

### +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 19<sup>th</sup> November: Mass for our Deceased at 6pm.

+Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6.40pm in the church hall.
- 2) The children's first session in the church hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am.
- 3) The children's Enrolment Mass at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**We will be having a Christmas Party on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**We are also organising a Christmas Gala on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December (adults only).** From 5pm to 10pm. 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 26<sup>th</sup> October from Hope.



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**Please note: Fr. Hans' new number.**



**NRCDT- Registered Charity**

**Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - [www.ctlleicester.co.uk/](http://www.ctlleicester.co.uk/)  
 English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - [www.emschool.co.uk/](http://www.emschool.co.uk/)**

**MOG Safeguarding Officer: Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - [michelleleadempster@gmail.com](mailto:michelleleadempster@gmail.com)**

**Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914**



### Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**All Saints  
 (Solemnity)**

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday<br>02.11    | 08.30am<br>10.30am<br>04.00pm | Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite<br>Holy Mass - Mrs Medhin RIP & Majella Checkoed RIP<br>Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite | <b>Pope's prayer intentions for November 2025</b><br><br><b>For The Prevention Of Suicide</b><br>Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. |
| Monday<br>03.11    | 9.30am<br>10am<br>1pm         | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass- Holy Souls<br>Holy Mass for School Children                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday<br>04.11   | 09.30am<br>10.00am            | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass - St. Charles Borromeo , bishop (memorial)                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Wednesday<br>05.11 | 05.30apm<br>06.00pm           | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Thursday<br>06.11  | 09.30am<br>10.00am            | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Friday<br>07.11    | 09.30am<br>10.00am<br>5.30pm  | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Saturday<br>08.11  | 09.30am<br>10.00am            | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Sunday<br>09.11    | 08.30am<br>10.30am<br>04.00pm | Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite<br>Holy Mass -<br>Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

### GRAND PRIZE DRAW: WEST LEICESTER CATHOLIC 300 CLUB

Please find below the results of the Grand Prize Draw held today at Mother of God Parish Hall.

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| <b>1st prize £1000 B Hickey (276)</b> | - | <b>2nd prize £400 M Uczniak (17).</b>    |
| <b>3rd prize £100 S Donlan (31)</b>   | - | <b>4th prize £100 V Sweeney (124).</b>   |
| <b>5th prize £100 C Fisher (117)</b>  | - | <b>6th prize £100 J-J Maloney (300).</b> |
| <b>7th prize £100 G Brighton(155)</b> | - | <b>Quarterly prize £100 K Scott (1).</b> |

**Weekly prize £50 J Ferns (198)**

**Weekly prize £25 D McIntyre (181), C Saddington (72).**

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

## Background on the Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12.

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

**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.

**Collection Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October: £432.74.**

**Catholic Women's League under the Zambian Chaplaincy** have donated foodstuff for the **FOODBANK**. These women have travelled from different towns. We thank them very much.

### 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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**The Jubilee of Extraordinary Ministers** of Holy Communion in the Diocese of Nottingham. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass with the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in our Cathedral on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am. All EMCH are warmly invited to attend (subject to capacity). Candidates to be in the Cathedral by 11.00am.

**Global Parish: Our next Mission Lab. Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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'](#)

**Dominican Young Adults (20s & 30s) Study Day** - Dragons, Beasts & Visions: Understanding Biblical Apocalyptic. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Frassati Centre, Leicester, LE1 6HW. For more information and to register (free) see: [www.english.or.org/godzdogz/dya-study-day-dragons-beasts-and-visions/](http://www.english.or.org/godzdogz/dya-study-day-dragons-beasts-and-visions/).

**LACY - The Big Sing** at on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 4pm Franciscan Convent Chapel, 52 Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0BP. Contact Pauline on 07885 187374, or [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com). or Jo Shearer [joshearer@hotmail.com](mailto:joshearer@hotmail.com).

### 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.

**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. We also pray for the people that have been affected by the Hurricane Melissa.**

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> December. Thank you.

### 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!