



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

1st December 2024  
1st Week of Advent  
Psalter Week 1  
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**MEN'S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April** A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the for the First Sunday of Advent:** The world in divided in two: those people who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us. To read the full reflection and find more re-sources [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer) A prayer sheet is available.

### GIVING IN MARKET HARBOROUGH:

Many thanks to all who continue giving to the Parish. For anyone who is new there are Gift Aid Form in the cloister near the wall.  
Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough RCP** Sort Code: **30 - 95- 47** Account: **00068953**. Just put a note to say it is church donation. If You are a Tax payer you can pick up a gift Aid Form (if you have not completed one) at the Church or email Fr Chris [parishpriest@olvic.com](mailto:parishpriest@olvic.com) and I can send you one by email. We can claim an extra 25% on top of anything you give if you are tax payer. Also we have a contactless card reader in the Cloister for church donations repository and Votive candles.

**CONFIRMATION 2024: Applications forms available this weekend.** If you would like to help please contact or email Fr Chris. We are also looking for an organiser for this. [Parishpriest@olvic.com](mailto:Parishpriest@olvic.com) As for all these roles we need to do a DBS check.



NOV/DECEMBER	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
30/1Nov/Dec	B Phillips	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary
7/8 Dec	M O'Malley	T Ruane	A Randle	T Page
14/15 Dec	B Mugoni	J Shellard	V Winter	F Wilson
21/22 Dec	A Hall	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
28/29Dec	S Jones	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes.

FINANCE	28/11/24	READERS			
Envelopes	£222.07		<b>Sat. 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
Loose	£238.07	30/1 Dec	M Mihovilovic	M Douglas	M Blake
<b>Total</b>	<b>£460.14</b>	7/8 Dec	N Williamson	C Reed	----

### TIMES OF SERVICES

#### **Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent**

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List  
10.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
*Coffee after Mass*  
3.30pm: Rosary at Church

#### **Monday: Advent FERIA**

9.30am Mass: November Dead List (School advent Mass)

#### **Tuesday: St Francis Xavier**

9.00am Mass: Bill Spicknell RIP (Family)

#### **Wednesday: Advent FERIA**

9.45am: Morning Prayer  
10.00am Mass: Barbara Westergreen Good estate (Cates)  
2.00pm: Foundation Nativity in Church

#### **Thursday: Advent FERIA**

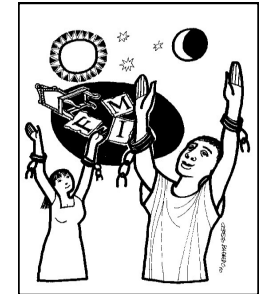
9.40am: Rosary  
10.00am Mass: Mike Hepple RIP  
*Coffee after mass*  
2.00pm: Foundation Nativity in Church

#### **Friday: Advent FERIA**

10.00am Funeral Sean Scott  
6.00pm: Holy Hour for Life  
7.00pm Mass: Sr Carmel Ruane

#### **Saturday: St Ambrose**

6.00pm Mass: Emma O'Malley RIP  
**Sunday: 2nd of Advent**  
10.00am Mass: People of the Parish



*Your liberation is near at hand.*



### **CONFESSIONS**

Sat. 11.00am & 5.15pm

**We raised £529.63 for the Hospices so far. Thank you**

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** We begin Advent this weekend and indeed the Church's Year. Advent is a time of hope and expectation and above all encounter with Christ. Advent is a spiritual season to grow closer to Christ and prepare for his coming to us in a new or deeper way. The words of John the Baptist ring true for this time: *prepare away for the Lord. Can we make space and time for him in these coming weeks?*

Also the Weekly Rosary Group meets every Sunday 3.30-4.00pm outside in front of the statue of Our Lady praying especially for Peace & Reconciliation in Society.

