

Corpus Christi Church, Clifton Mass/Service Times 14th - 21st September 2025



Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 13th September The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Feliks & Betty Rychwalski RIP	Jubilee of schools and young people
Sunday 14th September The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	Education Sunday Jubilee of schools and young people
Monday 15th September Memorial Our Lady of Sorrows	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Private Intentions	
Tuesday 16th September Feria	9.00 am Mass: Lissy Joseph RIP & Kunjannam Kutty RIP	
Thursday 18th September	9.00 am Mass: Thanksgiving for all. Anna's birthday	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code & state CC Church
Friday 19th September Feria	9.00 am Mass: Holy Souls	
Saturday 20th September Feria	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: 3rd Anniversary of Sharon Bryan RIP	Second collection for Evangelii Gaudium Day
Sunday 21st September	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	Second collection for Evangelii Gaudium Day

Our Lady & St Patrick's, Meadows
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Sunday 14th September The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.00 am Mass: Martin Davey 2.00pm-5.00pm Syro-Malankara Church	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass
Wednesday 17th September Feria	9.30 am Adoration 10.00 am Mass: Intentions of Karen McNally	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.
Thursday 18th September	5.00pm Reception of body of David Staves	
Friday 19th September	10.00am Funeral Service of David Staves	
Saturday 20th September Feria	9.30 am Confessions 10.00 am Mass: Private Intentions	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code above & state OLS Church
Sunday 21st September	9.00 am Mass: Private Intentions	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass Second collection for Evangelii Gaudium Day

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Please remember David Staves of OLS Church who has died recently. His body will be brought into OLS Church on Thursday, 18th September 2025 at 5 pm and his funeral will be on Friday, 19th September at 10 am. Please pray for him & his family.

Care of Creation This weekend at the start of all Masses, Mark Heining, Chair of the Joint Parish Pastoral Council will do a short (5-10 minutes) service of readings. So Mass will start a few minutes later than normal. The bidding prayers and hymns during this Season of Creation will have more emphasis on environment and climate change.

The application packs for The First Holy Communion Programme for both Churches are now at the rear of the Churches. Please take a pack if your child is due to take their first RCIA Programme Introduction Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? It is open to anyone who is unbaptised, baptised in another denomination/faith or just interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA is a journey of discovery, prayer, and community that leads to the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist - usually celebrated at Easter. If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more, then the first session will be held this Thursday, 11th September 2025 at Corpus Christi Lady Chapel at 7 pm but there is still time to join. The minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting are now on the noticeboards of both parishes. Please take time to have a read.

Sacred Heart Fathers' Annual Sponsored Walk will take place this year in Nottingham on Saturday, 27th September 2025. Start time is 1.00 pm. Brother Andrew will be asking for sponsorship after Masses this weekend. Everyone is welcome to come and take part. It is the same walk we did a few years' ago, starting at OLS Church and walking along the River Trent to the Watersports Centre at Holme Pierrepont. All funds raised will go to the SCJ Missions in India. Refreshments will be available in OLS hall.

Alexandra Shelton-Bourke is running her first ever half-marathon on Sunday 28th September in support of Emmanuel House, a Nottingham-based charity supporting those who are homeless. To help raise funds, She is hosting a Brunch Fundraiser on Sunday 21st September, from 10:00am at Our Lady's & St. Patrick's. £2 per person will get a hot drink and your choice of a sausage or bacon roll (cash only)! There will be sweet treats for you to buy on the day! If you're able to donate any homemade sweet treats for the brunch, she'd be incredibly grateful. Please come along, enjoy some good food, and support a great cause. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues her training journey! <https://www.justgiving.com/page/alexandra-shelton-bourke>

The next Baptism Course will take place on Saturday, 11th October 2025 at Corpus Christi Church and is open to all parents from both Parishes who wish to have their baby/child (up to 6 years of age) baptised. One parent must be a baptised Catholic & will be required to give proof of their own Baptism. The course will be from 9.30 am to 12 noon. If you would like to attend, you need to complete a Baptism Application form (available at the back of both Churches) and give it to Fr David after Mass. You will then be booked on to the course. Any queries, please contact the Parish Secretary.

