+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.

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

Sunday 22nd of November at 2pm: Cemetery Prayers at Gilroes Cemetery

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Merciful Father, I lift up the souls of the faithful departed into Your holy care. These are the ones who loved You, who walked in faith, and now await the fullness of Your promise. Remember their works, their prayers, and the love they gave in Your name. Let their souls find rest beneath Your wings, and may eternal light shine upon them. Forgive every sin, cover them in grace, and bring them into everlasting joy. We may be apart for now, but I believe they are alive in You, rejoicing in the glory that never fades. Amen.

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.

********** RAFFLE TICKETS AVALABLE NOW! **********

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.

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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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Thirty- Third Week of Ordinary Time

15h – 22nd November 2026

World Day of the Poor

Sunday 15.11	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Antonietta Vaz RIP & Sebastiana Vas RIP Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Monday 16.11	No service	
Tuesday 17.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Kathreena Cherian RIP
Wednesday 18.11	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Memorial Mass - Mrs Jean Hidelaratchi RIP
Thursday 19.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass
Friday 20.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Maria Xavier, Francis Tome & Jose Lopes RIP
Saturday 21.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - The Presentation of the BVM (memorial)
Sunday 22.11	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Joaquim & Edviges RIP & Private Intentions 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 SPUC

White Flower Appeal 2026

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal today. 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 effort 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**

WEST LEICESTER CATHOLIC 300 CLUB

300 CLUB MEMBERSHIP £60 per year/£5 per month due by 1st November.
Please see John Gray to renew your membership.

Background on the Gospel reading according to Matthew 25:14-30.
Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.
Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.
Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.
This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 8th November: £405.75.

300 Club for 8th November: £50 B Turnbull (276). £25 C Scranney (95), M Maloney (24).

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.