

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

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.

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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		Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time 7th – 14th September 2025	
Sunday 07.09	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass -Joe and Alison Murphy Thanksgiving and B. J. Joseph RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope's prayer intentions for September 2025 For Our Relationship With All Of Creation Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.
Monday 08.09	09.30am 10.00am 05.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass (English) Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Tuesday 09.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 10.09	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 11.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 12.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 13.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor (memorial)	
Sunday 14.09	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE.

On Education Sunday, 14th September, Mrs Annie Carter, Executive Headteacher at Christ The King Catholic Voluntary Academy, will come to speak to the Parishes about Catholic Education. She will briefly talk about what Christ the King can offer and the importance of Christ at the centre of our school, education and faithful journey.

See English Martyrs' start of term letter from Mr Calen, Principal, on notice board.

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.

Background on the Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33.

Now great multitudes accompanied him; and he turned and said to them, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish.'

Or what king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace. So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

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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300 Club Results 31st August 2025: £50 G P (43). £25 D McI (181, M P (29).

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: £356.97 - 31st August 373.11.

'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.

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'.

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.

A just peace in Palestine/Israel? Openings and barriers, International Day of Peace Seminar at the Frassati Centre, Holy Cross: 21st September, 1.30pm - 5.30pm. 45 Wellington St, Leicester, LE1 6HW. To attend, please contact abolton2@live.com.

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.

All Altar Servers are invited to the Diocesan Jubilee of Altar Servers, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick in our Cathedral in Nottingham (Derby Road, NG1 5AE) on Saturday 27th September. Bring your alb / cassock and cotta, and arrive for 10.30am onwards, for Mass at 11.30am. Bring a packed lunch too, and enjoy a picnic in the Cathedral Hall and gardens. All are welcome!

English Martyrs' Catholic School open Evening for Year 6 students at on Thursday 2nd October 2025, 5.00- 6.45pm. Formal Address by Mr Calen, Principal at: 5.00pm, 5.25pm and 5.45pm in the Auditorium. We look forward to welcoming you.

Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham will host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco on Sunday 12th and Monday 13th October. For further details visit: worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk or email: membership@waf-ew.org.uk.

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.



MISSIO RED BOXES. Please bring your box to church to be emptied and collect your free magazine from the table in the church porch. If you would like a box, or give a donation, please speak to Maila Taylor.



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.