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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.



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 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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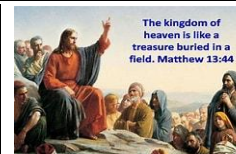
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NRC DT- Registered Charity

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



Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

26th July – 2nd August 2026

Sunday 26.07	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Anita Keenan RIP & Thomas Scaria 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 27.07	No service		
Tuesday 28.07	No Service		
Wednesday 29.07	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus (memorial)	
Thursday 30.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 31.07	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest (memorial)	
Saturday 01.08	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, bishop and doctor (memorial)	
Sunday 02.08	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Sheila Cook RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

Mother of God Prayer Devotions.

A group of people are organising a monthly prayer group on the second Friday of every month, from 6.30 to 7.30pm which will include saying the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other Devotional Prayers.
We would love you to join us as everyone will be very welcome.
Our next meeting will be on Friday 14th August.

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.

Background on the Gospel reading according to Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus' teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the Sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

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 19th July: £50 S Philip (130). £25 C Nnamani (295), A Lomas (177).

Sunday Collection 19th July £334.93. Second Collection for Sea Sunday 161.90.

Find your family's summer offer. The government's great British Summer scheme takes place between 25th June to 1s September with a temporary reduction on vat from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinema, concerts and exhibitions and a wide range of other attractions. In addition, there will be free bus travel during august for children aged 5 to 15 in England. Full details can be found at <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

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.

Retrouville has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouville.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983.

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 Moth, 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. 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: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote.

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>.

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.