

+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. Please clearly mark the envelope "November Holy Souls".

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

Prayers and blessing of graves at Gilroes cemetery is on Sunday, 23rd November at 2.00 pm.

We meet at the statue to the left of the main driveway approaching the crematorium.



We will be having a Christmas Party on Sunday 7th December from 12 to 2pm.

This is mainly a social event for all, but there will be fundraising activities such as Christmas Craft stalls and a chocolate raffle ticket. Santa will be there and we will have a shared table and refreshments. We will also have a Carol Singing from the children and entertainment, fun and games.

In order to support this event, would all the different communities please contribute to a shared table of refreshments. Thank you.



You are invited to an Exclusive Christmas Gala on Saturday 13th December (adults only).

From 5pm to 10pm. with entertainment, music, 3 course meal and dancing.

Dress code will be Formal Attire / Christmas Glam.

We will need donations for the auction. If you have any contacts with businesses or shops or anything you would like to donate yourself to be auctioned, or as a raffle prize for the events, please let Fr. Hans, Hope, Michelle or Sharon know. **Many thanks.**

The cost will be £30. Tickets will be available from

Hope or Sharon, Michelle, Sujith or Matthew.

(Payment in cash or cheque).

And finally, don't forget to get your Christmas raffle tickets from Hope, Sharon, Mairead, Michelle, Sujith and Matthew - £150 1st Prize!



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



Cycle of Prayer during Ordinary Time - Autumn.

Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruit of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.



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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 - michelleleadempster@gmail.com

Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914



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

Thirty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

23rd - 30th November 2025

Sunday 23.11	08.30am 10.30am 04.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Private intentions Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	Pope's prayer intentions for November 2025 For The Prevention Of Suicide Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.
Monday 24.11	No Service	St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & Companions, martyrs (memorial)	
Tuesday 25.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Wednesday 26.11	05.30apm 06.00pm	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Thursday 27.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Friday 28.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass	
Saturday 29.11	09.30am 10.00am	Silent Adoration Holy Mass - V.J. Joseph RIP	
Sunday 30.11	08.30am 10.30am 03.00pm	Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite Holy Mass - Roque Dias & Rosalina Sequeira RIP Francisco & Marta Rosario RIP - Dulio & Belmita Lopes RIP Deceased members of Anita Dissanayaka family Holy Mass Syro-Malabar rite	

NEXT SUNDAY 30th November - First Sunday of Advent.

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.

Mass Intentions. 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. Also note: If intention is for a living person, they must sign the envelope for permission to print their name on newsletter or intention will be listed as Private Intention. Thank you.

Background on the Gospel according to Luke 23:35-43.

Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders' jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

The words of the Popes

On the cross, we see a single phrase: "This is the King of the Jews" (Lk 23:38). That is Jesus' title: he is a king. Yet as we gaze upon him, our idea of a king is turned upside down. When we try to visualize a king, what comes to mind is a powerful man seated on a throne with magnificent insignia, a sceptre in his hand and precious rings on his fingers, speaking in solemn tones to his subjects. That, more or less, is what we imagine. Looking at Jesus, though, we see the complete opposite. He is not comfortably enthroned, but hanging on a gibbet. The God who "casts down the mighty from their thrones" (Lk 1:52) appears as a slave executed by those in power. Appareled only with nails and thorns, stripped of everything yet rich in love, from his throne on the cross he no longer teaches the crowds by his words; he no longer lifts his hands as a teacher. He does more: pointing a finger at no one, he opens his arms to all. That is how he shows himself to be our king: with open arms. (...) Only by entering into his embrace do we understand: we come to realize that God went to this extreme, even to the paradox of the cross, in order to embrace every one of us, no matter how far distant we may be from him: he embraces our death, our pain, our poverty, our weakness. He embraced all of it. He became a slave so that each of us could become a son.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

If you wish to contribute to the Parish 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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300 Club results Sunday 16/11: £50 G Hallett (60). £25 M Hickey (79), L Holloway (262).

Collection Sunday 16th November: to be announced next week.

Exploring a School-Based Nursery at Christ the King. Christ the King Catholic School is considering opening a term-time nursery for children aged 3-4 years at our Infant Site. This would provide a nurturing, faith-based environment for early learning within our school community. To help us assess the level of interest, we kindly ask parents and carers to complete a short form. Your feedback is invaluable in shaping this exciting opportunity. **Please click here to complete the form:** [Expression of Interest: Nursery Provision at Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy - Fill in form.](#)

November Requiem Mass. All Young Adults are warmly invited to meet across the diocese in celebrated remembrance of those who have died. At Holy Cross Church, Leicester the Mass will be on Thursday 27th November at 6.10pm. Please bring with you the names of anyone you wish to pray for this month which will be added to our Mass intentions. Arrivals from 6pm, Mass and social time finishing for 8pm.

NDCYS As the season of Advent draws near, the Diocesan Youth Service (NDCYS) invites young people in Years 10-13 to step away from the busyness of everyday life and join at The Briars for ADVENTure 2025 – a weekend retreat designed to help people pause, pray, and prepare for the coming of Christ. The Retreat takes place between Friday 28th and Sunday 30th November, and costs £50. More information and booking details can be found at: <https://www.ndcys.com/adventure-open-retreat>.

A Journey through Advent with Fr John Farrell OP. Using the daily lectionary readings at mass to guide us through the Advent Season. Saturday December 6th, Saturday December 13th, Saturday December 20th. 10.30am (coffee) to 12.30pm (when some share a light lunch together.) There are no charges, but voluntary donations to defer expenses may be given. The meetings will be held in the Catholic Church Hall in Market Harborough, Fairfield Rd, Market Harborough LE16 9QQ. There will be parking in the School playground. Further information from Father Chris O'Connor, (01858 462359) or Peter Green (01858 414964) email: green853@btinternet.com.

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 and Sudan and for all the war-torn countries in the world. We also pray for the people that have been affected by Environment Disasters.



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Stella Maris - Seafarers Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2025

An appeal for Christmas shoe boxes for the Seafarers Mission in Immingham is launched for 2025. 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.



Please bring your red MISSIO box to church to emptied and collect your free 2026 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!

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