

Our Parish Website — Have a Look

If you have not visited our parish website recently, do have another look at cathparishmje.co.uk. It is gradually becoming a place where you can find much more than simply Mass times and parish notices. You can find the latest newsletter and parish events, regular Mass, Confession and Adoration times, and information about life at St Mary's, St John Bosco's and St Edward's.

There is a complete section on the Sacraments, including our preparation pathways for Baptism, First Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Marriage, together with help for adults wishing to become Catholic, return to the practice of the faith, or complete their Sacraments.

The Grow in Faith section is there for everyone who would like to understand and live the Catholic faith more deeply. It includes Catholic Faith Foundations, Bible Studies, Defending the Faith, Living the Catholic Life and our Sunday and weekday homilies. There are also resources for children and families, guidance about prayer and Catholic life, and information about pastoral care and getting involved in the parish. The aim is simple: to provide something useful whether you have been Catholic all your life, are returning after many years, are preparing for a Sacrament, have questions about the faith, or simply want to grow closer to Christ. Have an explore: cathparishmje.co.uk Other parishes have asked to use our material on their websites so it would be good if our parishioners used it too. And if you know somebody who is thinking about returning to church or asking questions about the Catholic faith, perhaps send the website to them too.

Parish Christmas Fayre — Saturday 21st November

Our Parish Christmas Fayre will take place at St John Fisher School on Saturday 21st November. We would be very grateful for donations of suitable items for stalls and prizes. Please support the fayre if you can by donating an item, taking some raffle tickets, volunteering to help, or simply coming along on the day. It will be a lovely opportunity for parishioners, families and friends from St Mary's, St John Bosco's and St Edward's to come together and support parish life as we prepare for Christmas.

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St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's
Week 31 of Ordinary Time, Lectionary Year A, 2026
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Saturday 31st October

1-3pm Called to be Saints **St. Mary's Hall**, all welcome
5:30pm Confession **St. John Bosco's**
6pm Sunday Mass **St. John Bosco's**, Patrick Lee RIP

Sunday 1st November - All Saints

9am Holy Mass **St. Edward's**, Private Intention
10:30am Rosary **St. Mary's**
11am Holy Mass **St. Mary's**, Arthur and Grace Stanley RIP
2pm Prayers at Graves **Saffron Hill Cemetery**

Sunday 1st November - All Souls

5:30pm Confession **St. Mary's**
6pm Holy Mass **St. Mary's**, All Parishioners

Wednesday 4th November - St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

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

Thursday 5th November

10am Holy Mass **St. Mary's**, Slawek's Intentions
7pm Parish Evening **St. Mary's**, Lord, What Are You Asking of Me? - Vocational and Spiritual Discernment

Friday 6th November (No Meat Today)

10am Holy Mass **St. John Bosco's**, Henry Dunphy and John Lacey RIP

Saturday 7th November - St. Willibrord

5:30pm Confession **St. John Bosco's**
6pm Sunday Mass **St. John Bosco's**, Michael Lawrence RIP

Sunday 8th November - 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Holy Mass **St. Edward's**, Souls of Desouza & Fernandes Families

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday Mass

10:30am Rosary **St. Mary's**
11am Holy Mass **St. Mary's**, All those on the November Dead List
2pm Prayers at Graves **Wigston Cemetery**

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

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

Saints This Week

This week we commemorate All Souls, praying for all the faithful departed and especially the Holy Souls in Purgatory; St Martin de Porres, the Dominican brother known for his humility and care for the poor and sick; St Winefride, the Welsh virgin and martyr whose shrine at Holywell has long been a place of pilgrimage; St Charles Borromeo, the great reforming Archbishop of Milan; and St Willibrord, the English missionary bishop who helped bring the Gospel to the Low Countries.

Schools' Word of the Week — Change

Change means that things do not always stay the same. Sometimes change is exciting, but it can also feel difficult or uncertain. We may have to get used to new people, new situations, new responsibilities, or things happening differently from what we expected.

Jesus teaches us that God is with us through every change. Following Christ also means allowing Him to change us: helping us to become more loving, more patient, more forgiving, and more faithful. The saints show us that real change often begins with small choices and with being willing to listen to God.

At home, at school and in our parish, we can face change by trusting God, being open to new opportunities, helping others who may be finding change difficult, and asking the Holy Spirit to guide us.

This week, we can ask:

Is there a change I need to face with greater trust?

Is God asking me to change something in myself?

How can I help someone else when change feels difficult for them?

Lord, What Are You Asking of Me? - Vocation and Spiritual Discernment, Thursday 5th November, 7–8pm at St Mary's

How do we know what God is asking of us? How can we distinguish a genuine calling from our own wishes, fears or uncertainties?

This Thursday evening we will look at vocation and spiritual discernment — not only priesthood and religious life, but the wider Christian calling to holiness, marriage, family life, work, service and the decisions which shape

our lives. We will consider how God ordinarily guides us through prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, wise counsel, our circumstances and the responsibilities already entrusted to us, and how we can learn to recognise the next faithful step. A practical and accessible evening for anyone asking: “Lord, what are you asking of me?” Everyone is very welcome.

Be Aware of Road Closure - Sunday 8 November

Please be aware that the Remembrance Sunday service in South Wigston will mean road closures around the crossroads and traffic lights from approximately 10.45am until 11.15am. If you are travelling to the 11am Mass at St Mary's, please allow a little extra time and plan a route which avoids this junction if possible. Coming a little earlier than usual may be the easiest option!

Parish Nativity — Children and Young People Needed

Our whole-parish Nativity will form part of the Nine Lessons and Carols at St John Bosco's on Sunday 13 December at 4pm. All primary-school-age children are warmly invited to take part. There are no speaking roles, so children can join in without having to learn lines. Secondary-school pupils and young people are also especially encouraged to take part by helping with the readings. We would also love to hear from any parishioners who enjoy singing or making music and would like to join in with the carols. Rehearsal details will be announced shortly, but for now please keep Sunday 13 December free and encourage children and young people from across our three churches to take part.

Remembrance Sunday — Uniformed Groups Fundraiser

On Sunday 8 November, some of our uniformed groups will be taking part in the Remembrance Sunday Church Parade. After Mass, the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be holding a cake sale and Christmas hamper raffle to raise money for the church. Raffle tickets will be available after Sunday Masses on the weekends of 1 November and 8 November, and the Christmas hamper will be on display. The winning ticket will be drawn in the church hall after Mass on Remembrance Sunday, 8 November. Please support our young people if you can — by buying a raffle ticket, enjoying a cake after Mass, or simply coming along. All proceeds will go towards supporting our church. A big thank you to the leaders, children and families of our uniformed groups for organising the fundraiser and for their continued part in parish life.