



Statement from the Bishop on the Death of HM The Queen

Statement from Bishop Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham, on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

On behalf of the Catholic Community here in Nottingham and across much of the East Midlands, we wish to express our deep sadness at hearing the news of the death of Her Majesty The Queen this afternoon. I wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and love for the late Queen. We have always admired her deep sense of duty, service, and commitment, but also her very evident love for the people she has served so generously these last 71 years.

We also want to pay our respects to The Queen as a woman of a faith, as a Christian, whose faith always inspired and shaped the way she lived. We pray that Christ Jesus, whom she faithfully served throughout her whole life, may now welcome her into His Kingdom with these words: 'Well done good and faithful servant.'

Our prayers go out to her family at this very sad time for them, as well as the whole nation.

God save the King.

During this time of national mourning, Nottingham Cathedral will open daily (from 7am-7pm) for people to sign the book of condolence, to light a candle, and to spend some time in private prayer or reflection. All are welcome.