



THE PARISH OF ST PATRICK, LEICESTER & THE DIVINE INFANT OF PRAGUE, SYSTON

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22nd Sunday of the Year

Date	Time & Place	Intention
Sat 29 th August	4.30pm – Divine Infant	Catherine and John Armstrong, RIP, Anniversary
	6.30pm – St. Patrick's	For the soul of Antonio, Carmina, Lucio & Philip D'Souza
Sun 30 th August	8.00am – St. Patrick's	Patsy Duffy, RIP
	9.30am – St. Patrick's	Thanksgiving by CWA
	11.15am – Divine Infant	People of the Parish
Mon 31 st August <i>St. Aidan (O)</i>	10.00am – Divine Infant	Ivor & Sylvia Lunn, RIP
Tue 1 st September <i>Feria</i>	9.30am – St. Patrick's	Theresa Ferguson, RIP
	10.00am – Divine Infant	Helen & Pat Rawley (well-being)
Wed 2 nd September <i>Feria</i>	10.00am – Divine Infant	Catherine Morris, RIP
	7.00pm – St. Patrick's	P.U. Joseph, RIP anniversary
Thu 3 rd September <i>St. Gregory the Great (F)</i>	9.30am – St. Patrick's	Janine & Jerzy Grzechowiak, RIP, birthday memorial
	10.00 am – Divine Infant	Shaun McDade, RIP
Fri 4 th September <i>St. Cuthbert (O)</i>	7.00am – St. Patrick's	Ulric Williams, RIP
	1.00pm – Divine Infant	Requiem Mass, Caroline Morris
Sat 5 th September <i>St. Theresa of Calcutta (O)</i>	9.30am – St. Patrick's	People of the Parish
	10.00am – Divine Infant	Catherine Morris, RIP

23rd Sunday of the Year

Sat 5 th September	4.30pm – Divine Infant	Fr. Clement, anniversary to the Priesthood
	6.30pm – St. Patrick's	Juliao, Natalia, Jose, Francis & Zaritha D'Silva, RIP
Sun 6 th September	8.00am – St. Patrick's	Thanksgiving by CWA
	9.30am – St. Patrick's	God's blessing on Aldrich & Delina Fernades
	11.15am – Divine Infant	Patrick O'Brien, RIP

(S) = Solemnity; (F) = Feast; (M) = Memorial; (O) = Optional

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & ROSARY: Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.15am until 9.45am at Divine Infant and Wednesdays at 5.45pm until 6.45pm at St. Patrick's; the Rosary will be prayed before Mass on Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays and at Divine Infant, and before the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses at St. Patrick's. All are welcome, especially 'retired' Catholics in our towns and district!

MASS BOOKING FOR BOTH PARISHES: It will be helpful to indicate which of the Churches you would like to have your Masses said. You can post your Mass intentions through the letter box or give it to Fr Paul or email your intentions to stpatrick.leicester@dioceseofnottingham.uk

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for all who are sick and in need.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Please inform Fr. Paul at St. Patrick's (0116 5078225) or Fr. Tom at Divine Infant (01162608476) if you or a family member are sick or housebound so someone can bring you Holy Communion. Your priest will also administer the Sacrament of the Sick to whoever requires it, so please contact them when it is required, thank you.

ONLINE BANKING SYSTEM: ST PATRICK LEICESTER RCP, ACCOUNT NUMBER 01774984, SORT CODE: 30-94-97 DIVINE INFANT PRAGUE SYSTON RCP, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 03394798, SORT CODE: 30-94-97

DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM REGISTERED CHARITY 1134449 REGISTERED COMPANY 7151646

ALL/ BOTH PARISHES

CONFESSION TIMES:

- St Patrick's: Wednesdays from 5.45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- The Divine Infant of Prague, Syston: Wednesday and Saturday 9.30am–9.50 am.

LEGION OF MARY: The Legionaries meet each Tuesday at 7 pm in the Church. Everyone welcome.



