

"Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible." Corrie Ten Boom **Celebrating Community Spirit: A Big Thank You for Last Sunday's Garden Party BBQ Bash!** A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our amazing parish members and visitors who pitched in to make it a sizzling success. From firing up the grills, setting up the garden, preparing the side dishes, clearing up and occasional firefighting (metaphorically speaking) your support and participation are what make our church family truly extraordinary. Stay tuned for more upcoming events that help keep our parish community spirit alive and thriving.

Parish Lunch, Monday 4th September 2023 at 1 pm Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church by Sunday 27th August 2023 if you would like to attend the next Parish Lunch. This will help us with catering. Look forward to seeing you there.

World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation, Friday 1st September. As the environmental crisis unfolds, Pope Francis urges us to 'transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies'. Leicester Laudato Si' Circle warmly invite you to join them in online prayer at 8.30pm on 1st September; book at bit.ly/prayforcreation2023 by 30th August. The next diocesan Caritas environmental workshop will be on Tuesday 3rd October, the eve of Saint Francis' Day, which concludes the worldwide Season of Creation: find out more and book at bit.ly/faithandfootprint

Pilgrimage for Women to Lincoln Cathedral: The Diocese of Nottingham is organising a Pilgrimage for Women to Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday 9th September. We will meet at 10:30am at the Cathedral, to be ready to celebrate Mass together at 11:00am, following Mass we will have lunch together and then have a private tour of this historic church built by our diocesan patron Saint Hugh, and where he was laid to rest. The day should finish by 2:00pm. Please note that this is an event for those aged 18 and over. For more information and to book your place visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

The Guild of Saint Stephen in Nottingham Diocese would like to invite all Altar Servers to join for the Annual Diocesan Servers' Mass, on Saturday 23rd September at 11.30am at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Patrick, and all are invited to be part of the day. Please email James Noakes for further details JNoakes@englishmartyrs.org or see the poster in church.

The Woman at the Well, a day of prayer and reflection for women, is being held on Saturday 30th September from 12.15pm until 4.00pm at The Rosmini Centre, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake LE7 4SJ. The day includes tea/coffee (provided) at 12.15pm, then the Rosary; lunch at 1.00pm (please bring a packed lunch); then at 2.00pm Carmelite author and speaker Dr Cyprian Blamires OCDS: Praying with the Heart; finally a Holy Hour. More information from Paulette: 07825 040375.

A Vocation Day of Discernment is being held on Saturday 7th October from 10.00am until 3.00pm at The Rosmini Centre, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake. LE7 4SJ. There will be the opportunity of talking to Fathers Antonio, Ted, and Philip about the calling to the Religious Life in general, and to the Institute of Charity (Rosminians) in particular: an opportunity to join the Community in prayer, and to ask the Lord for clarity and courage. To book telephone 01509 813078.

Join men from across the Diocese of Nottingham for a Day of Fraternity in Leicester. On Saturday 7th October we will be meeting in Bradgate Park Leicester, celebrating Mass, walking round the park and then going for a pub lunch. Mass will be at 10.30am at All Saints Church, just at the edge of Bradgate Park, we will then walk for just about an hour and then head out for a pub lunch. Please book by 30th September so that we know numbers for the lunch. Please note that this event is for years aged 18 over only. Book via: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events those or or contact adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Finale in the Parish Summer Garden Party Fundraiser Trilogy: With Part II of the Parish's BBQ Garden Party Fundraising event taking place on Sunday 20th August, join us again on Sunday 17th September for what will be our trilogy finale. Please visit our website's events page https://www.christthekingalfreton.org/events. Food from the BBQ grill, Alcoholic Drinks, and Ice cream will be sold to raise funds for the Parish. Please let us know if you're able to bring a side dish to complement the BBQ.

The Cathedral Church of St Barnabas: Designed by the renowned architect Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin, it was dedicated in 1844 and raised to the status of Cathedral in 1850. Pugin, a key pioneer of the Gothic Revival architectural style, also helped design the interiors of the Houses of Parliament. His works sought to bring the richness, colour and detail of the Middle Ages back to life, in the early Victorian period. The Cathedral is not only a thriving parish community but it is the seat of Bishop Patrick McKinney, 10th Bishop of Nottingham, making it the 'Mother Church' of the Catholic community across much of the East Midlands. 180 years after its foundation stone was laid, the Cathedral continues to welcome tens of thousands of people each year to experience its peaceful presence as a place of worship, to explore its fascinating architectural history and to enjoy its cultural and musical offerings.