

We especially encourage parishioners simply to come along. You do not need to be attending a course or preparing for a Sacrament. Your presence, conversation, welcome and friendship can be every bit as important as the formal teaching. Formation in the faith happens often through meeting other Catholics, praying together, asking questions, sharing experiences and simply spending time with one another.

The aim is simple: to pray together, learn together, get to know one another, and grow together as a parish family.

Come when you can, bring someone with you, and help make Thursday evening a regular meeting point for our parish family.

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Weekly Adoration takes place at St Edward's after the Wednesday morning Mass, providing a regular opportunity for quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Note from Jane of Mary's Meals**

Dear Fr. John, I just wanted to say a heartfelt thank you for warmly welcoming me into the parish this weekend to speak on behalf of Mary's Meals. It was a real pleasure to visit and meet so many members of your parish community. Everyone was incredibly kind and generous, and I am very grateful for the opportunity to share the work of Mary's Meals with them.

I'm delighted to let you know that the total raised across the weekend came to **£838.23**, which will make a real difference to children who receive a daily meal at school through our programme. Please pass on my sincere thanks to everyone involved in organising the visits and collections. Their support and generosity are greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your welcome, support, and encouragement. It was lovely to spend time with your parish community, and I hope our paths cross again in the future. With best wishes.

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### **Donations via Bank Transfer: Lloyds Bank**

**St Mary's & St John Bosco's** St Mary and St J B S Wigston RCP 30-15-97 00346385

**St Edward's** St Edward Conf Leicester RCP 30-15-97 00554352

**St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's**  
**Week 22 of Ordinary Time, Lectionary Year A, 2026**  
**Website: cathparishmje.co.uk Phone: 07354 832195**  
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### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Memorial of The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

5:30pm **Confession** St. John Bosco's

6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's, Franco Fasulo RIP

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, All Parishioners

10:30am Rosary St. Mary's

11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Arthur and Mary Crane RIP

5:30pm **Confession** St. Mary's

6pm Holy Mass St. Mary's, Holy Souls in Purgatory

### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

10am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Slawek's Intentions

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Feast of St. Gregory the Great**

10am Holy Mass St. Mary's, All Parishioners

### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September (No Meat Today) - Memorial of St. Cuthbert**

10am Holy Mass St. John Bosco's, Maria Hargreaves' Intentions

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta**

5:30pm **Confession** St. John Bosco's

6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's, Tom McDonagh RIP

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Keith, Margaret and Ian Moore RIP

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Patronal Feast of the Nativity of our Lady**

10:30am Rosary St. Mary's

11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, John Ryan RIP

5:30pm **Confession** St. Mary's

6pm Holy Mass St. Mary's, All Parishioners

### **Saints This Week**

St Gregory the Great (c. 540–604) became Pope at a difficult time for Rome and devoted himself to serving both the Church and the poor. He strengthened the Church's worship, teaching and missionary work and sent St Augustine of Canterbury and his companions to bring the Gospel to the

English people. St Gregory reminds us that authority in the Church is a call to humble service and that the faith we have received is something precious to be handed on.

St Cuthbert (c. 634–687) was one of the great saints of northern England. A monk, missionary and later Bishop of Lindisfarne, he was known for his deep prayer, simplicity of life and care for the people entrusted to him. He travelled widely to preach the Gospel, especially among those living in remote places. St Cuthbert teaches us that a life rooted in prayer should lead us outwards in generous service of others.

St Teresa of Calcutta (1910–1997), better known as Mother Teresa, gave her life to serving Christ in the poorest and most forgotten people of society. She founded the Missionaries of Charity and became known throughout the world for her care of the sick, dying and abandoned. She reminds us that holiness often begins with small acts of love and that in serving those most in need, we are serving Christ Himself.

As we celebrate St Mary's Patronal Feast, we give thanks to God for the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her birth prepared the way for the coming of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. From the beginning, God had a place for Mary within His plan of salvation, and in faith she freely gave Him her "yes". As we honour Our Lady, we ask her prayers for our parish, our families and all who worship in our three churches, that we too may listen to God and faithfully follow her Son.

### **St John Fisher School: Word of the Week — Welcome**

Welcome means helping others to know that they belong and that they are valued. A welcome can be as simple as a smile, saying hello, making room for someone, or noticing a person who is on their own. Jesus welcomed people who were often ignored or left out, and He teaches us to do the same.

At the beginning of a new school year, welcome is especially important. There may be new pupils, new families, new staff, or someone who simply feels unsure or nervous. The saints remind us that when we welcome another person with kindness and love, we are also welcoming Christ.

At home, at school, and in our parish, we can practise welcome by including others, learning people's names, listening to them, inviting someone to join in, and making sure that nobody feels forgotten or left out.

This week, we can ask:

Who can I make feel welcome today?

Is there someone who might be feeling left out or alone?

How can I show the welcome and love of Jesus to others this week?

### **Thursday Evenings at St Mary's 7-8pm from October 1st**

Thursday evenings from October 1st will offer a varied programme of prayer, worship, formation and fellowship, open to the whole parish.

The evening may include:

- Adoration and Benediction
- The Rosary and other traditional devotions
- Scripture evenings and lectio divina
- Catechesis on the Catholic faith
- Video presentations followed by discussion
- "Ask the Priest" evenings and open Q&A
- Talks on the saints and Church history
- Sacred art, music and architecture
- Introduction to Gregorian chant and the music of the Mass
- Explanations of the Mass, the Sacraments and the Church's liturgy
- Practical evenings on how to pray
- Stations of the Cross and other seasonal devotions
- Testimonies from parishioners, converts and invited guests
- Vocations evenings
- Marriage and family-life evenings
- Apologetics and some of the difficult questions people ask about the Catholic faith
- Church tours and opportunities to learn about vestments, sacred vessels and other aspects of Catholic worship
- Film evenings
- Catholic book or reading evenings
- Parish suppers, refreshments and social evenings
- Opportunities for works of mercy and practical service
- Seasonal celebrations during Advent, Lent, Easter and throughout the Church's year
- Occasional pilgrimages, processions or visits to our other churches
- Shorter half-hour gatherings on PPC evenings

These evenings are particularly suitable for those becoming Catholic, our Confirmandi, and parents of children preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion, but they are for everyone.