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH COLLECTION

Envelopes: £172.41 Plate: £ 509.15 Total: £681.56

Other income this week £1,151.46

300 club Winner: D. Shoubridge No: 81 £75

Last week's Mass attendance:

THE DIVINE INFANT OF PRAGUE, SYSTON

Gift aid: £16.00 Loose: £293.89 Total: £ 309.89

Last week's Mass attendance: 112

August Closed Draw winners:

1st prize: Phil Rooney, No:20 £75

2nd prize: Greg Thornton, No:102 £50;

3rd prize: Tom Hand, No:29 £25

RCIA: ST. PATRICK'S & DIVINE INFANT OF PRAGUE, SYSTON: We will be starting our RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) 18+ on Monday 7th September 2026 at 7pm in the Chapel at St. Patrick's Church leading up to Easter 2027. The group meets weekly and each session consists of prayer, a presentation on an aspect of the Catholic faith and small group discussion. It is relaxed, friendly and open to all.

Are you new to the parish?

Are you curious about the Catholic Faith?

Do you have unanswered questions?

Would you like to become a Catholic?

Have you been baptised in another church or are you already a baptised Catholic but not yet received the sacrament of First Holy Communion/Confirmation? If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to Father Paul, Georgina or put your name and contact details on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: There is a 7-night pilgrimage package to Medjugorje from 18th-25th October 2026 for £799. If anyone is interested, please contact John Jjuuko 07478297840. Please see the poster for more info.

CHEF AND SPICE FUNDRAISING NIGHT, Tuesday 8th September. 7pm. Tickets £20 (£10 comes back to the church) Please see posters at the back of church for full details. See Maddy or Gina for tickets. A night of food and fun with our friends, family and parishioners

ST PATRICK'S

CHURCH GARDENING: Wednesday, 10 am – 12 noon. All help is very much appreciated.

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING: The next Coffee morning will be on September 4th. Please spread the word and come along. If anyone has any donations of Bric-à-brac or quality clothing etc. they would be most welcome.

THE DIVINE INFANT OF PRAGUE

DONATIONS FOR INTERCARE: There is a box in the church porch to donate toiletries for Intercare, a local charity who send aid to Africa. Thankyou

CAR PARK CAMERA! You might have noticed the new ANPR camera in the car park in Syston. From Friday 26th June, all parishioners attending Mass, and visitors to the Hall will have to input their car registration into one of the two machines we have available, either at the back of Church, or in the doorway into the Parish Hall. Once you have done this you get 24 hours parking. If you forget, please let me know! Fr Paul

SYSTON CHURCH HALL: After many years of loyal service, Helga has decided to step down from running the Hall in January. On behalf of us all I would like to thank her very much for all that she has done for our parish over the years! The hall is a vital source of income for our parish, and its future operation is vital to our future. This also means that we need new volunteers to step forward and take on this role and try to continue the successful hard work of Helga, and to continue to make our Hall a valuable asset to our parish and the community. Helga has kindly agreed to train any volunteers, so if you are interested in helping, then please either contact her or Fr. Paul as soon as possible.

YOUR LOCAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL;

Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy, 0116 2695510

Headteacher Andrew Monaghan

www.bishopellis.leics.sch.uk

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GENERAL NEWS

Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide: The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill.

"This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament.

For more information and resources, visit:

cbcw.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide

righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote

MARCH FOR LIFE 2026, the annual pro-life rally in London.

Saturday, 5th September, 2026. Coach departs 8 am from Blessed Sacrament. (please do not park your car in Church car park) For further information contact Francisca on 079342 711549 or sicamartinez02@gmail.com. Please see poster on notice board.

CAFOD RUNNERS, Could you run 10k / half marathon for CAFOD, Sunday 11 October. We need 9 Runners Please join the CAFOD team. For more information and details please contact: cgalagher@cafod.org.uk

MISSION TOGETHER, 12 SEPT, 2026. 10 am – 3 pm at Holy Cross Priory. Pope Leo and Pope Francis ask all the baptised to build new relationships in the Church through 'synodality'. Led by Dr Austen Ivereigh, Pope Francis' biographer, it will explore practical ways to listen and connect for mission. Please see Poster on the notice board for details.