

**Dates for your diary:**

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

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.

<p><b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH:</b> 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.</p>	<p>LLOYDS BANK Mother of God Leicester RCP SORT CODE 30-94-97 ACC. NO. 01538822</p>
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*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.*

**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!**



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

MOG Safeguarding Officer: Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - [michelleadempster@gmail.com](mailto:michelleadempster@gmail.com)  
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	<p><b>Seventh Week of Eastertide</b></p> <p><b>17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b></p>	
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Sunday 17.05	07.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Shirley O'Brien RIP, Jean Hidelaratchi RIP & Margaret & Frank Quinn RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p><b>Pope Leo prayer intentions for May 2026</b></p> <p><b>That Everyone Might Have Food.</b>          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>
Monday 18.05	No Service		
Tuesday 19.05	No Service		
Wednesday 20.05	No Service		
Thursday 21.05	No Service		
Friday 22.05	No Service		
Saturday 23.05	No Service		
Sunday 24.05	07.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Frank Burke RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY 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](http://www.usccb.org/ccc).

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

New Members of the Church; Vocations; Human Work; Survivors of Abuse; The right use of the Media, especially on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May; The Church, especially on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## Background on the Gospel reading according to

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel. The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

**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.

**300 Club Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May:** £50 B Joseph (277). £25 M Taylor (10), E Waldron (85).

**Sunday Collections 10<sup>th</sup> May: £425.40.**

Vera Sweeney would like to thank everyone for the kind messages on the occasion of her birthday.

**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.'

**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](mailto: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](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk). Bookings at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com).

**Walsingham Pilgrimage by coach** on Thursday 13 to Friday 14 August: Stay overnight at Elham House - ensuite, standard and family rooms available. Approximate cost including coach fare, dinner, bed & cooked breakfast: Adult £115-£145, Child (5-12 years) £55, Child (4 and under) Free. For details & booking forms, email Angela Bailey at: [wstleicester@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:wstleicester@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

**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](mailto: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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)