**+November – Month of the Holy Souls**

If you would like your deceased relatives and friends remembered in our November Masses, place the names in an envelope along with any Mass offering and drop in the collection basket or post through the Presbytery door.

**Month of the Holy Souls envelopes available in the church porch.**

**We offer our sympathy and the support of our prayers to their family and friends, past and present parishioners at this time.**

**May the angels lead all those who have recently died to Paradise.**

**+Sunday 8th November: Remembrance Sunday.**

**+Wednesday 18th November: Mass for our Deceased at 6pm.**

**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.**

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**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.**

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## 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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**Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914**



**Thirty- First Week of Ordinary Time**

**1st - 8th November 2026**

**All Saints Day (Solemnity)**

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| Sunday 01.11 | 08.30am<br>10.30am<br>04.00pm | Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite<br>Holy Mass - Margaret Teasdale RIP<br>Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite |
| Monday 02.11 | 09.30am<br>10.00am | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass - All Souls' Day |
| Tuesday 03.11 | 09.30am<br>10.00am | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass - David Collins RIP |
| Wednesday 04.11 | 05.30pm<br>06.00pm | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass - St Charles Borromeo, bishop (memorial) |
| Thursday 05.11 | 09.30am<br>10.00am | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass |
| Friday 06.11 | 09.30am<br>10.00am | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass |
| Saturday 07.11 | 09.30am<br>10.00am | Silent Adoration<br>Holy Mass |
| Sunday 08.11 | 08.30am<br>10.30am<br>04.00pm | Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite<br>Holy Mass - For Deceased Collins & Quinn Family RIP<br>Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite |

**Pope Leo prayer intentions for November 2026**
**For the proper use of wealth**
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR DIOCESAN HOSPICES**

**GRAND PRIZE DRAW: WEST LEICESTER CATHOLIC 300 CLUB**

**Please find below the results of the Grand Prize Draw held at St Peter's Parish Hall.**

**1st prize £1000 M Kelly (170) - 2nd prize £500 D Fitzgerald (299).**

**3rd prize £100 A Maduranga (58) - 4th prize £100 M Goodrich (56)**

**5th prize £100 A Glasgow (296) - 6th prize £100 J McDonagh (241)**

**7th prize £100 G O'Garro (21) - Quarterly prize £100 C Fernandes (5)**

**Weekly prize £50 M Fox (260) Weekly prize £25 B Preston (255), T Daniels (222).**

**300 CLUB MEMBERSHIP £60 per year/£5 per month due by 1st November.**

**Background on the Gospel reading according to**
Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.
What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.
The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

**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 25th October £291.85**.

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| **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. | LLOYDS BANK<br>Mother of God Leicester RCP<br>SORT CODE 30-94-97<br>ACC. NO. 01538822 |

**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. **First Meeting for parents will be in the Hall on Wednesday 4th November at 6.40pm.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.

**Flame is the national Catholic youth gathering,** run by CYMFed (the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation). Every two years Catholic young people from across England and Wales fill Wembley Arena for a day of music, speakers and prayer. For many young people it's the first time they see how big the Church they belong to actually is and how alive it feels. The Diocesan Youth Service has 400 passes for school and parish groups, with ticket-only or coach packages available. To book email bookings@ndcys.com or visit www.ndcys.com/flame/.

**AI, Security and Peace: What kind of future are we creating?** Artificial intelligence is transforming our world at extraordinary speed, raising questions about human dignity, ethics, freedom and the common good. How do we ensure that technology remains at the service of humanity, and contributes to peace rather than undermining it? Join Pax Christi for a free online on Thursday 12th November, at 7.00pm – 8.30pm for a thought-provoking presentation with Aaron Humphriss and Emmanuel Fisseha, exploring the ethical challenges posed by AI and its growing impact on human dignity. Register at https://paxchristi.org.uk/event/ai-security-and-peace/?instance_id=1647.

**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. Cecilla, 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 donates 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.**