

Complete the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF).

Send the completed SIF directly to the school.

Send the required supporting evidence (for example, a copy of your child's Baptism certificate) directly to the school.

The SIF and supporting evidence must be sent to the school, not to the Local Authority. The Local Authority application and the school's Supplementary Information Form are separate processes. Both must be completed by the deadline if you wish your child to be considered under the school's faith-based admissions criteria. If the school does not receive the Supplementary Information Form and supporting evidence by the deadline, your child may be placed in a lower admissions category, which could affect their chance of securing a place. If you do not have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate, contact the parish where your child was baptised as soon as possible to request a replacement.

Aid to the Church in Need has launched its first-ever global petition on religious freedom, calling on governments and the United Nations to do more to defend the right to believe, and to ensure that those responsible for persecution are held to account. Scan the QR code to sign.



Are you a healthcare professional in the East Midlands? An open letter raising concerns about the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is being sent to local MPs ahead of the Second Reading on Friday 11th September. If you support the concerns raised, please consider adding your name and sharing with colleagues: <https://ourdutyofcare.org.uk/east-midlands/>

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St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's
Week 23 of Ordinary Time, Lectionary Year A, 2026
Website: cathparishmje.co.uk Phone: 07354 832195
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Saturday 5th 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 6th September - 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Sunday 6th September - Patronal Feast of the Nativity of our Lady

10:30am Rosary St. Mary's

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

12pm BBQ St. Mary's Hall and Car Park, All Welcome

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

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

Wednesday 9th September - Memorial of St. Peter Claver

10am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Private Intention

Thursday 10th September

9:30am Holy Mass St. Mary's, James & Brigid O'Connell RIP and Jeremy O'Connell

Friday 11th September (No Meat Today)

10am Holy Mass St. John Bosco's, Claude Mesias RIP

Saturday 12th September - Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

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

6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's, Private Intention

Sunday 13th September - 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Good Health of Allegra & Caelum

10:30am Rosary St. Mary's

11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, All Parishioners

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

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

Saints This Week

St Peter Claver (1580–1654) was a Spanish Jesuit priest who spent much of his life caring for slaves arriving in the port of Cartagena in present-day

Colombia. He met them with food, medicine, practical help and the consolation of the Gospel, treating them with the dignity others denied them. St Peter Claver reminds us that every human life is precious in the sight of God and that Christian love must be shown not only in words, but in real acts of mercy and service.

On Saturday, 12 September, the Church honours the holy name of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her name speaks to us of the woman chosen by God to be the Mother of His Son, and of the faith, humility and obedience with which she answered His call. Christians have long called upon Mary with confidence, asking for her prayers and protection. This memorial reminds us to love Our Lady, to imitate her trust in God, and to allow her always to lead us more closely to Jesus Christ.

St John Fisher School: Word of the Week — Encounter

Encounter means more than simply passing by another person. It means really meeting someone, noticing them, listening to them, and allowing that meeting to make a difference. In the Gospels, Jesus encountered many different people. He stopped for those others ignored, listened to them, spoke to them with love, and helped them to discover the mercy and goodness of God. We can also encounter Jesus ourselves. We meet Him in prayer, in the Scriptures, in the Sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, and in the people He places in our lives. Sometimes an encounter with God may be quiet and ordinary, but it can still change the way we think, speak, and act. At home, at school, and in our parish, we can practise encounter by giving people our full attention, noticing someone who may be lonely, listening before we speak, welcoming others, and remembering that every person we meet is loved by God. This week, we can ask: Can I really listen to someone today rather than simply rushing past them? Where might I encounter Jesus this week? How can my encounter with another person help them to know that they are valued and loved by God?

Sacramental Preparation

Our parish now uses personal, flexible sacramental pathways rather than fixed annual courses. Preparation begins with a conversation, continues at a suitable pace with the support of parents, mentors and the parish, and is based on readiness rather than a set timetable. You may begin at any time. Apps that deliver some of the teaching of the sacraments are available on our website.

Leicester 40 Days for Life Launch Evening is taking place on Monday 7th September at 7.30pm, in Saint Edwards' parish hall. Information will be shared about the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil being held between Wednesday 23rd September and Monday 1st November. For more information contact leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester

The Little Company of Mary & Mary Potter Heritage Centre are delighted to share the exciting news that on Monday 14th September they will be joining Radio Maria UK for an hour from 10.00am, for a special programme celebrating the life and legacy of Venerable Mary Potter. Sister Fillys from Zimbabwe and others will be chatting about Mary Potter's inspiring life, the mission of the Little Company of Mary, and the Heritage Centre in Nottingham. To tune in and join, visit: <https://radiomaria.uk/>

On Sunday 20th September we will celebrate **Home Mission Sunday**, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. We can celebrate together the call the Holy Father has placed before us to live out our authentic humanity which finds its fullness in Christ. The Second Collection supports the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate, supporting our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

Bishop Patrick has received a letter from the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, thanking our Diocese for the contributions to the **2026 Peter's Pence collection**, which amounted to £5,936.26. The Holy Father very much appreciates the generosity of parishioners throughout the Diocese of Nottingham, whose donations will help to fund and support the charitable activities of the Holy See.

Year 6 Parents: If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, you must apply for a secondary school place through your home Local Authority by Sunday 31st October. If you would like your child to be considered for a Catholic school under a Catholic faith admission criterion, there is an additional step: