

Dates for your diary:

- 7th June: Our Lady's Procession.
- 28th June: Summer Raffle Draw.
- 13th September: International Mass
- 19th September: Summer BBQ.
- 6th December: Christmas Party.

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.

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, Sudan, Iran and The Middle East and for all the war-torn countries in the world. We also pray for the people that have been affected by Environment Disasters.

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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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!

Please take this newsletter home with you.

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| <p>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctkleicester.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 align="center">Sixth Week of Eastertide</p> <p align="center">10th - 17th May 2026</p> | | |
| <p>Sunday 10.05</p> | <p>07.30am 10.30am 04.00pm</p> | <p>Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Alice Freda O'Brien RIP & Vera Sweeney Intentions Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite</p> | <p align="center">Pope Leo prayer intentions for May 2026</p> <p align="center">That Everyone Might Have Food.</p> <p>Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.</p> |
| <p>Monday 11.05</p> | <p>No Service</p> | | |
| <p>Tuesday 12.05</p> | <p>No Service</p> | | |
| <p>Wednesday 13.05</p> | <p>No Service</p> | | |
| <p>Thursday 14.05</p> | <p>10.30am</p> | <p>The Ascension of the Lord (solemnity)</p> | |
| <p>Friday 15.05</p> | <p>No Service</p> | | |
| <p>Saturday 16.05</p> | <p>No Service</p> | | |
| <p>Sunday 17.05</p> | <p>07.30am 10.30am 04.00pm</p> | <p>Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Shirley O'Brien RIP, Jean Hidelaratchi RIP & Margaret & Frank Quinn RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite</p> | |

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION

Catholic Communication Campaign - Share the Good News

Next weekend, we will take up the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This special collection helps spread the Gospel through television, radio, print, podcasts, and digital media—reaching people in our own communities and around the world. Half of the funds collected stay here in our diocese to support local communication efforts, while the other half supports national and international projects that connect people with Christ. Your generosity helps ensure that the message of hope and faith reaches those who need it most. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important work.

Learn more at: www.usccb.org/ccc.

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

New Members of the Church; Vocations, especially on Sunday 26th April; Human Work, especially on 1st May; Survivors of Abuse, especially on Tuesday 5th May; The right use of the Media, especially on Sunday 17th May; The Church, especially on Sunday 24th May.

Background on the Gospel reading according to *John 14:15-21*

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead, he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defence for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

Keith Billington RIP, passed away peacefully on 22 April. His Funeral will be at Gilroes Cemetery on Thursday 14th May at 11.30am. Our deepest and sincere condolences to his family and friends.

300 Club Sunday 3rd May: £50 L Holloway (262). £25 M Dempster (173), K Waldron (96).

Sunday Collections 3rd May: £358.93.

Thanks to all those who have booked seats on the coach for our pilgrimage on June 6th.

There are just three seats left. Payment needs to be made by this Sunday to ensure your place on the coach. We will be leaving at 8 o'clock in the morning and returning for about 7 o'clock in the evening. We will be having a picnic lunch at the shrine, after Mass, so please bring food for a shared table. We will have a great day. Thanks to all those who placed prayers in the boxes last weekend. These prayers will be carried to Walsingham and placed at the shrine. Candles will be lit for all the intentions. The boxes will be available again after Mass today or speak to Josephine at the end of Mass.

Not able to travel to Walsingham?

There will be a box in church for you to place prayer intentions. Please fill in the prayer intentions form at the end of your bench and place them in the box, at the end of Mass until the end of May. We will carry your prayers to Walsingham, where they will be placed before the shrine of Mary. If you would like us to light a candle for you at Walsingham, please let Josephine know. We want the whole parish to be part of our Pilgrimage to Walsingham.'

Online Retreat: between Saturday 16th and Saturday 23rd May the Jesuit Institute is holding a 6-day online Retreat in the lead up to Pentecost, offering an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God is at work in the everyday lives of those taking part. For details, and to book, visit: www.jesuitinstitute.org/events. /online-individually-guided-retreat-Pentecost.

Dominican Young Adults Study Day, under the title Human Origins - Creation and Evolution is being held on Saturday 23rd May, from 10.00am until 4.00pm, in the Frassati Centre, Leicester LE1 6HW. How do we reconcile the claims of modern science with the teaching of the Catholic Church? Are human beings nothing more than products of an aimless evolutionary process? Join the Dominican Young Adult Study Day led by Father Robert Verrill OP on 'theistic evolution': how to make sense of modern science's theory of evolution in light of Catholic teaching on God, creation, and the human person. The day will include talks, workshops, prayer, fellowship, and discussion, and lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend, but booking is essential, at dya@english.op.org. All Young Adults are warmly invited.

Join a special overnight Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June), for young adults aged 18-35 to take place alongside the annual diocesan pilgrimage, with dedicated time, space and community for young adults. Staying at Elmham House (half board) pilgrims will share in the wider celebrations while also enjoying moments specifically for the young adult community and encounter. For any questions, contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Bookings at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026.

World Youth Day 2027. All Young Adults are warmly invited to join the Diocese of Nottingham and Pope Leo in Seoul, South Korea, for a week of Encounter and Discipleship with 100,000s of other Young Catholics ready to hear the Lord speak into their lives. For more information, please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk As numbers are limited, please do this by 31st July 2026.

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.

Forming Catholic Student Leaders: Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). www.christianleadershipformation.com.

VACANCY: The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre in Crich is recruiting a part-time Cook to join its catering team. The role is 18 hours per week, term-time only plus two additional weeks, paying £12.60 - £14.00 per hour. The successful candidate will cook for retreat groups of up to 60+ guests in a friendly, supportive setting. To apply, or for more information please email recruitment@ndcys.com.

VACANCY: Train and Volunteer as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care Marriage Care is looking for empathetic volunteers to train as relationship counsellors and support couples in need. Their next Certificate in Relationship Counselling begins in March 2027, with applications closing on 30 June. Full training, ongoing supervision, and CPD are provided, and no previous counselling experience is needed. Training costs apply, including a non-refundable registration fee of around £175, but no one is excluded because of an inability to pay. For more information, visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

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!