+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 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.

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- Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (solemnity)

22nd – 29th November 2026



Sunday 22.11	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Joaquim & Edviges RIP, Private Intentions, Maxangu Family Thanksgiving & Family members RIP of Anita Dissanayaka Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite
Monday 23.11	No service	
Tuesday 24.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - St. Andrew dung-Lac, priest & Companions, Martyr (memorial)
Wednesday 25.11	05.30pm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass
Thursday 26.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass
Friday 27.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass Irene, Neville & Clayon Alvares RIP
Saturday 28.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - Edward & Cecilia Fonseca RIP & Deceased Family members of the Lopes & Remedios RIP
Sunday 29.11	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Una & Billy Shearer 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.

MOG First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass will be Today, Sunday 22nd November. There will be no Children's Liturgy.

NEXT SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

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.

Christmas raffle tickets are now available.

During this Holy Season, let us celebrate together and support Our Parish

Background on the Gospel reading according to Matthew 25:31.46.
Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.
In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.
Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.
When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

Mrs Tereasa Ann Tims RIP, died on 13th November. Funeral mass on Wednesday 16th December at 11am followed by burial at Newtown Linford Cemetery at 12.30pm. Our deepest and sincere 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 18th December.**

Sunday Collection 15th November: £246. SPUC Collection 238.78.

300 Club for 15th November: £50 M Letts (34). £25 M Pipes (230), M Waugh (137).

WEST LEICESTER CATHOLIC 300 CLUB

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

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

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/.

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.



Please bring your red MISSIO box to church to emptied and collect your free 2027 calendar. If you would like a Red Box, or give a donation, please speak to Maila Taylor. Thank you.

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!