

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH: If you wish to contribute to the **Parish Building Repair Funds**, please use these Bank Details. If you are a tax-payer, please request a gift aid declaration form from the parish via email, so that we can reclaim for the parish fund money you pay in tax to the government.

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URGENT BUILDING REPAIR WORK APPEAL

We need approximately £40,000 towards installing two fire doors and electrical work to comply with current legislation. Without this work we would have to limit church attendance to only 170 people. We are very grateful for the contributions we have already received. We need the donations to be ring fenced for the repairs so, please consider donating in the following ways, remembering to make it clear it is for the building repair fund.

- Use the envelope already provided.
- Use your own envelope but ensure it is marked for the **Building Work**.
- Hand it directly to Fr Hans
- Cheques: Mother of God RCP writing **Building Work** at the back.
- Bank transfer using as a reference **Building Work**.

If you are a tax payer please consider signing a gift aid declaration as we can claim back 25% of your donation. The declarations are available on the leaflets, also at the back of the church and from Fr Hans. Please insert the declaration into the envelope and hand to Fr Hans.

Thank you all for your support.

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 Urgent Building Repair 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.

All profits from the Summer Fete will go to the Building Repair Appeal.

We need your help in the following ways:

- Donations for the bottle stall, chocolate for the chocolate tombola stall, prizes for the raffle.
- Cakes for the bake-off event which will then be sold on the cake stall.
- New stalls.
- Volunteers to help with stalls and activities. Please speak to Michelle, Irine or Mathew.
- Attending and bringing your family and friends. Have your lunch there, as there will be a caterer serving a variety of hot food. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

6th – 13th September 2026

Sunday 06.09	08.30am 10.30am 03.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Roque Dias & Felis Mendes RIP, Margaret Bobs & Lukas 2 nd birthday 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 07.09	05.30pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Tuesday 08.09	09.30am 10.00am 05.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Wednesday 09.09	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 10.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 11.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 12.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 13.09	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - International Mass - John Lacy RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

We celebrate the International Mass on September 13th.

Bishop Patrick will preside at this celebration which is now an annual event 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 so special. Please come.

Refreshment arrangements: We are very privileged at Mother of God to be a congregation of many different communities. At our International mass we would like to celebrate all the different cuisines of each culture. Therefore, arrangements will be made for each community to have an individual table on which to represent their delicious food and possibly get together to decide upon your contributions. Plates and cutlery will be provided. Thanking you all very much in advance and we are sure that we will all have a lovely day.

As the Season of Creation began Tuesday 1st September, and runs until Sunday 4th October, the Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for the Eleventh World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation has been published. **Pope Leo's message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2026.**

Background on the Gospel reading according to Matthew 18:15-20.

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

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.

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.

300 Club Sunday 30th August: £50 B Joseph (150). £25 D Vaz (33), J Fernandes (82).

Sunday Collection 30th August £329.08.

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!

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.

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](#).

English Martyrs': Open Evening for Year 6 students at English Martyrs' Catholic School on Thursday 1st October 2026, 5.00- 6.45pm. Formal Address by Mr Calen, Principal at: 5.00pm, and 5.25pm in the Auditorium. We look forward to welcoming you. Sixth Form Open Evening at English Martyrs' Catholic School on Thursday 15th October 2023, 5.00 - 6.45pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

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: cgalagher@cafod.org.uk.

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.

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.