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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

**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.**

**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.

**A Prayer for Gratitude and Thanksgiving**

Dear Lord, I come before You with a heart full of gratitude.

Thank You for the countless blessings You have poured into my life.

Help me to cultivate a spirit of thankfulness and to recognize the good in every situation. May I express my gratitude not only in words but also in my actions.

Teach me to appreciate the small moments and to share my blessings with others.

Thank You for Your unwavering goodness in my life.

Amen.

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

**"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I choose to be grateful in all things, Lord. Amen.**

**Raffle Tickets for our Summer Raffle Draw are now available.**

**The draw will take place after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

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

**Mother of God Holy Communion**

Last Sunday we had a wonderful celebration for our First HC children. Thanks to them all and their parents for making it such a special occasion. Margaret and Sharon would like to thank all who sent cards and gifts.



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 Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



**Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time**

**21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Sunday 21.06	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Syro- Malabar Community HC children ints. Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	<b>Pope Leo prayer intentions for June 2026</b>  <b>For The Values Of Sports</b> 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 22.06	No Service	St. John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs (Feast)	
Tuesday 23.06	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 24.06	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass- The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (solemnity)	
Thursday 25.06	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 26.06	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Dulio & Belmita Lopes RIP & Francisco & Marta Rosario RIP	
Saturday 27.06	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - John Joseph O'Grady RIP & Shaba & Thomas Kochuveetil RIP	
Sunday 28.06	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - St. Peter & Paul, apostles (solemnity) Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR DAY FOR LIFE**

This Sunday, 21 June, we mark *Day for Life*, the day in the Church's calendar when we come together to celebrate the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. This year's theme is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'. A child is a gift from God to be nurtured and cherished, but the theme also recognises the tragedy of babies who died before birth and the grief experienced by their parents and families. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the website: [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org). The second collection will go toward the [Day for Life Fund](http://www.dayforlife.org), which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also [donate online](#) on the *Day for Life* website.

**Congratulations and best wishes to 22 children from the Syro-Malabar Community who had their Holy Communion yesterday, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June.**  
**Please keep them in your prayers.**

**A very Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers of the parish.**

## Background on the Gospel reading according to Matthew 10:26-33.

Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavour to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

**Bishop Patrick has recorded three short-guided meditations**, each lasting just twenty minutes. You can listen at home, while walking, or with headphones on your journey to work. Listen alone or with friends, family or fellow parishioners. There is nothing to prepare and no set way to pray: Bishop Patrick will guide you through the prayers. All you need is a little time. [Go, Make Time: Print and Pray Version.](#)

**300 Club Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** £50 J George (248). £25 J Feeney-McKay (245), L Vu (8).

**Sunday Collections: to be announced next week.**

Low-income countries are being pushed into a deepening debt crisis, forced to pay ever higher interest rates to wealthy lenders. Money that should be spent on healthcare and education is flowing out of countries that can least afford it. In 2027, the UK will host the G20, a crucial gathering of the world's 20 most powerful economies. These leaders have the power to fix the **global debt system. Please sign CAFOD's Debt Justice Petition today and strengthen the call for action from the UK Government: Please sign online by visiting CAFOD: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/189582/petition>.**

**Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea)** is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact [roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto:roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org).

**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.](#)

**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.

**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](mailto:director@ndcys.com).

**Join Bishop Patrick, in the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026.** Places are still available, departing from East Midlands airport on Monday 13th July, to enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. Those with additional needs will be cared for by our health team and helpers' team. Mary invites us all to come to this holy place. More details from the tour operator: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham/>.

**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.webeliefestival.com](http://www.webeliefestival.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](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: [westleicester@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:westleicester@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

**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](mailto:director@ndcys.com), or visit: [www.thebriars.co.uk](http://www.thebriars.co.uk) for more information.



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**Dates for your diary: 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.**