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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.
 - Home-made Cakes for the Bake-Off Competition event. All the cakes will then be available to buy after the judging. Good luck everyone!
 - 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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MOG Safeguarding Officer: Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - michelleadempster@gmail.com Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914			
		Twenty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time 13th - 20th September 2026	Day of Special Prayer for Education
Sunday 13.09	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - International Mass - John Lacy RIP & Deceased members of the Hendrich family 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 14.09	No Service	Exaltation of the Cross (Feast)	
Tuesday 15.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Our Lady of Sorrow (memorial)	
Wednesday 16.09	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Jojo & Minumol Thanksgiving St. Cornelius, pope, & Cyprian, bishop, Martyrs (memorial)	
Thursday 17.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 18.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Mrs Joan Hidelaratchi RIP Anniversary	
Saturday 19.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - In honour of Guardian Angels	
Sunday 20.09	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Good Health Diana Fuitado & John Lacy RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION TO BE TAKEN NEXT SUNDAY FOR HOME MISSION SUNDAY.

We celebrate the International Mass Today Sunday 13th September.
 Bishop Patrick will preside at this celebration which is now an annual event for our parish. Shared table in the hall after International Mass.

We are very privileged at Mother of God to be a congregation of many different communities. At our International mass we will celebrate all the different cuisines of each culture. 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
Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

Today's Gospel reading directly follows [last week's Gospel](#) in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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 6th September: £50 P Freeston (278). £25 S Chettupally (225), A Murphy (40).

Sunday Collection 6th September £433.64.

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.

Fr. Limn will celebrate Mass in Spanish at St Peter's Church, Leicester, on Monday 14 September 2026 at 7pm. All are warmly welcome — whether you have been before or are joining us for the first time. For more information, contact Fr Limn at limnyuy.gamsi@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

Young Adults Evening Leicester. Young adults Mass and social at Holy Cross Church, Leicester, Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at 6.10pm. Open to young adults aged 18-35 across the Diocese. All welcome. For more information contact Charles Archer: charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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.

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.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is on Friday 2 October. It is a day when we are invited to pray, eat simply and give generously. By giving to CAFOD this Harvest, we can put our faith into action and share God's love with our neighbours overseas - we can help communities support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school with better access to water, nourishing school meals and gardens where food can be grown, even during times of drought. Please collect a CAFOD envelope which will be available nearer the time. You can Gift Aid your donation, or give through the CAFOD website. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

Retreat Day for the Parishes of Leicester & Leicestershire. A day of prayer and reflection on Saturday 31st October 2026 from 10.00am - 3.00pm. (Arrivals and refreshments from 9.30am) at St Joseph's Church, Goodwood Road, Leicester LE5 6SG, led by Sr Marie-Kolbe Zamora, OSF, S.T.D Booking essential: jackie.williams@dioceseofnottingham.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.

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!



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