

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

CAFOD: Response in Gaza

Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to [pray for peace](#) in the Middle East.

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.

Cycle of Prayer during Ordinary Time - Autumn.

Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruit of Human Work
and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War;
Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

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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.

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 114:1, 7-14.

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honour at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honour. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place.

Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you, he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table.

For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbours, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Season of Creation. The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October. The theme of Pope Leo XIV's message for the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* is 'Seeds of Peace and Hope'. It was released on the Memorial of the First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church on 30 June 2025. This Jubilee Year also marks the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* that focuses on 'Care for our Common Home'.

300 Club Results 24th August 2025: £50 J J 193. £25 M T (202), C B (52).

If you have recently changed your address, please let us know as winning cheques are sent by post. See John Gray or Fr Hans. You are all invited to stay for tea and coffee in the hall after Mass on Sunday to witness and take part in the 300 club draw too.

Collection 24th August: to be announced next week.

Season of Creation online event on Wednesday, 3 September 2025, 7pm to 8pm. This online event marks the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' groundbreaking encyclical on care for our common home. Published in 2015, *Laudato Si'* helped shape international conversations on the environment, including influencing the moral framework of the Paris Agreement (COP21). In it, Pope Francis called for an "integral ecology" - one that recognises the deep connection between environmental degradation, social justice, our relationship with God and the rest of humanity. Ten years on, the message of *Laudato Si'* continues to resonate beyond the Catholic Church - from Judaism to Islam to other faith traditions. Drawing on their own teachings, many religious communities have responded in creative and powerful ways. Organised by Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in partnership with CAFOD, this event will reflect on the impact that *Laudato Si'* has had on the work of the speakers and/or organisations for which the speakers work. The webinar will also examine the spiritual and practical challenges that lie ahead, and the unique role faith communities can play in shaping a just and sustainable future. [Register 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](#).

The Parish Jubilee Walk to St. Mary de Castro Church will take place on Saturday September 13th 2025. We will leave Mother of God Church at 2pm and walk, once again, along Glenfield Road, through Fosse Park, the Rally Park and Castle Gardens. At 4pm there will be a tour around St. Mary de Castro and a talk by one of the Church Wardens. St. Mary de Castro is the oldest church in the city, dating back to the eleventh century. It is the heart of historic Leicester. All are welcome to walk with us on 13th September. Please sign up at the back of church today.

March for Life 2025: Saturday 6th September in London. There will be a coach from Holy Cross at 8.15am. A generous benefactor means that all seats are FREE. For more information and to confirm your seat, contact francisca@sicamartinez.plus.com. or 07943 711549.

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.

International Mass on Sunday 28th September.

The above mass will be attended by Bishop Patrick McKinney and is therefore a very important day for our parish. After the mass, we will have refreshments in the hall and we would like to encourage all our different communities to contribute their own special food items to a sharing table.

In addition, it would be lovely to see as many people as possible wearing their own traditional costumes. Hopefully, we should all enjoy a lovely parish event.

Join TeamCAFOD. Run Leicester Half Marathon and 10k on 26 October 2025. Fundraising target £200. Embark on an extraordinary journey through the vibrant city of Leicester with the Run Leicester Half Marathon and 10K - an experience like no other! You'll be raising funds to enable communities to fight poverty around the world. If you have already booked a place in this event and would like to fundraise for CAFOD, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch at events@cafod.org.uk. Or contact nottingham@cafod.org.uk.



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.