

In February 2025, four **DIOCESAN ROADSHOWS** were held across the Diocese of Nottingham, bringing together clergy and parish representatives for prayer, presentations, and open dialogue about our shared future. Almost 300 questions and comments were submitted, covering a very wide range of often complex issues. Since then, the diocesan team and senior clergy have worked to compile, group, and respond to these contributions in a way that is honest, accurate, and accessible. What began as a simple summary has grown into a much larger piece of work than first anticipated. We are now pleased to share the full report, which gives a clear account of the roadshows, the issues raised, and the steps we are taking as we continue our journey towards becoming a more missionary, outward-looking Church. It is available at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk. Some paper ones are available.

CAFOD **RUNNERS IN LEICESTER**: Anyone interested in running a half marathon or 10k in Leicester on **Sunday 26th October**, please contact nottingham@cafod.org.uk

To celebrate the amazing work of the wonderful Catechists who do so much in our diocese we will be having a **JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS** Day. The day will include the celebration of Mass and a conference to help them in their ministry. There will be two keynote talks from Dr Mark Nash Director for the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, with workshops and time to mingle. The day will be held on **Saturday 11th October** at Saint Joseph's Church, Leicester, LE5 6SG; from 10.00am until 4.00pm, and will cost £10; please bring a packed lunch. More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/CatechistJubilee> or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

<u>SEPT/OCT</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
27/28 Sept	M O'Malley	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford
4/5 October	B Phillips		J O'Leary	S McGlone
11/12 October	S Jones	T Page	A Randle	T Ruane
18/19 October	J Lowe	J Shellard	M Douglas	V Winter
25/26 October	B Mugoni	K Crawford	P Green	W Kwacz

<u>READERS</u>			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
27/28 Sept	J Rowland	P Green	J Thayaseelan
4/5 October	P Green	S McGlone	C McHugh
11/12 October	N Williamson	C Reed	C Goddard
18/19 October	C Baldam	D Chappell	B Tyrell



Our Lady of Victories

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28th September 2025
26th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 26th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
10.00am Mass: Peter Kimberlin RIP (family)
Coffee after Mass

4.30pm: Rosary outside church

MONDAY: Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

11.00am: Funeral of Bill Kerr RIP

TUESDAY: St Jerome

9.00am Mass: In thanks great granddaughter

WEDNESDAY: St Therese of Child Jesus

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass: David Morgan RIP Anniv (Gloria)

THURSDAY: The Holy Guardian Angels

NB: 9.30am Mass: Christine & Zoe (Eileen Hill)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Prisoners In Gartree

SATURDAY: St Francis of Assisi

6.00pm Mass: Joe Humphries RIP (Dolby)

SUNDAY: 27th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Tom & Pauline Davis Wedding anniv
Coffee after Mass



*Good things
came your way,
just as bad
things came the
way of Lazarus.
Now he is being
comforted here
while you are in
agony.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE LEO:

Dear brothers and sisters, the month of October is now approaching, and in the Church it is dedicated in a special way to the Holy Rosary. Therefore, I invite everyone, every day of the coming month, to pray **the Rosary for peace: personally, in the family, in the community.** In particular, the evening of Saturday 11 October, at 18.00 (17.00 English time), we will pray it together here in Saint Peter's Square, during the vigil for the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, also commemorating the anniversary of the opening of Vatican Council II.

"Pray the Rosary with Archbishop John Wilson and The Mark 10 Mission this October. The Rosary Challenge invites you to pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. The Mark 10 Mission has created beautiful online videos for each mystery of the Holy Rosary, led by Archbishop John. To watch the videos and learn more, please visit www.themark10mission.co.uk or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel @themark10mission."

We remember **Bill Kerr** who died last week. His funeral will be on Monday 29th September 11.00am. Our condolences to Claire and all the family. May he rest in peace.

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Begins Tuesday 14th October 7.15pm

This is the title of a user-friendly course we are setting up in the parish in October. It is for those who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith and what it means to be a Catholic Christian in today's world. It will be of particular interest to those enquiring about the possibility of being received into the Church at Easter 2026. Those who are already members of the Church but would like to engage with others in refreshing their knowledge of the beauty and richness of our Faith are also most welcome on the course. If you are interested please contact (without obligation) Fr Chris or Peter Green (green853@btinternet.com)

After our Meeting **we now have times and dates:** Course: Evangelium (Catholic Truth Society): Day of meeting: **TUESDAY**

Times: Assemble 7.15pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.30pm (prompt): Finish 8.45 (prompt)

Commencement: **TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER.** Length of Course: Weekly meetings from October 2025 to March 2026 (inclusive) **NB:** Adjustments will be made as and when necessary.

The next **PRIESTLY DISCERNMENT MEETING** will be in Nottingham on **Saturday 18th October.** We will be visiting the Cathedral and the Mary Potter Heritage Centre. To book a place and for more information please email Father Neil at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk

HELPING YOUNG CATHOLICS TO HELP OTHERS: The Catenian Association Bursary Fund gives financial support to young Catholics volunteering to do something wonderful by helping those less fortunate than themselves. Whether this is an individual project, or with others, in a developing country; or travelling to Lourdes to help an assisted pilgrim, we would like to help you to achieve your aim of helping others. If you know someone planning to volunteer in such ways, take a look at <https://catenianbursary.com/> where further information and an application form can be found.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASSES for children aged 4-8 years has now **started at the 10.00am Sunday Mass.** For safeguarding reasons registration forms must be filled in. The forms are available from members of the team when you bring your child to join the group. If your child is a little uncertain of attending at first, parents/carers are welcome to come with them.



LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR: St Joseph's Catholic Academy - Market Harborough Are you passionate about making a difference in children's lives? Our friendly primary school is looking for a dedicated Lunchtime Supervisor to inspire fun and collaborative play at lunchtimes and instil kindness and friendship for all. What we're Looking For:

- Patience, positivity and a love for working with children.
- Strong communication and organisational skills.
- A team player who is eager to help children thrive.

Please contact St Joseph's school. 01858 465359; office@stjosephs.leics.sch.uk

YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS THROUGH OCTOBER: *Growing up in Liverpool, nearly every-one on my street was Catholic. My mum worked in the presbytery which was like a second home to us. And being part of the community was so important. It wasn't only about going to Mass on Sundays. This has influenced my adult Catholic life with choices made about being active in my parish, volunteering, and work choices I have made. I look forward to meeting with you and hearing some of your stories too!*

Maggie Mairura will be joining Young Adults at Holy Cross, Leicester, on Thursday 23rd Join together for prayer, community, and input as well as some great coffee! For more info contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk

It's time to **RETHINK BAPTISM PREPARATION.** Join The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis for a Masterclass webinar on Infant Baptism Preparation on **Tuesday 7th October** at 7.30pm. The session will explore the Catechetical Institute's Infant Baptism Preparation resource with Dr Petroc Willey, Dr William J. Keimig, and Jacqueline and Michael van Hemert. The Masterclass will be perfect for priests, deacons, catechists and baptism preparation volunteers. Registration is £5, via www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-infant-baptism-preparation

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Between **Wednesday 24th September – Sunday 2nd November.** Help save lives In Leicester! You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilisation to Pray and Fast for an end to abortion, by taking part in 40 Days for life in our community, taking place at Across from Aylestone Road Gardens, Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 8PW, between 8.00am and 8.00pm daily. For more details contact Maureen: leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com

BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this Free of Charge, world-renowned course presented online by Mauro Iannicelli. Starting on **Wednesday 1st October** at 7.00pm (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). For information and to register, visit www.comeandsee.org