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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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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



Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

19th – 26th July 2026

Sunday 19.07	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Tony Simons RIP & Eji, Nana, Hermine, Joe & Amy Thanksgiving 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 20.07	No service		
Tuesday 21.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 22.07	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 23.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St Bridget of Sweden, religious (Patron of Europe (feast))	
Friday 24.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 25.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. James, apostle (feast)	
Sunday 26.07	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR SEA SUNDAY

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.



Evening prayer/rosary meeting every second Friday of the month
between 6.30 and 7.30pm. Adults and children are all welcome.

Background on the Gospel reading according to *Matthew 13:24-43*

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the Sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday's. All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples' cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the Sower, we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the “weeds” prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 12th July: £50 P Freeston (278). £25 U Lazarus (26), N Hickey (275).

Sunday Collection 12th July £319.88.

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>.

Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill. “This bill is wrong in principle,” says Archbishop Richard Dooley, President of the Bishops' Conference, “It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading.” You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament. For more information and resources, visit: cbeu.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote.

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.

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.

March for Life UK 2026. Diocese of Nottingham coach to March for Life UK, Saturday 5 September 2026, at The Emmanuel Centre, Westminster, London. Theme: Abortion Hurts the Family. Family-friendly event from 10.30AM - 1PM. Every year, thousands of people travel to London for March for Life UK, not to condemn, but to grieve, to witness, and to affirm something simple: that every life, from conception, has value. This year's theme is *Abortion Hurts the Family*. It speaks to something often left unsaid that abortion's impact reaches beyond the immediate decision, into fractured relationships, hidden grief, and guilt that can last a lifetime. The day brings together a Pro-Life Family Summit, a Youth Summit, and the March itself, in a family-friendly setting that holds space for those who have been touched by loss in any of its many forms. The Diocese of Nottingham is running a coach to and from the march. For prices and to reserve a seat, contact Marie Langford: marielangford@live.co.uk or 07948 151264. To find out more about the day itself, visit marchforlife.co.uk or email info@marchforlife.co.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.