

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 APEAL

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 7pm 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 dessert. 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/

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



Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

18th – 25th October 2026

**Day of Special
prayers for
The Spread of
the Gospel**

Sunday 18.10	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Good health of Avalyn Mendonca, Deceased members of Sweeney & Murphy families, Richard Thomas RIP & Eji Makanga birthday 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 19.10	No Mass		
Tuesday 20.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 21.10	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 22.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - The Dedication of the Church (solemnity)	
Friday 23.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 24.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 25.10	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - William John O'Brien foundation mass & Richard Thomas RIP & Patrick Section RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

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

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope, 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.



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

Background on the Gospel reading according to Matthew 22:15-21.
The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favoured the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?

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: 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 11th October £. To be announced next week.

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.

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 GRAND PRIZE DRAW

will be held in St Peter's Hall on Sunday 25th October 2026 after 11.15am Mass and all members and non-members are invited to join us. 1st prize: £1,000, 2nd prize: £500, and five x £100 prizes! Please advise if you have a recent change of address to ensure winning cheques reach you. Thank you to all our members for your continued support to this valuable fundraising for our three churches of Mother of God, Blessed Sacrament and St Peter. Not a member? See John Gray for an application form.

300 Club Sunday 11th October: £50 F Gilhooley (233). £25 W Campbell (286), E Waldron (234).

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 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.

Encounter England - December. 11th & 12th December 2026 at Holy Cross, Leicester. Encounter England is a two-day experience of Spirit-filled worship, transformational teaching, the Eucharist, and prayer ministry, designed to awaken a desire for more of God. Current Encounter students receive a discounted ticket, if that applies to you. There is also a discount for clergy, as well as a dedicated clergy lunch on the Friday before the event, which you'll see as an option when registering. There is also a discount available for those aged 18-35. If you have parishioners who would be interested in this, please message me directly for details. All details and registration can be found here: Encounter England - December 11-12, 2026

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.