

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.



OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Leo XIV asked Catholics to pray the rosary each day in October for peace. The pope made his request at the end of his weekly general audience Sept. 24. At the end of his audience, Pope Leo noted that October was approaching and that with the Oct. 7 feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the whole month to praying the rosary.

"I invite everyone to pray the rosary every day during the coming month -- for peace -- personally, with your families and in your communities," he said. The pope also invited Vatican officials and employees to pray the rosary together every October evening at 7 p.m. in St. Peter's Basilica. And he invited everyone to St. Peter's Square Oct. 11 to pray the rosary together "during the vigil of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, also remembering the anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council," which began Oct. 11, 1962.

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.



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Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

27th September – 4th October 2026

**Day of thanksgiving
for the Harvest
and for the Fruits
of Human Work**

Sunday 27.09	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope Leo prayer intentions for September 2026
Monday 28.09	No Service		
Tuesday 29.09	No Service	SS Michel, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels (feast)	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.
Wednesday 30.09	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Jerome, priest and doctor (memorial)	
Thursday 01.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor (memorial)	
Friday 02.10	09.30am 10.00am 05.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - The Holy Guardian Angels (memorial) Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Saturday 03.10	09.30am 10.00am 05.30pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Sunday 04.10	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER.
CAFOD ENVELOPES FOR YOUR DONATION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TODAY.
CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY, FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER.

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 today. You can Gift Aid your donation, or give through the CAFOD website. Thank you for your generosity.

On Saturday, 19th of September, we had our Summer Fête. It was a truly joyous occasion. We would like to thank our supporters first of all, and all that donated the goods. Also, a huge thank you to the organisers, the helpers and the food suppliers. We raised £901 and all the profits will go towards the Building Work Appeal.

Background on the Gospel reading according to Matthew 21:28-32.

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those ones would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

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 20th September: £50 B Coughlan (9). £25 T Knott (13), Fr J J Maloney (300).

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 20th September £297.55.

Pax Christi. Online meeting on Friday 2nd October, 7.30-9pm, to celebrate the International Day of Nonviolence. Join us for a time of conversation and prayer about the power of nonviolence in action. With Bishop John Arnold, our president. Register at <https://bit.ly/PaxEvent>.

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 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. This retreat offers an opportunity to: Deepen your faith through prayer & reflection. Learn from an inspiring Catholic teacher and theologian. Share fellowship and parishioners from across Leicester & Leicestershire. Booking essential: jackie.williams@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

ADVENTURE 2026, a weekend at The Briars, Crich, for young people in school years 10-13 as Advent begins, from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th November. The diocesan youth service opens the centre for prayer, honest conversation, Mass, reconciliation and an Advent party! Young people can come alone or with a friend (plenty do), and first-timers are especially welcome. The cost is £50, covering accommodation, meals and the whole weekend. Book through the form at ndcys.com by 13th November, or email events@ndcys.com. with any questions. Bursaries are available.

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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