

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 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, LE60DJ, 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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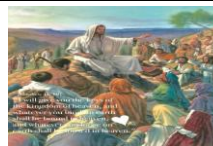
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NRCDT- Registered Charity

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



Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

25th October - 1st November 2026

**Special
prayers today
for justice
and peace in
the world.**

Sunday 25.10	08.30am 10.30am	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - William John O'Brien foundation mass, Richard Thomas RIP, Patrick Secton RIP & Mary D'Couth RIP 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.
	04.00pm		
Monday 26.10	No Mass		
Tuesday 27.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Angelina Maria Thomas birthday	
Wednesday 28.10	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Saints Simon and Jude, apostles (feast)	
Thursday 29.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 30.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Tom & Kate Doherty RIP	
Saturday 31.10	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Sunday 01.11	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Margaret Teasdale RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR DIOCESAN HOSPICES

Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours). **Last Sunday second collection was £229.38. 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

Background on the Gospel reading according to Matthew 22:34-40.

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read [last Sunday](#). It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see [Matthew 22:22-33](#)). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

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.

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 £582.41. Sunday 18th October £348.06.

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 the end of October to Margaret Bobs or Sharon Pritchard. 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 today, 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 18th October: £50 R Godfree (88). £25 J Waldron (92), LYC Ho Avarado (219).

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.

LACY BIG SING 2026. After the success of last 3 years' Big Sing events, we at Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth (LACY) are holding another Big Sing 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Countesthorpe Road, South Wigston LE18 4PG on Sunday 22nd November 2026 at 3pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to share our faith and celebrate our talents through music and singing. We are inviting all young people, families, friends and parishes with their own music groups and choirs, to come along and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, the sainthood of St. Cecilia, patron saint of music and National Youth Sunday with their voices and instruments. We would love it if you could encourage pupils and staff from your schools to support and attend this uplifting event as it would be great to have groups of pupils to represent each school in the Thomas Aquinas trust. We welcome anyone who plays an instrument to join us and anyone is welcome to bring along percussion instruments to use during the event. School choirs/orchestras are welcome to sing/play favourite hymns. If you have any questions about the event or would like to be involved in playing or singing as a choir, please contact: Pauline Payne email - paulinepayne@hotmail.com - tel number: 07885 187374. We would really love to see you there!

Catechist Formation. The Diocese of Nottingham is offering three courses about being a catechist: if you are interested in being a catechist, or are just starting out, or if you have been a Catechist for a long time, there is a course for you. All courses are on Zoom on Thursday evenings, with the first course, Encounter Catechesis, exploring four big questions about the foundations of catechesis, from Thursday 5th November. Email formation@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.