



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

21st April 2024
4th Week of Eastertide
Psalter Week 4

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CONFIRMATION 2024: We are due to prepare our children for Confirmation. We aim to do this every three years. I am hoping that Bishop Patrick will come in the Autumn in October. I would like to get a group together who might be interested in helping with catechesis. If you would like to help please contact or email Fr Chris. We are also looking for an organiser for this. Parishpriest@olvic.com As for all these roles we need to do a DBS

Would you like to learn how to have a meaningful and productive conversation on abortion with those around you? In our secular society most people think abortion is okay, because it is legal. So how can we discuss our views with others on this sensitive but important issue? Come to the **RETHINK ABORTION INTERACTIVE TRAINING DAY** on Saturday 11th May and meet other like-minded people and so become confident in sharing our beliefs in the most effective way. The day is held at Trinity School, Aspley (NG8 3EP), from 10.00am until 4.30pm, and the cost is £25 per person, including a sandwich lunch and drinks. Bookings can be made at: <https://TimetoRethinkAbortionNottingham.eventbrite.com>

Retrouvaille – Do you need help in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

The **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** will be led by Bishop Patrick between **Monday 15th and Friday 19th July**. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for the full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk

APRIL	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS	ROTA	
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
20/21 April	A Hall	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes
27/28 April	M O'Malley	J Shellard	T Page	T Ruane

READERS				FINANCE	14/04/24
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am	Envelopes	£304.00
20/21 Apr	J Snaith	M Douglas	M Blake	Loose	£279.84
27/28 Apr	M Atkins	C Reed	K Lilley	Standing Order	
				Total	£583.84

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 4th of Eastertide (Good Shepherd Sunday)

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Linden Molle RIP

Coffee after Mass

Monday: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: Wendy Kwacz wellbeing (E.M.s)

Tuesday: ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND

9.00am Mass: Mgr Georg Hay RIP (Cyprian)

Wednesday: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP (Birth)

Thursday: St Mark, Evangelist

9.45am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Sylvia Mitchell (Catenians)

Coffee after Mass

No Holy Hour

Friday: Easter Feria

1.30pm: Funeral of Matthew Liddle

Saturday: Easter Feria

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday: 4th OF EASTER

10.00am Mass: Eileen & Bill Hill (J. Brown)



The good shepherd is on who lays down his life for his sheep.

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11am
& 5.15pm

2nd Collection for the Clergy Formation Fund this weekend

FR CHRIS WRITES: The missionary sisters of Saint Peter Claver will be here on 27th and 28th April to appeal on behalf of the sisters mission committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their missionary work and will be grateful for your support.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY: In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched Vocations Sunday, which we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday. This year it is on the 21 April 2024, which marks the 61st Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind single people. Everybody is called! What is God calling you to? Along with the whole Church, let us pray for vocations today. Let us take time to stir the hearts and minds of the people around us to think about the topic of Vocation.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: The Diocese has designated May 5th as Safeguarding Sunday. This is an opportunity for the Diocese to reflect on the theology and spirituality of safeguarding and to express gratitude for the work of all our parish safeguarding representatives, who assist us in assuring that our Church is a safe place for all children and vulnerable adults. To inform congregations of the journey of the Catholic Church and how safeguarding has evolved over the years and the current changes that have now been implemented.

FR OWEN'S WINDOW: Sadly Fr Owen's window has been much delayed due to the illness of the Artist. However, he is due to come and make some final measurements in early May and to install in September,

We have the funeral of young **Matthew Liddle** who died on Good Friday. His funeral will be on Friday 26th April at 1.30pm. Please pray for Jon & Karen. Also on 2nd May 10.00am we have the funeral Mass of **Evelyn Murphy** who died in Torquay. The funeral of **Mary Walbyoff** who died at the age of 100 years will take place at Great Glen Crematorium on Tuesday 7th May at 11.30am. The funeral of **Mary Fisher** will be on Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 1.30pm Sadly **Bill Hill** died on Wednesday morning. May they all rest in peace.

WALSINGHAM 2024: Join people from around the Diocese of Nottingham for the annual **Pilgrimage to Walsingham**. Gather together with Bishop Patrick on **Saturday 15th June** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham as we seek Our Lady of Walsingham's intercession for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese. **Could we get a coach together? Please sign up if you are interested**

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: Winners March and April:
March 1st Prize £60 JF Nowakowski ticket number 124; 2nd Prize £25 J Masding ticket number 107; 3rd Prize £15 J Davis ticket number 59.
April 1st Prize £60 M Naef ticket number 76; 2nd Prize £25 M Packer ticket number 46; 3rd Prize £15 P Armstrong ticket number 55

There are **New Year Books** available for £6 with a few articles and of course obituaries from last year.



There is Children's Liturgy at the 10.00am Mass.

THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH in support of Saint Joseph school will be on Thursday the 13th of June 2023 at Marston Trussell Hall at 12:00 – 4.00pm. Tickets are £40. For tickets please contact Kate Crawford 01858 446873.

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the cloister. Just use your contactless. debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation, there are options for other church funds such as "General donation to the Parish / Repository/ candles or 2nd collection". Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. for the Church. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. It is of course better to give regularly to the Church through Standing order as this cost us less.



The government's flagship **CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL** has two important amendments, that will likely be debated and voted on shortly in the House of Commons, that could fundamentally change our laws on abortion. We uphold the dignity and value of every human life from conception to natural end and have clear views on these amendments. **New Clause 1 (NC1) – Decriminalisation** An amendment New Clause 1 (NC1) has been tabled by Dame Diana Johnson MP. This amendment would remove offences that make it illegal for a woman to perform her own abortion at any point right through to birth. These changes to the law would apply throughout all nine months of pregnancy and would create a situation where abortion, including sex-selective abortion, is legal at any stage. As Pope Francis says: "It is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child". In England and Wales, both unborn child and pregnant mother deserve full protection under our laws, as some of the most vulnerable in our society. As such we oppose this amendment.

New Clause 15 (NC15) – Upper Limit This amendment has been tabled by Caroline Ansell MP, representing a cross-party group of 25 MPs, with a view to changing the law to lower the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Due to advances in medical science, many babies can now survive before Britain's 24-week limit. The current limit is also double that of most of our neighbouring countries. We would encourage MPs to support this amendment. Cf [Opposing the Decriminalisation of Abortion - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, Fourth Sunday of Easter: All our thoughts and activities should be a part of our daily conversation with the Lord. There is no aspect of our everyday lives, however mundane, that cannot be offered in prayer to God and become an occasion of deeper union with him. In our fragility, prayer is a mark of our supreme grandeur, for prayer can work miracles in our world, transform lives and history, and serve the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace. www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available.