

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 Anthropoc (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:

- 7th June: Our Lady's Procession.**
- 14th June: Holy Communion**
- 28th June: Summer Raffle Draw.**
- 13th September: International Mass**
- 19th September: Summer BBQ.**
- 6th 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.

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

Please take this newsletter home with you.

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	<p style="text-align: center;">The Most Holy Trinity (solemnity)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">31st May - 7th June 2026</p>	
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Sunday 31.05	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Jovito Travasso RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<p>Pope Leo prayer intentions for June 2026</p> <p>For The Values Of Sports</p> <p>Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.</p>
Monday 01.06	No Service	St. Justin, martyr (memorial)	
Tuesday 02.06	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - M S Reynolds RIP	
Wednesday 03.06	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - SS Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs of Uganda (memorial)	
Thursday 04.06	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 05.06	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St Boniface of Crediton, bishop & martyr (Memorial)	
Saturday 06.06	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 07.06	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Miss Eileen Letts 100 th Birthday & Angelo Da Costa RP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

The First Holy Communion mass for 16 children, and one older candidate, from this parish will take place on Sunday 14th June at the 10.30 mass. Please keep all the candidates in your prayers.



Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Eileen Letts who will be a 100 yrs old next Thursday, 4th of June.

Eileen has been a parishioners of Mother of God for over 40 years, contributing in so many ways to our parish, including flower arranging which she did do for a great number of years.

WE WISH EILEEN A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY, WITH LOTS OF LOVE AND GRATITUDE FOR ALL THAT SHE HAS DONE FOR THE PARISH OVER THE YEARS.

Background on the Gospel reading according to John 3:16-18.

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

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 24th May: £50 S Mathew (267). £25 S Sibson (224), R Ashley (239).

Sunday Collections 24th May: £399.43,

The coach for Walsingham leaves at 8am, so please be at Mother of God church car park at 7.45 am. Please bring food for a shared table lunch for after the midday Mass. It will be a great day for the parish. The weather forecast is mixed so feel free to bring a waterproof and an umbrella as well as sun cream and sunglasses. Detailed timetables for the day will be available before or after Mass on Sunday from Josephine.'

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 Elham 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.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2026 from 12 to 19 July. Are you 16 or over? Join the Nottingham Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. Travelling overland by coach with four nights in Lourdes and a stop in Paris on the way home, you'll serve assisted pilgrims, share in the life of the Sanctuary, and follow a programme of prayer, talks and time together. £1,050 all-in; bursaries available in confidence for any young person who needs one. To find out more or to register interest, email director@ndcys.com.

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.

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: westleicester@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.

THE BRIARS Leadership Residency. A year that sets you up for the rest of your life. Live in intentional Catholic community. Lead retreat programmes for hundreds of young people. Be invested in personally – with spiritual direction, coaching, training and formation. Leave twelve months later knowing how to pray, how to live alongside others honestly, how to rest well, and how to give of your absolute best God-given talent. This is not volunteering. This is formation for life. For young adults aged 18-25 from mid-August 2026 to mid-July 2027. Email: director@ndcys.com, or visit: www.thebriars.co.uk for more information.

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!**