

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.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH	LLOYDS BANK
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.	Mother of God Leicester RCP SORT CODE 30-94-97 ACC. NO. 01538822

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.

A prayer for peace in the Middle East


Christ, Prince of Peace,
hear our prayer and lament,
for our suffering sisters and brothers.
Our hearts are heavy as we witness lives torn apart,
as we see the faces of frightened children
and hear the pleas of those without water or food.
We pray for the dead and the grieving,
for the injured and the afraid.
We pray for courage and perseverance,
for those working for healing and to bring aid.
We pray for world leaders,
that they may strive for a just and lasting peace.
God of new beginnings,
in your ways are compassion and hope.
Open our hearts to dialogue and understanding.
Lead us all to answer your call
to become peacemakers
today, and all the days of our life. Amen.

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Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctlleicester.co.uk/
English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/

MOG Safeguarding Officer: Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - michelleleadempster@gmail.com

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914

		Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time 3rd - 10th August 2025	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.
Sunday 3.08	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Monday 4.08	No Service	St. John Mary Vianney, priest (memorial)	
Tuesday 5.08	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 6.08	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - The Transfiguration of the Lord (feast)	
Thursday 7.08	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - R M Yohannan RIP	
Friday 8.08	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Dominis, priest (memorial)	
Saturday 9.08	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Clifa Pereria Birthday St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin and martyr, Patron of Europe (feast)	
Sunday 10.08	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

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.

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.

'Thanks to all of those who attended the Parish Jubilee Picnic at Mount St. Bernard's Abbey last weekend. Fr. Joseph gave us a most informative tour of the Abbey and the grounds. Thanks to all those who brought food and drinks for our picnic. It was a wonderful spread with food from many countries. Thanks to Fr. Hans for being with us on this great occasion.'

Car Parking when you come to Mass.

Please note: do not park your car at the front of the gates of the church. We have been advised by the police that it is a very dangerous spot in which to park. There is plenty of room at the back of the church in our Car Park. Thank you.

Background on the Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21.

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first, he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead, he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

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 2nd July 2025: £100 I T (263). £50 S V (179). £25 A L (177), M B (199).
Sunday Collection 27th July £402.65.

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.

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.**

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.

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.



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!