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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.

Today we pray especially for the families of seafarers and fishers.
May you bring seafarers and fishers home safely to their families.

We ask you to support the families of seafarers and fishers when they are away from home.

May you draw near to them in times of worry,
restore them in times of sickness,
and strengthen them when they are weary.

Help them to trust in your unfailing mercy
and to know at all times your sustaining love.

We thank you for them and the tireless work they provide
in supporting seafarers and fishers.

May you keep them in your protection and love
as they go out to live the Gospel.

Amen

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!

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



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NRC DT- Registered Charity

Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctlleicester.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



Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time

12th – 19th July 2026



Sunday 12.07	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Claire Flanagan RIP & James Joseph Poothara RIP 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 13.07	No service		
Tuesday 14.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Mrs Peace Okafor RIP	
Wednesday 15.07	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Bonaventure, bishop and doctor (memorial)	
Thursday 16.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 17.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Martin Hynes thanksgiving	
Saturday 18.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 19.07	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Tony Simons RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

**WE WILL BE TAKING A SECOND COLLECTION FOR SEA SUNDAY
NEXT SUNDAY 19TH JULY.**

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Next week's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. To donate, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate. or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work.
THANK YOU.



Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall. Please join us!

Background on the Gospel reading according to .

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the Sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the Sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the Sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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 5th July: £50 M Fox (260). £25 A Bochenek (114), C Morley (67).

Sunday Collections 28.06 £278.69. Raffle Tickets £750.

Sunday Collection 5.07 £191.67 - 2nd Collection - Peter's Pence £118.83.

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>.

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.

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.

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.](#)

Catholic women Group. Annual Picnic on Saturday 8 August 2026, 1pm to 5pm at Everards Meadows, Fosse Park LE19 2NA. Everyone is very welcome to our general picnic to celebrate togetherness and fellowship. Shared dishes & refreshments, please come along, bring some food & enjoy! Games, social time & fun for all ages! Any questions please Contact Sister Angela, (women's leader) on: 07404537368. Let's make this a wonderful day of friendship and faith. The following parishes are invited to join us: • Saint Peter Church • Blessed Sacrament Church • Mother of God Church • Sacred Heart Church. The picnic aims to bring our community together in fellowship, joy, and thanksgiving. Thank you for your kindness and continued care for our community.

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.

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.