

+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.

+Wednesday 19th November: Mass for our Deceased at 6pm.

+ Cemetery Visits

Sunday 16 November at 2pm - Blaby Cemetery
Sunday 16 November at 3pm - Countesthorpe Cemetery
Sunday 16th November at 2pm - Kirby Muxloe

Prayers and blessing of graves at Gilroes cemetery is on Sunday, 23rd November at 2.00 pm.

We meet at the statue to the left of the main driveway approaching the crematorium.



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 tickets. Santa will be there and we will have a shared table and refreshments. We will also have a Carol Singing from the children and entertainment, fun and games.

In order to support this event, would all the different communities please contribute to a shared table of refreshments. Thank you.



You are invited to an Exclusive Christmas Gala on Saturday 13th December (adults only).

From 5pm to 10pm. with entertainment, music, 3 course meal and dancing.

Dress code will be Formal Attire / Christmas Glam.

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 from

Hope or Sharon, Michelle, Sujith or Matthew.

(Payment in cash or cheque).

And finally, don't forget to get your Christmas raffle tickets from Hope, Sharon, Mairead, Michelle, Sujith and Matthew - £150 1st Prize!



During this Holy Season, let us celebrate together and support Our Parish



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		Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time 16th – 23rd November 2025	World Day of the Poor Special Prayer for the Poor
Sunday 16.11	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Felis & Vania Mendes RIP Enrolment Mass 1 st HC Children Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope's prayer intentions for November 2025 For The Prevention Of Suicide 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 17.11	No Service	St. Hugh of Lincoln, Patron of our Diocese (Feast)	
Tuesday 18.11	No Service		
Wednesday 19.11	05.30am 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Memorial Holy Mass - Hilda Hilderatchi RIP	
Thursday 20.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 21.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Jose & Julia Mendonca RIP The Presentation of the BVM (memorial) Dedication of MOG (1973) (Solemnity)	
Saturday 22.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr (memorial)	
Sunday 23.11	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

Second collection TODAY Sunday 16th November 2025.

To support the White Flower Appeal (SPUC).

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC exists to radically transform culture, so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the Society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This year's appeal postcards call for the government to adhere to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Merciful Father, I lift up the souls of the faithful departed into Your holy care.

These are the ones who loved You, who walked in faith, and now await the fullness of Your promise. Remember their works, their prayers, and the love they gave in Your name.

Let their souls find rest beneath Your wings, and may eternal light shine upon them.

Forgive every sin, cover them in grace, and bring them into everlasting joy.

We may be apart for now, but I believe they are alive in You, rejoicing in the glory that never fades. Amen.

Background on the Gospel according to Luke 21:5-19.

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

The words of the Popes

Today, too, in fact there are false "saviours" who attempt to replace Jesus: worldly leaders, religious gurus, even sorcerers, people who wish to attract hearts and minds to themselves, especially those of young people. Jesus warns us: "Do not follow them, do not follow them!". The Lord also helps us not to be afraid in the face of war, revolution, natural disasters and epidemics. Jesus frees us from fatalism and false apocalyptic visions. The second aspect challenges us as Christians and as a Church: Jesus predicts that his disciples will have to suffer painful trials and persecution for his sake. He reassures them, however, saying: "Not a hair of your head will perish" (v. 18). This reminds us that we are completely in God's hands! The trials we encounter for our faith and our commitment to the Gospel are occasions to give witness; we must not distance ourselves from the Lord, but instead abandon ourselves even more to him, to the power of his Spirit and his grace.

Today is the 9th World Day for the Poor - this year's theme being "You are my hope" (Psalm 71:5). Pope Leo XIV's message, released on the Feast Day of Saint Anthony of Padua, patron of the poor, calls on the faithful to rediscover Christian hope as a response to the instability that pervades our world and encourages Christians to offer new signs of hope through acts of charity and by supporting policies that address the root causes of poverty. "Christian hope is like an anchor that grounds our hearts in the promise of the Lord Jesus."

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.

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.

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 Sunday 9/11: £50 S Peoples (118). £25 W Campbell (286), M Billington (59).

Collection Sunday 9th November: £319.92.

LACY - The Big Sing at on Sunday 16th November 4pm Franciscan Convent Chapel, 52 Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0BP. Contact Pauline on 07885 187374, or paulinepayne@hotmail.com. or Jo Shearer joshearer@hotmail.com.

November Requiem Mass. All Young Adults are warmly invited to meet across the diocese in celebrated remembrance of those who have died. At Holy Cross Church, Leicester the Mass will be on Thursday 27th November at 6.10pm. Please bring with you the names of anyone you wish to pray for this month which will be added to our Mass intentions. Arrivals from 6pm, Mass and social time finishing for 8pm.

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 Environment Disasters.



World Gifts are CAFOD's charity gift range of unusual, ethical presents that will delight your friends and family. They've got something for everyone, with gifts for gardeners, animal lovers, teachers, entrepreneurs - the list goes on! Gifts start from as little as £4 for that special something, all the way up to £4,000 - something to aim for in your community or parish? Shop for World Gifts today at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>.

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.

Electronic Newsletter & Newsletter Additions: The Electronic Newsletter is now being sent to those who requested a copy. If you would like to receive a weekly newsletter by email or you have any newsletter additions, please email mogparish@gmail.com.

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!