The WI have their Carol service with us On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm

**REPOSITORY:** Christmas Cards dairies and so on are available in the Repository

**A big thank you from Arthur Unwin.** His coffee morning raised £307

**HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE:** We have a special Holy Hour each year all around the feast of the Immaculate Conception. This year it is **on Friday this week at 6.00pm** which is also the first Friday in which we remember the loving heart of Jesus. I invite you to come and pray before the blessed sacrament for respect of human life from its natural beginning to its natural end.

**ST JOSEPH'S FOUNDATION STAGE NATIVITY** will be in Church again this year: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10.00am (dress rehearsal), Wednesday and Thursday at 2.00pm this week. Parishioners are warmly invited

Our Parish **CAROL SERVICE** organised by the Catenians is scheduled for **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00PM** followed by refreshments. St Joseph's children will also be taking part. Come along to take part and listen to the Christmas readings and the wonderful words of the carols.

Sadly, we have had several deaths recently in the Parish. **Joan McGuire** whose funeral will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am. **Domenica Ditri** whose funeral will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am. We also pray for **Sean Scott** who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**READERS' ROTA 2025:** Would anyone who would like to be a reader at mass please contact Margaret Atkins, 01858 446369, [margaretatkins52@gmail.com](mailto:margaretatkins52@gmail.com), or Fr Chris, as soon as possible, so that we can draw up a new rota for 2025. We particularly need more readers on Saturday evening, 6.00 p.m. but can also accommodate more on Sunday. Also, would anyone who needs to give up this ministry please let us know. All volunteers in the church have to complete a volunteer form as part of our duty of care to each other.

**CARITAS LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE ADVENT CALENDAR:** In this Advent season, we are amplifying the reach of some local charities which aim to bring light into darkness. There are, of course, many others. Please have a look and join us in raising hopeful voices. The colour version is at: <https://bit.ly/3ZmMGul>, and the black and white version is at: <https://bit.ly/40UwnGw>

**FORMATION FOR READERS IN CHURCH:** With the introduction of a new translation of the Scripture Readings for Mass the priests of the deanery encourage **all current and prospective readers** to attend a **Readers Course** we are running in advent this year. St Peter's Parish Hall, Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 0TA, **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November & Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am - 1.15pm.** The course will be presented in four sessions on these two days and will provide Deanery level certification for Readers. Please register with your parish priest or directly to Fr Vitalis Akandu: [vitalis.akandu@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vitalis.akandu@dioceseofnottingham.uk) So many families have benefited from them.



**IS GOD CALLING ME TO BE A PRIEST?** Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood? If so, please contact Father Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at [vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk) to book a place at the next discernment meeting, taking place in Cathedral House, Nottingham, NG1 5AE after 10.00am Mass on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Take time in **ADVENT**, an afternoon of **prayer and reflection for Advent on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** between 2.00pm and 4.30pm in the Presentation Convent, Matlock DE4 3FT. The afternoon will be led by Sister Angela Murphy and Friends of Nano. The suggested donation is £5; please contact Sister Susan [religious@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:religious@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for more information, or to book a place.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY continues now at the 10.00am Mass.** For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris.



#### **Parish Safeguarding Update: TRAINING FOR DBS VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you to the volunteers in **DBS roles** who have been completing their online CSSA (Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency) Safeguarding Training. A few weeks ago we sent the CSSA training webpage link to each relevant volunteer to register and complete their online training along with a CSSA information sheet, which contains FAQs and joining instructions. It may also be possible to arrange a small group training session. If you do not have internet access at home, have lost the email with the link or are having any problems completing the training then please let Christine or Theresa know as soon as possible. You can speak to either of us after Mass, or email us at [safeguarding@olvic.com](mailto:safeguarding@olvic.com) **All training needs to be completed by December 10<sup>th</sup> 2024.** Theresa and Christine.

Just letting you know that **ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY PTFA** are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! You can find our easyfundraising page by scanning the QR code and searching for “St Joseph's Catholic Academy PTFA” or clicking <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=364722&invite=zjz2pi&referral-campaign=c2s>

