

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. 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.

Pope Leo XIV asked Catholics to pray the rosary each day in October for peace. "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.

Building work fundraising Christmas Fair Sunday 6th December 2026.

Your help is requested. Please help us make it a success. We need new stalls and games. Your ideas and input would be gratefully received. We also need people to help on the stalls and goods for the existing stalls. Especially bottles, chocolates, cakes, prizes etc. We will be having refreshments, Christmas entertainment, Carol singing and a visit from Santa. But most of all we need you to attend. Please volunteer to help if you can.

CHRISTMAS PARISH MEAL

You are invited to join us at our social parish meal. It will be held at Groby Ex-servicemen's social club, Leicester Rd., Groby, LE6ODJ, on Saturday 28th November at 3.00pm. The cost is £16 for adults and £10 for under 12s. It will be two courses, a carvery and desert. There will be a vegetarian option. Tickets are available from Michelle, Sharon, Mathew, Sheena, Sujith, Jijo, Hope, Irine and Mairead.

Please join us for what will be a lovely parish social occasion.



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

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Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



Twenty-Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

11th – 18th October 2026

**Special prayers
today
for prisoners
and their
families**

Sunday 11.10	08.30am 10.30am 03.30pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Good health of Maria Machado & Nolan Rosario & Martin McDough RIP Rosary and Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope Leo prayer intentions for October 2026 For mental health ministry That mental health ministry be established throughout the Church to overcome stigma and support those suffering.
Monday 12.10	No Service		
Tuesday 13.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 14.10	05.00pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Jose Joseph RIP & Shania Thanksgiving Mass	
Thursday 15.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), virgin & doctor (memorial)	
Friday 16.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 17.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr (memorial)	
Sunday 18.10	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Good health of Avalys Mendonca, Deceased members of Sweeney & Murphy families. & Richard Thomas RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.
ENVELOPES FOR YOUR DONATION ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH PORCH**

'One in Christ, united in mission' Pope Leo XIV

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio - his charity for world mission - through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the **Missio envelopes**, call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Background on the Gospel reading according to
Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in [last Sunday's Gospel](#), Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again, to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

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.

Bridget Gavin RIP: Reception into the church on Sunday 18th October at 6.30pm. Funeral Mass on Monday 19th October at 12noon. Our sincere and deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Mother of God Prayer Devotions. Our monthly prayer group will be on the second Friday of every month, from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Next meeting will be on Friday 13th November.

Sunday Collection 4th October £249.45. CAFOD collection £180.77.

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 18th October to Margaret Bobs or Sharon Pritchard. Please note: due to capacity, this is for MOG parishioners only. Thank you.

Cycle of Prayer during Ordinary Time, we pray for these intentions: Students & Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruit of Human Work & the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice & Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners & 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: 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.

300 Club Sunday 4th October: £50 S Colaco (112). £25 S Vidanapatirana (179), E Papadimitriou (83).

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.

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.

Harvest Celebration of the Word at Christ the King Junior site at 2.15pm on Friday 16th October 2026. During our celebration we will be singing hymns and saying prayers to be thankful for the Harvest. We have been collecting food donations for Braunstone Foodshare which is one of our local charities that our school supports. We would be thankful if you could join us! Everyone is welcome!

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 Briers, 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 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