+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.

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.

Building work fundraising Christmas Fair Sunday 6th December 2026.

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 Floristry stall at the Christmas Fayre on Sunday 6th December 26.

At this year's Christmas Fayre you will have the opportunity to purchase a selection of hand-made Christmas wreaths and decorations. Pre order forms will be available for those of you who want to order items for collection on the day, just complete an order form located at the back of the church and return to Mairead, Michelle, Shani and Sharon by Sunday 29th November. Holly wreath with bow £9 & decorated Holly wreath £10. Holly cross £10 & decorated Holly cross £11. Door wreath £28. Large Table decorations £25.00. Large table decoration with candle £28.00. There will also be smaller table decorations to buy at the fair. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

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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Thirty- Second Week of Ordinary Time

8th - 15h November 2026



Sunday 08.11	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - For Deceased Collins & Quinn Family RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Monday 09.11	No service	
Tuesday 10.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Family Souls of Dulio & Belmita Lopes & Francisco & Maita Rosario St Leo the Great, pope & doctor (memorial)
Wednesday 11.11	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St Martin of Tours, bishop (memorial)
Thursday 12.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr (memorial)
Friday 13.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass
Saturday 14.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Shania thanks & Baby Moses Mendonca RIP
Sunday 15.11	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Antonietta Vaz Anniversary RIP & Joaquim & Edviges RIP 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 NEXT WEEK FOR SPUC

White Flower Appeal 2026

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next week. SPUC exists to transform culture, so that abortion is not only abolished, but becomes unthinkable. The Society is actively leading the fight in courts, classrooms and culture to achieve this mission. Through this efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. This year's postcards allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide. You support means everything to us. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC at this critical time for our country.

You can donate online at: SPUC's White Flower Appeal

Background on the Gospel reading according to Matthew 25:1-13.
Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.
When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.
As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.
In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

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.**

MOG First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass will be on Sunday 22nd November.
There will be no Children's Liturgy on that day.

Sunday Collection 25th October £291.85.

300 Club for 1st November: £50 C Harrold (37). £25 Fr Jarosz (122), M Pipes (230).

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 Mother of God Leicester RCP SORT CODE 30-94-97 ACC. NO. 01538822

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.

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.

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.**

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. 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.

Young Adults Christmas evening: Mass, quiz and mince pies, Leicester **(Sunday 6 December).** For 18 to 35s: celebrate the year together and start Advent well. Mass at Holy Cross, Leicester, at 6pm, then a Christmas quiz and mince pies. Free, and no booking needed. **Find out more →**

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.