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Cycle of Prayer during Ordinary Time, we pray for these intentions:

Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel;

The Harvest; The Fruit of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation;

Justice and Peace in the World;

All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

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 all the people 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

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.

MOG Church Summer Fête - Saturday 19th September, 11am-3pm.

Enjoy a fun-filled day of community, refreshments, games, and activities for all ages.

This is a fundraising event, with all proceeds helping to support our church and its work. We

would love to see as many people there as possible, so please come along and bring your

family and friends. If you would like to run a stall or help in any way, please speak

to Michelle after Sunday Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!



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NRC DT- Registered Charity

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

MOG Safeguarding Officer: Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - michelleleademster@gmail.com

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time

30th August – 6th September 2026

Sunday 30.08	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Thanksgiving Mass Queenie De Oliveria Birthday blessings & good Health Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope Leo prayer intentions for September 2026 For the care of water Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.
Monday 31.08	04.00pm 05.30pm	Adoration Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Tuesday 01.09	09.30am 10.00am 04.00pm 05.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Adoration Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Wednesday 02.09	09.30am 10.00am 04.00pm 05.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Emryne Remedios Good Health Adoration Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Thursday 03.09	09.30am 10.00am 04.00pm 05.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor (feast) Adoration Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Friday 04.09	09.30am 10.00am 04.00pm 05.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Vania Mendes RIP Adoration Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Saturday 05.09	09.30am 10.00am 04.00pm 05.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Adoration Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Sunday 06.09	08.30am 10.30am 03.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Roque Dias & Felis Mendes RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

We celebrate the International Mass on September 13th.

The Bishop will preside at this celebration which is now an annual celebration for our parish. There will be a rehearsal after Mass on Sunday 6th September. Shared table in the hall after International Mass, please wear your National dress or colours if possible. We want the Mass to reflect and celebrate the diverse cultures that make up our parish. Please come.

We are very grateful for your contributions. We need around £40,000 towards church repairs. We will provide special envelopes towards the repairs, please use it if you are a tax payer. Otherwise, you can put your contribution in the collection basket.

Background on the Gospel reading according to *Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in [last week's Gospel](#). Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognise Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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.

300 Club Sunday 23rd August: £50 M George (111). £25 V Thomas (161), K Waldron (96).

Sunday Collection 23rd August £398.20.

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.

The annual 'Churches Together' event Praise in the Park. Sunday 6th September at Western Park bandstand. Games for children from 3:30pm. Music and readings at 4pm. Ice cream to follow at 4:45pm.

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. 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." 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.
There will be some cards for you to send to your MP in the church porch.

Introducing synodality to our parishes. A workshop for everyone! On Saturday 12 September: 10am to 3pm. At the Frassati Centre Holy Cross Priory, 45 Wellington Street, Leicester LE1 6HW. Pope Leo asks everyone (all the baptised) to build new relationships in the Church. This means YOU. Even if you don't usually speak, if you usually 'just go to Mass' (or used to), as well as if you have a position of leadership or responsibility, clergy or lay. To explore how to hear together the voice of the Holy Spirit and carry out God's mission in today's world; to continue the work of the Synod on Synodality. By being synodal - 'walking together', listening to each other, discerning the voice of God in the people of God. Synodality is about the Church becoming a listening, inclusive community where everyone helps shape its path forward. Click below to book your place, and invite your parish priest and fellow parishioners. Bring a packed lunch: tea and coffee provided. Suggested donation: £20. [Book your place](#).

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>.

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.

CAFOD RUNNERS. Could you run 10k / half marathon for CAFOD on Sunday 11 October. We need 9 Runners. Please join the CAFOD team. For more information and details please contact: cgallagher@cafod.org.uk.

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.

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.

Dates for your diary:

13th September: International Mass.

19th September: Summer BBQ.

6th December: Christmas Party.

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!