

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.

Mother of God First Holy Communion Programme 2026 - 2027.

Application forms are now available at the back of the church for baptised year 3 children or older, to enrol in our parish First Holy Communion Programme.

Please fill in the forms and return them by 17th October to Margaret Bobs or Sharon Pritchard. Please note: due to capacity, this is for MOG parishioners only. Thank you.

The Feast of St Francis marks the end of this year's Season of Creation.

A final prayer for the Season is based on Pope Leo's official decree proclaiming the Jubilee Year of St Francis. Loving God, may the example of St Francis spur all of us, each according to our possibilities, to imitate the poor man of Assisi and form ourselves as far as possible on the model of Christ. Amen.



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NRC DT- Registered Charity

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

MOG Safeguarding Officer: Michelle Dempster - 07718279920 - michelleadempster@gmail.com
Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

4th – 11th October 2026

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

Sunday 04.10	08.30am 10.30am 03.30pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope Leo prayer intentions for October 2026
Monday 05.10	05.00pm 05.30pm	Rosary Syro-Malabar Mass	
Tuesday 06.10	09.30am 10.00am 05.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	For mental health ministry That mental health ministry be established throughout the Church to overcome stigma and support those suffering.
Wednesday 07.10	09.30am 10.00am 05.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Our Lady of the Rosary (memorial) Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Thursday 08.10	09.30am 10.00am 05.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Friday 09.10	09.30am 10.00am 05.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Seamus Doherty RIP St. John Henry Newman, priest and doctor (feast) Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Saturday 10.10	09.30am 10.00am 05.00m	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - SS Paulinus of York, bishop & the Anglo-Saxon Saints of our diocese (memorial) Good Health of Malia Machadoe & Nolan Rosario Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	
Sunday 11.10	08.30am 10.30am 03.30pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Eloviana Fernandes & Ruby Dias birthday & Martin McDonagh RIP Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

CAFOD SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

ENVELOPES FOR YOUR DONATION ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH PORCH

Donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day. 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.

Background on the Gospel reading according to Matthew 21: 33-43.

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

Today's Gospel follows directly after [last Sunday's Gospel](#) in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in [Mark 12:1-12](#). There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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 27th September: £50 L Felisida (223. £25 G O'Garra (21), A Turner (151).

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 27th September £344.57.

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': 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.

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!

Stella Maris - Seafarers Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2026

An appeal for Christmas shoe boxes for the Seafarers Mission in Immingham is launched for 2026. A List of items will be in the church porch to remind people of what is needed.

The deadline will be 1st December. Thank you.



Please bring your red MISSIO box to church to be emptied and collect your free magazine. Your prayers and gifts to Missio is supporting Catholic communities that are struggling in situations of poverty and persecutions.

If you would like a Red Box, please speak to Maila Taylor. Thank you

Date for your diary: 6th December: Christmas Party.