

Bishop Patrick Launches 'Go Make Disciples': A New Vision for Renewal and Mission.

"Our aim must never be just to manage decline." With these words, Bishop Patrick has officially launched 'Go, Make Disciples,' a transformative five-year mission plan designed to reshape our Diocese for a future of hope and growth. Born from years of shared reflection and listening, this roadmap moves us beyond our current challenges and offers a practical framework built on the three spiritual themes of Encounter, Discipleship, and Mission, all inspired by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist. The Diocesan Mission Plan is an invitation to stop simply maintaining structures and to focus on actively responding to the Lord's commission to "go and make disciples of all nations."

This journey cannot happen without you. As St. John Henry Newman reminded us, "I have my mission... God has not created me for naught." Whether you are clergy, religious, or lay faithful, this plan outlines how your unique gifts are essential to our renewal. We invite you to download the full plan today and prayerfully consider your "first few steps" in this shared mission. [Learn more](#)

The Season of Ordinary Time (Winter). Cycle of Prayer:

- Peace on Earth; especially on 18th January.
- Openness to the Word of God; especially on Sunday 25th January.
- Christian Unity; especially between Sunday 18th and Sunday 25th January inclusive.
- Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; especially on Sunday 8th February.
- The Sick and Those who Care for Them; especially on Wednesday 11th February.
- The Unemployed, especially on Sunday 15th February.



Almighty God,

Creator of the earth in which we live,
Help us today in our search for peaceful ways
To avoid wars, to eliminate terrorism and tyranny
And to establish justice for peoples of all races and faiths.

We pray that the billions of peace-loving
People of goodwill throughout the nations,
Will join together in prayer and action
To bring love where there is hatred,
Friendship where there is enmity,
And justice where there is oppression.

Amen



~Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall. Please join us!

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		Fourth Week of Ordinary Time 1st – 8th February 2026	Day of Special Prayers for Racial Justice
Sunday 01.02	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Frances McLaughlin RIP, 12 th Anniversary & Ellie O'Niell RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope Leo prayer intentions for February 2026 For children with incurable diseases Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.
Monday 02.02	10am	Candlemas - The Presentation of the Lord (Feast) Day of Special Prayers for Consecrated Life	
Tuesday 03.02	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 04.02	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Gilbert of Sempringham, religious (memorial)	
Thursday 05.02	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Agatha, virgin and martyr (memorial)	
Friday 06.02	09.30am 10.00am 5pm 5.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - SS Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan (memorial) Silent Adoration Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Saturday 07.02	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 08.02	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

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 Environment Disasters.

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.

Please take this newsletter home with you.

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

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy*, *fortunate*, or *favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Mrs Eileen Mary Pratt RIP, died on 17th of January. Reception into the church at 7pm on 18th February, Funeral on Thursday 19th February at 11am. Our deepest and sincere condolences to her family and friends.

300 Club Sunday 25th January: £100 B Preston (225). £50 P Dias (184). £25 N Vu (284), P Joseph (277).

Sunday Collection 25th January: £353.74.

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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Faith and Footprint. An online opportunity to connect our faith with care for the Earth, taking a lead from Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. Click below to register, and we'll send you a Zoom link on the day of the meeting. We hold three of these get-togethers through the year. The next will be on 23 June and 28 September 2026. Put them in your diary now! Keep in touch with Caritas. If you would like to keep in touch with news and other opportunities from Caritas Diocese of Nottingham, sign up for our 'Grapevine' newsletter at the link below, where you can also read back issues:

<https://us14.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=836fda909b1148aa84bb903fe&id=9c4d41d585>

Leicester 40 Days for Life Launch Evening is being held at Saint Edward's Parish Hall, 633 Aylestone Road, Leicester LE2 6TF, on Monday 2nd February at 7.30pm. Refreshments are included. This evening is especially for those who would like to find out more about the 40 days for Life Prayer Vigil from 18th February - 29th March. For more information contact Maureen at leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester.

Free retreat day. On Saturday 7th February 2026. 1pm onwards, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 12 Goodwood Road. Uppingham Road, Rowlatts Hill, Leicester LE5 6SG. led by the Briars team, is inspired by the lives of the newly canonised Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati who offer us examples of faith and a life fully lived. Young people attending the retreat day will have the opportunity to explore the lives of Saints Carlo and Pier Giorgio through a series of games, inputs and interactive workshops. The day will culminate in the celebration of Mass with the parish community with music ministry led by the Briars team. Book here: www.ndcys.com/leicester-retreat-day.

National Marriage Week - 7th-14th February 2026 - There will be resources available from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales from mid January. This year's theme is 'The Joy of Love' and resources will include: 'The Joy of Love' launched in 2022 by the Bishops' Conference Committee for Marriage and Family Life explores the key themes of *Amoris Laetitia* on: Joy, Love, Mercy, Realities and Discernment, and Mission. Which can be found here: [The Joy of Love - 2022](#); National Marriage Week Novena; A Reflection on the Marriage of Mary to Joseph in Art and Tradition. If you are signed up to receive the weekly CBCEW newsletter, then you would know that the Marriage Week resources are available - please share far and wide. [Marriage Week - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#).

If you are not signed up to receive the newsletter, I encourage you to do so via this link: [Newsletter Sign-up - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#).

The Leicestershire Eucharistic Ministers Renewal Day for 2026 is on 28th March at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 12, Goodwood Rd., Leicester LE5 6GS. It will be led by Father David Cain and Deacon O'Looskan which will begin at 10:30 am with tea and coffee followed our first talk and will finish between 3 - 3:30pm. We realise that some of you may no longer to travel. Please be assured that you will be remembered in our prayers. Registering. (please try to do this by 14th March, if you can - thank you.) You may register as an individual or as part of a Parish group. Please email Mrs M Hunt mchunt2310@btinternet.com.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026. If you are interested in joining as a helper with HCPT Group 512 Ratcliffe pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 leaving on Friday 10th July and returning on Friday 17th July, staying at Hosanna House, please contact Mairead Collins on 07999542253 for further details. Many thanks.

Winter Night Shelter: The charity, One Roof Leicester, supports people who are homeless. They urgently need volunteers from now until 31 March for evening and night shifts. Full training given; experienced staff always on duty. Tel: 0116 4422007 or E: karyn@oneroof.org.uk for details.

A homeless shelter in Leicester has appealed for warm winter jackets and coats as temperatures drop. **Help the Homeless Leicester** made the plea on Wednesday and said a warm coat provides "protection, dignity and sometimes the difference between coping and breaking" for those sleeping rough. The charity is asking for winter jackets and coats, hoodies and jumpers, as well as hats, gloves and scarves. Please donate items in clean and good condition. Speak to Maila Taylor for further information.

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!