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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.



A Prayer for our Parish Community

Almighty God,
we pray for your blessing on all who
share in the life and work of our Church and Parish:
In the ministry of word and sacrament,
in teaching and pastoral care,
in service to the Diocese and Deanery.
The community and those in need,
in ecumenical fellowship and co-operation.
We pray for all members of the congregation,
that in their life and work they may advance
your kingdom and bear witness to your love,
shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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!

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



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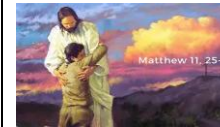
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Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctkleicester.co.uk/
 English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/

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



Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time

5th – 12th July 2026

Day of Special Prayer for the Holy Father Pope Leo.

Sunday 05.07	08.30am 10.30am 03.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Denzel Ruzivo Birthday 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 06.07	05.30pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Tuesday 07.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 08.07	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Albert Aju Thanksgiving	
Thursday 09.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 10.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Martin Hynes intentions	
Saturday 11.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Benedict, abbot, Patron of Europe (feast)	
Sunday 12.07	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Claire Flanagan RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY 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>

Next week the church will be celebrating Stella Maris, formerly called Apostleship of the Sea.

Stella Maris is the largest ship-visiting network in the world. We improve the lives of seafarers and fishers through our network of local chaplains and seafarer centres, expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support.

WE WILL BE TAKING A SECOND COLLECTION ON SUNDAY 19TH JULY.

You can donate in church or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

Background on the Gospel reading according to Matthew 11:25-30.

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

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 28th June: £50 M Taylor (10). £25 M Fox (260), P Sullivan (24).

Sunday Collections 28.06 to be announced next week

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal: You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

Catholic Medical Association. Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied profession; if you are a Catholic in healthcare join the Catholic Medical Association to grow in fellowship, prayer, and formation. For more information visit <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>.

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>.**

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.](#)

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 Ribbles Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) 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.

Join the Caritas 'Workshop for everyone' on 12th September at Holy Cross Priory in Leicester. Pope Leo and Pope Francis ask all the baptised to build new relationships in the church through 'synodality' (walking together). Led by Dr Austen Ivereigh, Pope Francis' biographer and an invited expert at the synod on synodality, the workshop runs from 10am till 3pm and will explore practical ways to listen, build relationships and be inspired towards mission. A donation of £20 is suggested to cover costs, though if this amount means you can't come, you are invited to give what you can. Any surplus will be donated to Caritas Nottingham. Book through this link <https://bit.ly/synodalityleics>

Mount Saint Bernard Abbey. All are invited to a Family Mass and Picnic at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on Sunday 13th September. Bring a chair or picnic blanket, and arrive for Mass at 2pm, with a Marian Procession and Adoration too. Details from jnoakes@englishmartyrs.com.

A Week of Guided Prayer for those affected directly or indirectly by abuse in the Church is being offered by the Jesuits between Sunday 18th and Friday 23rd October. For more details visit www.jesuitinstitute.org/events.