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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 of Venezuela and all 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.

Join us to pray the Red Box Prayer of Thanksgiving:

*Lord, we give thanks that for 90 years the Red Box has been sitting quietly in our homes and our churches, holding not just pennies but the hopes of our world.
We pray for the hearts that have filled it, for the generations that have passed it on, for the missionaries who have carried its gifts and for our sisters and brothers who have received its help and hope.
Encourage us, Lord, so that through each penny, each pound, each prayer, each small act of faith, we may bring your love to all peoples.
Amen.*

90 Years of the Red Box

This year marks 90 years of the Red Box and the partnership between Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. More than a simple collection box, it is a powerful symbol of faith, hope and love. Many of us continue to have a Red Box in our homes, as a quiet symbol of prayer and giving in support of Missionaries around the world. To find out more, pray and donate to the Red Box, visit: www.missio.org.uk/parish or talk to your parish Local Secretary Maila Taylor.

FOODBANKS. We are extremely grateful to all the parishioners who donates food for the FOODBANKS. It is very much needed. Please continue to donate, if you can.
A huge thank you to all of you!



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English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/

MOG Safeguarding Officer: Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - michelleadempster@gmail.com
Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



**Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (solemnity)
28th June – 5th July 2026**



Sunday 28.06	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Rosalina Sequeira RIP & Pedro Fernandes RIP - Makangill & Kuoia Family Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope Leo prayer intentions for July 2026 For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it is a gift from God.
Monday 29.06	No Service		
Tuesday 30.06	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Alpha Aju thanksgiving	
Wednesday 01.07	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 02.07	09.30am 10.00am 05.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Friday 03.07	09.30am 10.00am 05.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Thomas, apostle (feast) Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Saturday 04.07	09.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Sunday 05.07	08.30am 10.30am 03.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Denzel Ruzivo Birthday Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR PETER'S PENCE

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. For more information see: <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html>
Day of Special Prayer for the Holy Father Pope Leo.

**The Draw for the Summer Raffle will take place today, Sunday 28th June, in the Parish Hall after the 10.30am Mass.
Tickets will be on sale before and immediately after Mass again. Could everyone bring all the sold and money and unsold tickets to the 10.30am mass.
Thank you for your support.**

Background on the Gospel reading according to Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again, our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

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 21st June: £50 M Goodrich (56). £25 T Daniels (222), E Papadimitriou (83).

Sunday Collections	07.06 - £311.14
	14.06 - £676.32
	21.06 - £378.64 - Second Collection 14.06 £138.19.

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.

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 Wednesday of the month at Holy Cross 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 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.

The National Justice and Peace Network's annual conference takes place between Friday 24th and Sunday 26th July, based on the theme 'Just Talk'. A limited number of places for young adults (18-35) are available at a cost of £150 for the weekend, on a first come first served basis. More details are available on the website: [Conference | National Justice & Peace Network](#)

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.

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.

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.

Dates for your diary: 13th September: International Mass.
19th September: Summer BBQ.
6th December: Christmas Party.