URGENT! Emmanuel House urgently need to restock their storerooms to ensure that hundreds of vulnerable people can access vital food. For more information, please see the list of foods needed (in foyer of both Churches) or go to their website emmanuelhouse.org.uk

Calling all university students if you are a Catholic student at NTU or UoN, come along to the Cathedral today for 6pm Sunday Mass sign up to hear about Catholic chaplaincy activities and be part of the growing Catholic student community in Nottingham. Fr Joe - the university chaplain - will be at Mass on Sunday evening and there will be chance to meet up after Mass in the Cathedral Hall.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September 2025: For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our inter-dependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

On Wednesday 17th September, 7.00pm-9.00pm, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace will be showing the film, The Letter in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham, NG1 5AE. Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si', this film invites us to reflect on our common home during this Season of Creation. Light refreshments will be provided, and for details contact david@csjp-uk.co.uk

All Altar Servers are invited to the Diocesan Jubilee of Altar Servers, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick in our Cathedral in Nottingham (Derby Road, NG1 5AE) on Saturday 27th September. Bring your alb/cassock and cotta, and arrive for 10.30am onwards, for Mass at 11.30am. Bring a packed lunch too, and enjoy a picnic in the Cathedral Hall and gardens. All are welcome!

To celebrate the amazing work of the wonderful Catechists who do so much in our diocese we will be having a Jubilee of Catechists Day. The day will include the celebration of Mass and a conference to help them in their ministry. There will be two keynote talks from Dr Mark Nash Director for the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, with workshops and time to mingle. The day will be held on Saturday 11th October at Saint Joseph's Church, Leicester, LE5 6SG; from 10.00am until 4.00pm, and will cost £10; please bring a packed lunch. More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/CatechistJubilee> or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Business Administration Assistant – IT and GDPR to support the work of the IT and GDPR Department supporting staff in the curia and parishes of the Diocese. The department comprises two staff who focus on delivering solutions using 365 Microsoft Ecosystem Apps and ensuring the highest standards of compliance and cybersecurity. Application forms are available at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers and should be sent by 9am, Monday 15th September, to Christa Wardle office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Diocese is seeking to recruit an Adult Formation Officer, based at Saint Thomas More parish, Knighton, to coordinate and support opportunities in the parishes for the faith formation of adults, through the sacramental preparation programmes and other avenues. The role is for 10 hours per week, and more details are at www.careers/adult-formation-officer. Application forms are available at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers and should be sent by 9am on Friday 10th October to Christa Wardle office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Are you interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care? This Catholic organisation specialises in relationship support and is currently looking for those who would be interested in training via the Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) course, and looking for volunteers for the marriage preparation service prior to the CRC selection. To find out more visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Communion to the Sick and Housebound, for House Blessings, for Marriage (six months' notice required), please contact the Parish office. Funerals: are organised with local funeral directors, but do contact the Parish office to arrange an appointment with the Priest.

Talking Philosophy & Theology Combined : a Carmelite Perspective" Zoom meetings for the next three months are 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings, from 8.00pm until 9.30pm, September 3rd & 17th; October 1st & 15th; November 5th & 19th; 2nd or 4th (not 5th) Thursday afternoons, from 1.00pm until 3.00pm, September 11th or 25th; October 9th or 23rd; November 13th or 27th. For more information contact Deacon James Hunter OCS, james.hunter200@btinternet.com

A Mass to celebrate CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day is being celebrated in Christ the King Church, Alfreton, on Friday 3rd October at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest Please donate to CAFOD's Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10, or use the QR code to go to a virtual envelope to make an offering.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

COLLECT

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

'If anyone were bitten by a serpent, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.' 21:4b-9

In those days: The people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.' Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 78(77)

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!

Give ear, my people, to my teaching; incline your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and utter hidden lessons of the past. R.

When he slew them, then they sought him, repented and earnestly sought God. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. R.

Yet they deceived him with their mouths; they lied to him with their tongues. For their hearts were not steadfast towards him; they were not faithful to his covenant. R.

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave them their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger, and did not stir up all his rage. R.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.
'He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.' 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord,
'The Son of Man must be lifted up.' 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, O Lord, which on the altar of the Cross cancelled the offence of the whole world, cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having been nourished by your holy banquet, we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ, to bring those you have redeemed by the wood of your life-giving Cross to the glory of the resurrection. Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.