

+November - Month of the Holy Souls

If you would like your deceased relatives and friends remembered in our November Masses, place the names in an envelope along with any Mass offering and drop in the collection basket or post through the Presbytery door. Please clearly mark the envelope "November Holy Souls".

We offer our sympathy and the support of our prayers to their family and friends, past and present parishioners at this time.

May the angels lead all those who have recently died to Paradise.

+Wednesday 19th November: Mass for our Deceased at 7pm.

+Sunday 9th November: Remembrance Sunday.

+ Cemetery Visits

Sunday 2 November at 2pm - Saffron Hill Cemetery
 Sunday 9 November at 2pm - Wigston Cemetery
 Sunday 16 November at 2pm - Blaby Cemetery
 Sunday 16 November at 3pm - Countesthorpe Cemetery
 Sunday 23 November at 2pm - Gilroes Cemetery

Mother of God First Holy Communion Programme 2025 - 2026.

Application forms are now available for baptised year 3 children or older, to enrol in our parishes First Holy Communion Programme, at the back of church. Please fill in the forms and return them by 25th October at the latest, in a sealed envelope to the box or to hand them to Father Hans directly.

- 1) Introductory meeting for parents on Tuesday 4th November at 6.40pm in the church hall.
- 2) The children's first session in the church hall on Sunday 9th at 9.15am.
- 3) The children's Enrolment Mass at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 16th November.

We will be having a Christmas Party on Sunday 7th December from 12 to 2pm.

This is mainly a social event for all, but there will be fundraising activities such as Christmas Craft stalls and a chocolate raffle. Santa will be there and we will have a shared table and refreshments. In order to support this event, would all the different communities please contribute to a shared table of refreshments. Thank you. We will also have a Carol Singing from the children and entertainment, fun and games.

We are also organising a Christmas Gala on Saturday 13th December (adults only), with entertainment, music, 3 course meal and dancing. We will need donations for the auction. If you have any contacts with businesses or shops or anything you would like to donate yourself to be auctioned, or as a raffle prize for the events, please let Fr. Hans, Hope, Michelle or Sharon know. Many thanks.

The cost will be £30. Tickets will be available on 26th October from Hope.

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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		
	Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time 26th October – 2nd November 2025	
Sunday 26.10	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Frank Burke RIP & wellbeing of Valleney Weston Rosario Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Monday 27.10	No Service	
Tuesday 28.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration with Holy Rosary Holy Mass - SS Simon and Jude, apostles (feast)
Wednesday 29.10	05.30apm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration with Holy Rosary Holy Mass
Thursday 30.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration with Holy Rosary Holy Mass
Friday 31.10	09.30am 10.00am 5.30pm	Silent Adoration with Holy Rosary Holy Mass Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Saturday 01.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass
Sunday 02.11	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - All Saints (Solemnity) Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Pope's prayer intentions for October 2025 For Collaboration Between Different Religious Traditions Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.		

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week.

Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

GRAND PRIZE DRAW: WEST LEICESTER CATHOLIC 300 CLUB

Many thanks to all members for your continued support for this valuable fundraiser for our three churches. Our Grand Prize Draw will take place on:

Sunday 26 October 2025 after 10.30 Mass at Mother of God Church Hall.

All members welcome to attend. Please advise of any change of address since you joined to ensure winning prize cheques are posted to the correct address. New members are invited, see John Gray.

300 CLUB MEMBERSHIP £60 per year/£5 per month due by 1st November.

Background on the Gospel according to Luke 18:9-14.

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

Dilexi Te: Pope Leo's first major teaching document shows his deep commitment to taking forward the living, life-changing tradition of Catholic social teaching. In *Dilexi Te* (I have loved you) he completes the apostolic exhortation begun by his predecessor Francis shortly before his death. *Dilexi Te* shows the love of Christ incarnated in love for the poor, in caring for the sick, opposing slavery, defending women who experience exclusion and violence, making education available to all, accompanying migrants, charitable giving, working for equality and more. For an accessible introduction to this rich and rewarding read, we recommend the resources published by the Dicastery for Integral Human Development, which includes a short synopsis and engaging infographics. [Dilexi Te downloads](#)

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. Also 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.

Rev. Father Frank McLaughlin RIP, died peacefully in his home town of Derry on 4th October 2025. Father Frank was a parish priest of MOG for more than twenty years. We fondly remember him. May he rest in Peace.

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.

300 Club Results 19th October 2025: £50 C S (95). £25 A M (40), J F (198).

Collection Sunday 19th October: £245.24.

A message from a parishioner: Hello my name is Rosemary Chipasha. This is to introduce my catholic women league group under the Zambian Chaplaincy. We, as a group are coming on 1st November to donate towards the food bank. We shall attend the mass and then after mass we will give our donation. We will be in the hall for one hour to have a cup of tea before we go. Regards.

Stella Maris - Seafarers Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2025

An appeal for Christmas shoe boxes for the Seafarers Mission in Immingham is launched for 2025. A List of items will be in the church porch to remind people of what is needed.

The deadline will be 1st December. 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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Are you looking for a Reception place for your child starting school in September 2026? Christ the King is your local Catholic School. It is rated outstanding by OFSTED and by the Diocese of Nottingham. We would love to meet you and show you around our vibrant school at our upcoming Open Days. We are holding our Open Days on Tuesday 1st November @ 13:30 and Tuesday 15th November @ 10.00. If you would like further information, please ring the school office on 0116 2857261. See poster in church porch.

Global Parish: Our next Mission Lab. Monday 10th November 2025. Many of our newest parishioners come from abroad, and they bring renewal and enrichment with them. Adjusting to life in the UK is not easy, but the parish is - or should be - one place they can call home. Thanks to funding from CAFOD we have been listening to the experience of some of our international parishioners. We have asked what would help them feel they belong, and integrate, participate and contribute - and, just as importantly, what they would like to offer. Find out what we've learned together, with contributions from parishioners from **Holy Family Parish** in Nottingham and others who have arrived in the diocese UK from elsewhere around the world. Whether you're born here or from overseas yourself, join us for a truly international conversation to build the parish of the future. [Book for 'Promoting Racial Justice in our Parishes'](#)

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.

FOODBANKS.

We are extremely grateful to all the parishioners who donate food for the FOODBANKS.
It is very much needed. Please continue to donate, if you can.

A huge thank you to all of you!