keeping parishes alive and sensitive to the varying needs of those who gather for Mass and who are very much part of its community. Nobody should be made to feel uncomfortable at Mass." It was a great boost for families to hear such encouraging words from their Bishop and to be reminded that they are invaluable to the life of their parishes.

300 Club Results 20th July 2025: £50 E C (100). £25 S P (187), A M (58).

Sunday Collection 20th July £302.02.

This Wednesday, 30th July, marks the **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons**. Human trafficking is one of the great human rights challenges of our time, described by Pope Francis as a "crime against humanity". Join the Santa Marta Group for an evening of awareness and sharing, as Kevin Hyland OBE and other speakers discuss the scale of human trafficking in our local and global communities, and the role of the Catholic Church and faith groups in preventing it. Register to attend the webinar at <https://bit.ly/trafficking2025>.

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.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Catholic Shrine led by Fr Zvonimir Pavičić. On Monday 25th August. For more details or to book coach seats contact Paul Spencer on 07710567183 or pilgrimsmary@hotmail.com.

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.

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.**

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi for Canonization of Carlo Acutis. Join us on an extraordinary pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi from September 5th-8th, 2025, with Fr. John Martin and Fr. Neil Peoples! This is a unique opportunity to step into history and deepen your faith during this Jubilee Year. For All Ages: Experience the spiritual richness of these holy sites and be part of a momentous occasion for the Church. **Book your space here!** For Young Adults (18-35): Connect with your faith and fellow young Catholics on this inspiring journey. **Book your space here!**

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE between Wednesday 24th September - Sunday 2nd November. Help save lives In Leicester! You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilisation to Pray and Fast for an end to abortion, by taking part in 40 Days for life in our community, taking place at Across from Aylestone Road Gardens, Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 8PW, between 8.00am and 8.00pm daily. For more details contact Maureen: leicester40daysfor-life@gmail.com.

VACANCY: The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace are seeking to appoint a Director of Finance, based in Nottingham. More details can be found at: <https://www.csjp.org/news/2024/2/15/job-posting-financedirectoruk>. and the deadline for applications is Thursday 31st July.