

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:

- 14th June: Holy Communion**
- 28th June: Summer Raffle Draw.**
- 13th September: International Mass**
- 19th September: Summer BBQ.**
- 6th December: Christmas Party.**



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**

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Corpus Christi

7th – 14th June 2026

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, Fiona & Thomas Crowley Marriage blessing Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope Leo prayer intentions for June 2026 For The Values Of Sports 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.
Monday 08.06	No Service		
Tuesday 09.06	No Service		
Wednesday 10.06	No Service		
Thursday 11.06	No Service	St Barnabas, Apostle, Patron of the Cathedral (feast)	
Friday 12.06	No Service	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (solemnity)	
Saturday 13.06	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Thanksgiving Mass to St. Anthony The Immaculate Heart of the BVM (memorial)	
Sunday 14.06	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - 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.

We will be celebrating our May Procession today, June 7, together with **Corpus Christi Procession**, immediately after our Sunday mass. **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.

Raffle Tickets for our Summer Raffle Draw will be on sale as from today 7th June.

The draw will take place after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 28th June.

Please support our parish by buying and selling tickets to your family and friends.

Background on the Gospel reading according to John 6:51-58.

Jesus says, "I am the living bread."

This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.

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.

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

300 Club Sunday 31st May: £50 Murphy (40). £25 R Kennedy (102), D Gomes (221).

Sunday Collections 31st May £366.34.

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!**

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. 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.

WEBELIEVE | Festival of Catholic Life: Friday 24-Monday 27 July 2026 | St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24-27 July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. Book your tickets www.webeliefefestival.com.

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.