

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.

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. Please read the link below:

[Pope Leo's message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2026.](#)

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.

Yesterday, we had our Summer Fête.

We would like to thank the organisers, the helpers and the food suppliers, our supporters and all the people who donated the goods.

All profits from the Summer Fête will go to the Building Work Appeal.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY, FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER
SECOND COLLECTION ON SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER
ENVELOPES FOR YOUR DONATION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
NEXT SUNDAY 27TH OF SEPTEMBER



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English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/

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Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Twenty-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

20th – 27th September 2026

Day of Special Prayer for the Spread of the Gospel

Sunday 20.09	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Good Health Diana Furfado & John Lacy RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope Leo prayer intentions for September 2026
Monday 21.09	No Service	St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist (feast)	
Tuesday 22.09	No Service		
Wednesday 23.09	No Service	St. Pius of Pietralcina, priest (memorial)	
Thursday 24.09	No Service	Our Lady of Walsingham (feast)	
Friday 25.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Peace NKY Okafor RIP	
Saturday 26.09	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 27.09	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	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.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR HOME MISSION SUNDAY.

Today, we celebrate Home Mission Sunday,

a day for the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. The Holy Father has placed before us to live our authentic humanity which finds its fullness in Christ. The Second Collection supports the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate, supporting our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

Last Sunday, we celebrated our annual International Mass with Bishop Patrick. It was a truly happy occasion with singing and prayers from our varied community. We would like to thank the Organisers, the Choir and the Musicians. Also, a huge thank you to the Altar Servers, Deacons Kevin and Joboy and also our own Father Hans. We had refreshments in the Hall afterwards, and we would like to thank the Caterers and all who provided the wonderful foods.

Background on the Gospel reading according to

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who laboured in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

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 13th September: £50 L Thomas (90). £25 T Horn (283), S Deevey (27).

300 Club

The Grand Prize Draw approaches. Could all members please ensure that their payments are up to date, their standing order is operating and any change of address has been advised. Thank you.

Sunday Collection 13th September £351.42.

Mother of God Prayer Devotions. Our monthly prayer group will be 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 next meeting will be on Friday 9th of October.**

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.

YEAR 6 PARENTS: Don't Miss the Secondary School Application Deadline. If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, he or she will be starting Year 7 in September 2027. You must apply for a secondary school place through your home Local Authority by Sunday 31st October. If you would like your child to be considered for a Catholic school under a Catholic faith admission criterion, there is an additional step: Complete the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF). Send the completed SIF directly to the school. Send the required supporting evidence (for example, a copy of your child's Baptism certificate) directly to the school. The Supplementary Information Form and supporting evidence must be sent to the school, not to the Local Authority. The Local Authority application and the school's Supplementary Information Form are separate processes. Both must be completed by the deadline if you wish your child to be considered under the school's faith-based admissions criteria. If the school does not receive the Supplementary Information Form and supporting evidence by the deadline, your child may be placed in a lower admissions category, which could affect their chance of securing a place. If you do not have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate, contact the parish where your child was baptised as soon as possible to request a replacement.

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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