

**Pope Leo XIV's first Encyclical Letter, titled *Magnifica humanitas***, on preserving the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, will be released on Monday 25 May 2026. It bears the Pope's signature dated 15 May, 135th anniversary of the publication of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum novarum*. *Magnifica humanitas* will be presented on the day of its release at 10:30am (UK time) at the Vatican's Synod Hall. The Pope will be present, along with several speakers: Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith; Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J., Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development; Professor Anna Rowlands, a theologian and professor at Durham University (United Kingdom); Christopher Olah, co-founder of Anthropic (USA) and head of research on the interpretability of artificial intelligence; and Professor Leocadie Lushombo, I.T., professor of political theology and Catholic social thought at the Jesuit School of Theology / Santa Clara University in California (USA). Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin will offer closing remarks, followed by an address and blessing by Pope Leo XIV.

**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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**Dates for your diary:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> June: Our Lady's Procession.**
- 14<sup>th</sup> June: Holy Communion**
- 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.**

**We will be celebrating our May Procession on June 7**, immediately after our Sunday mass. This is to honour our Blessed Lady, the Mother of our God. **Please Note:** The procession will take place within the ground of our Mother of God Church. You are all invited to join us celebrate this joyous event in the hall for **shared food and light refreshment**, after the service. We are encouraging our congregation, especially our children to offer a stem of flower to our Lady. Looking forward to seeing you all on that special day. For further inquiries: see/ ring Teresa.



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><b>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - <a href="http://www.ctkleicester.co.uk/">www.ctkleicester.co.uk/</a></b> <b>English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - <a href="http://www.emschool.co.uk/">www.emschool.co.uk/</a></b></p>			
<p><b>MOG Safeguarding Officer: Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - <a href="mailto:michelleadempster@gmail.com">michelleadempster@gmail.com</a></b> <b>Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914</b></p>			
		<p><b>Pentecost Sunday</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026</b></p>	<p><b>And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit Acts 2:4</b></p>
<p>Sunday 24.05</p>	<p>08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm</p>	<p>Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Frank Burke RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite</p>	<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>
<p>Monday 25.05</p>	<p>No Service</p>	<p>Blessed Virgin Mary, Moher of the Church (memorial)</p>	
<p>Tuesday 26.05</p>	<p>09.30am 10.00am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Saint Philip Neri, priest (memorial)</p>	
<p>Wednesday 27.05</p>	<p>05.30pm 06.00pm</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop (feast)</p>	
<p>Thursday 28.05</p>	<p>09.30am 10.00am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (feast)</p>	
<p>Friday 29.05</p>	<p>09.30am 10.00am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass</p>	
<p>Saturday 30.05</p>	<p>09.30am 10.00am</p>	<p>Silent Adoration Holy Mass</p>	
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**Cycle of Prayer during Ordinary Time, we pray for these intentions:**

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Human Life; Europe; Seafarers.

**A Prayer for Pentecost Sunday**

**Oh God, on this day, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. By that same Spirit, give us a right judgment in all things that we may always rejoice in His holy comfort; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen**

**Background on the Gospel reading according to John 20:19-23.**  
Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the [Second Sunday of Easter](#) this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> May:** £50 L O'Shea (237). £25 V Jacob (273), G Patecki (43).

**Sunday Collections 17<sup>th</sup> May: £392.68. Second Collection £143.19,**

**The coach for Walsingham is now full.** There is a waiting list so if you can't travel for any reason, please let us know so that we can offer your place to another pilgrim. We're really looking forward to seeing everyone on June 6th. The coach leaves at 8am so it would be great if we're all at mother of God for about 7.45 am ready to leave at 8. Please continue to put your prayer intentions and request for candles in the box at the front of church after Mass today.

#### **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.'

**Leicester Young Adults' Groups.** A number of groups for Young Adults (18-35) exist across the diocese. They meet regularly to receive input, pray, socialise and grow in discipleship. Every Fourth Thursday of the month at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Leicester. [For up-to-date news, event and meeting dates, sign up to the Young Adult's Mailing List.](#)

**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)

#### **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!**