



CAFOD Lent Appeal - Family Fast Day collection. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10, or scan the QR code.



Cycle of Prayer during Lent, we pray for these intentions:

- Candidates for the Sacraments; especially on the Sundays of Lent
- Women;
- The Needy and Hungry of the World;
- Penitents and Wanderers

The Big Lent Walk

You can join CAFOD for the Big Lent Walk in 2026! Challenge yourself to walk 200km over 40 days and raise money to bring life-saving water to people around the world and help our neighbours around the world who face poverty. We are incredibly excited about the Big Lent Walk 2026, and would love for you to join us as we walk, run, roll or stroll 200km in the 40 days of Lent.

In 2026 we are continuing to work with SCIAF, as we take the Big Lent Walk to the whole of Great Britain! Put your faith into action this Lent. Walk, Pray, Fast and Give. Your steps - as an individual, school or parish community group, together with the generosity of your sponsors, and your prayers - are building a better world. A few sponsorship forms are available from the church porch.

A bit of extra motivation
200km is the equivalent of:

- running across 1,953 football fields
- climbing the Shard 645 times
- walking up and down the Channel Tunnel four times. [Sign up now!](#)

LENT PRAYER

Loving God, when our boat is rocked by poverty, illness or disaster,
you quiet the waves, and lead us safely to shore.
When we work hard, but still go hungry,
you walk beside us, calling "cast your nets",
there is enough for all.
Lead us, Lord to play our part in calming the storm
and sharing your gifts so all people may look to the future with hope.
Amen.



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

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.

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<p>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctlkeicester.co.uk/ English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/</p>			
<p>MOG Safeguarding Officer: Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - michelleadempster@gmail.com Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914</p>			
	<p>Second Week of Lent 1st – 8th March 2026</p>	<p>† Stations of the Cross every Friday after Mass</p>	
<p>Sunday 01.03</p>	<p>08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm</p>	<p>Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Private Intentions Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite</p>	<p>Pope Leo prayer intentions for March 2026</p>
<p>Monday 02.03</p>	<p>No Mass</p>		
<p>Tuesday 03.03</p>	<p>09.30am 10.00am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Aju George Thanksgiving</p>	<p>Pray that nations move toward effective disarmament,</p>
<p>Wednesday 04.03</p>	<p>05.30pm 06.00pm</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Lukose Pulimoottil RIP</p>	<p>particularly nuclear disarmament, and</p>
<p>Thursday 05.03</p>	<p>09.30am 10.00am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass</p>	<p>that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.</p>
<p>Friday 06.03</p>	<p>10.00am 05.30pm</p>	<p>Holy Mass followed by Stations of the Cross Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite followed by Stations of the Cross</p>	
<p>Saturday 07.03</p>	<p>09.30am 10.00am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass</p>	
<p>Sunday 08.03</p>	<p>08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm</p>	<p>Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite</p>	

CAFOD Lent Fast Day SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Please use an envelope for your donation, if you are a tax-payer.

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.

NEW ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION!

Please collect your new set of envelopes from the table in the church porch.
Please pick boxes with the appropriate name as your number might be different from what you previously had.

Please take this newsletter home with you.

Background on the Gospel reading according to Matthew 17:1-9.

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word. The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

300 Club Sunday 22nd February: £50 L Mathew (146). £25 B Ambler (201), M Moscizko(212).

Sunday Collection 22nd February: £468.85.

300 CLUB DIVIDEND. Thank you to our 300 Club Members. The dividend for the year ending October 2025 is £7,200 to be split evenly between our three churches of Mother of God, St Peter's and Blessed Sacrament. **NOT A MEMBER?** Please call Bernadette on (07910 971 260) or Marian (07982 489 995) - or see John Gray for new memberships, or queries.

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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Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. 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. Thank you.

Adult Formation -Sycamore Lent Evenings for young Adults- 18-35s Mondays during Lent - Online - 7.30pm. Beginning 23rd February. Join Young adults and enter more deeply into prayer this Lent. Just bring yourself, a bible and a drink of your choice (unless you are fasting!). 23/2 Prayer for beginner - 02/03 Seven Rules of Prayer - 09/03 Praying with the Bible - 16/03 How to pray the Mass - 23/03 How to offer up your sufferings to God - 30/03 Silent Prayer and the presence of God. Key contacts: Charles Archer, *Young Adult Ministry Leader.* charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk 0115 953 9850 [Book your space here!](#)

The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is hosting a deanery retreat day for secondary aged young people in the Leicester Deanery on Saturday 7th March. With thanks to Fr David Cain, Fr Vitalis and Deacon Seamus of Holy Family parish in Leicester, for serving as host for the event. This is a **free** event and welcome to anyone aged 11-18yrs who may be interested, through the registration form [HERE](#) or by visiting ndcys.com/deanery-retreat-days for more information. Sophie Dunne, Assistant Director at The Briars retreat centre will be running the event together with NDCYS mission team volunteers. The Summit will be a wonderful opportunity for secondary aged young people from your parish to meet like-minded peers.

NDCYS: The Summit Deanery Retreat Days Mickleover Youth Service on Saturday 14th March 2026 1pm onwards at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 36 Uttoxeter Rd, Mickleover, Derby DE3 9GE. This free retreat day, 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 your space here!](#)

The Nottingham 40 Days for Life, praying for an end to abortion, runs between Wednesday 18th February and Sunday 29th March. During these 40 days of Lent pro-lifers will be: praying for an end to abortion in our community near the main abortion clinic in Nottinghamshire; offering peaceful witness to God's love and the possibility of healing; offering practical, non-judgemental help to women who may want to consider an alternative to abortion, and offering support for post-abortive women. More information is at: 40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com.

Urgent: last chance to lobby Lords to stop decriminalisation. The House of Lords is currently debating an extreme amendment to the Government's Crime and Policing Bill, which would allow women to self-induce their own abortions for any reason, and at any gestation. The last chance to remove this amendment will be at Report Stage, expected on the 11 or 17 March. Find out more and use SPUC's tool to write to members of the House of Lords by going to <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/>.

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 be able 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.

The Diocesan Youth Service (NDCYS) is taking a group of young people and young adults to Lourdes, France as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July 2026. If you are aged 16+ and unable to go with your school, or a young adult who would like to be a small group leader, we encourage you to download the information pack and apply at ndcys.com/Lourdes.

Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 with Bishop Patrick. Departing from East Midlands airport on Monday 13th July, enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. Those with additional needs will be cared for by our health team and helpers' team. Mary invites us all to come to this holy place. More details from the tour operator: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham/>.

A homeless shelter in Leicester has appealed for warm winter jackets and coats as temperatures drop. 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.**

FOODBANKS. We are extremely grateful to all the parishioners who donates food for the **FOODBANKS.** It is very much needed. Please continue to donate, if you can.
A huge thank you to all of you!