

and trying to understand before we reply. We also learn to listen to God in prayer, in Scripture, in the teaching of the Church and through the good people He places in our lives. At home, at school and in our parish, we can put these three words into practice by reaching out, speaking well and listening carefully. Over these weeks, we can ask:

Who can I reach out to? How can I speak to others with kindness and respect? Am I really listening to God and to the people around me?

Retreat Day for the Parishes of Leicester and Leicestershire

A Retreat Day of prayer and reflection will take place on Saturday 31 October, 10am–3pm, at St Joseph's Church, Goodwood Road, Leicester LE5 6SG. Arrivals and refreshments will be available from 9.30am. The day will be led by Sr Marie-Kolbe Zamora, OSF, S.T.D., an experienced Catholic theologian, speaker and educator who has worked in formation and leadership internationally, including at the General Secretariat of the Synod in Rome. The retreat will offer time for prayer, reflection, Catholic teaching, fellowship with parishioners from across Leicester and Leicestershire, and the celebration of Mass together. Booking is essential so that refreshments and handouts can be prepared. Please book in advance by emailing jackie.williams@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

Sacramental Preparation

You can begin sacramental preparation at any time of the year. A good place to start is by coming to Sunday Mass, praying at home, and visiting the Sacraments section of our parish website at cathparishmje.co.uk. There you will find the different pathways, simple parish catechisms, and online apps for each sacrament. Parents may work through the preparation with their children at home, or the parish can arrange a mentor to support them.

Preparation begins with a friendly conversation so that we can help you choose the right pathway and explain what happens next. There is no fixed course and no need to keep up with a large group. Each child, young person, or adult moves forward at a suitable pace, with Sunday Mass, prayer, and growing in the Catholic faith at the centre. The sacrament is celebrated when the person is ready. If you have been away from the Church, or are unsure where to begin, please do not worry, you are very welcome to start again.

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St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's **Week 24-26 of Ordinary Time, Lectionary Year A, 2026**

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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

Wednesday 16th September - Memorial of Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

10am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Hannah McCay RIP

Saturday 19th September - Memorial of St. Theodore of Canterbury

12-3pm Autumn Fayre St. Edward's

5:30pm Confession St. John Bosco's

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

Sunday 20th September - 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, David and Mary Ellen Hudson RIP

10:30am Rosary St. Mary's

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

Tuesday 22nd September

9am Holy Mass St. John Fisher School

Wednesday 23rd September - Memorial of St. Padre Pio

10am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Aleksandra Henkiel RIP

Saturday 26th September - Memorial of Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Golden Jubilee of SPANED

5:30pm Confession St. John Bosco's

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

Sunday 27th September - 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, God's Blessing, Erica and Edlima

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**, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 30th September - Memorial of St. Jerome

10am Holy Mass **St. Edward's**, Belinda's Belated Birthday Intentions

Thursday 1st October - Memorial of St. Therese

10am Holy Mass **St. Mary's**, Holy Souls in Purgatory
7pm Rosary **St. Mary's**

Friday 2nd October (No Meat Today) - Holy Guardian Angels

10am Holy Mass **St. John Bosco's**, Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 3rd October

5:30pm Confession **St. John Bosco's**
6pm Vigil Mass **St. John Bosco's**, Kathleen Kidney RIP

Sunday 4th October - 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Holy Mass **St. Edward's**, Brigid Herron RIP
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 These Weeks

St Cornelius was Pope and St Cyprian was Bishop of Carthage during a time of persecution. Both defended the faith and showed great courage and mercy towards Christians who had fallen away but wished to return to the Church. Their friendship and witness remind us to remain faithful to Christ and to help others find their way back to Him.

St Theodore (c. 602–690) became Archbishop of Canterbury and helped strengthen and organise the Church in England. He encouraged learning, good order and unity among Christians. His life reminds us that the Church grows when faith is taught carefully and people work together in charity.

St Padre Pio (1887–1968) was a Capuchin friar known for his deep prayer, love of the Mass and long hours spent hearing Confessions. Many people came to him seeking God's mercy and guidance. He reminds us of the importance of prayer, Confession and trusting God even in suffering.

Sts Cosmas and Damian were brothers traditionally remembered as doctors who cared for the sick without asking payment. They were martyred for their Christian faith. They remind us that our gifts and abilities are given by God so that we can use them generously in the service of others.

St Jerome (c. 347–420) devoted much of his life to studying and translating the Bible. He famously taught that ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. His example encourages us not simply to own a Bible, but to read it prayerfully and allow God's Word to shape our lives.

St Thérèse of Lisieux (1873–1897) became a Carmelite nun while still very young and taught what she called her "little way": doing ordinary things with extraordinary love and trusting completely in God. She reminds us that holiness is possible for everyone and is often found in small, faithful acts of love.

The Holy Guardian Angels: The Church teaches that God, in His loving providence, gives His angels the task of watching over and guiding us. On this feast we thank God for the care of our Guardian Angels and ask their help in following the path that leads us closer to Christ. It is a reminder that we are never beyond God's loving care.

St. John Fisher: Words of the Weeks — Outreach, Dialogue, Listen

Over the next three weeks, our words are Outreach, Dialogue and Listen. These three words belong together because they show us how to build good relationships with others and how to live our faith in a practical way. Outreach means looking beyond ourselves and noticing those who may need friendship, help, encouragement or care. Jesus constantly reached out to people, especially those who were lonely, forgotten or pushed aside. We can practise outreach by welcoming someone new, helping without being asked, including someone who is left out, or simply taking time for another person.

Dialogue means speaking with others honestly and respectfully. It is not about winning an argument, but about trying to understand one another. Jesus spoke with many different people, including those who disagreed with Him. He always spoke the truth, but He also treated people with dignity. We can practise dialogue by asking good questions, speaking kindly and learning how to disagree without being unkind.

Listen reminds us that good relationships also require us to hear what others are saying. Listening means giving someone our attention, not interrupting,