

ST JOSEPH'S PTFA is excited to launch our very first online auction, and we would be grateful for your support. The auction runs from **Friday 30 January to Sunday 08 February 2026 at 9:00pm**. To take part, simply **scan the QR code** in this newsletter to view and bid on the items. We have a fantastic range of prizes, including **signed sports memorabilia**, family days out, experiences, vouchers, and unique treats. **Full details of all auction lots are included in the attached catalogue**. Every bid helps raise valuable funds for our children and school community — thank you for your support.



HELPING YOUNG CATHOLICS TO HELP OTHERS: The Catenian Association Bursary Fund gives financial support to young Catholics volunteering to do something wonderful by helping those less fortunate than themselves. Whether this is an individual project, or with others, in a developing country; or travelling to Lourdes to help an assisted pilgrim, we would like to help you to achieve your aim of helping others. If you know someone planning to volunteer in such ways, take a look at <https://catenianbursary.com/> where further information and an application form can be found.

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 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. **We are Accepting Contactless Donations**. You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the Cloister . You can also give via the web link: <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-victories-church> or QR Code.



<u>Jan/Feb 2026</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
31/1 Feb	B Phillips	T Ruane	T Page	A Randle
7/8 Feb	S Jones		J Shellard	M Douglas
14/15 Feb	J Lowe	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
21/22 Feb	B Mugoni	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
31/1 Feb	N Williamson	R van der Liet	C Sellechia
7/8 Feb	C Baldham	M Lewin	R Lewin



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

*1st February 2026
4th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4
Year A*

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 4th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

10.00am Mass: Connor Calleja (Mary McHugh)

Coffee after Mass

MONDAY: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9.00am: Wladek & Mila

TUESDAY: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

WEDNESDAY: St Gilbert of Sempringham

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Flint Family

THURSDAY: St Agatha

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Joan McCabe (Celia)

Coffee

7.30pm: CTH meeting – No Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Sts Paul Miki & Companions

7.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

First Friday and prayers for Life

SATURDAY: Feria

6.00pm Mass: Richard Kimberlin RIP (Family)

SUNDAY: 5th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Charles Thomas RIP (Jopling)

Coffee after Mass



*How happy
are the poor
in spirit.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

FR CHRIS WRITES: Last Sunday we had a letter from our Bishop launching the Dawson pastoral plan 2026 to 2030 called "Go make disciples." Four of us went to a presentation in Leicester on Monday which we found very positive. Fish plan will form the framework and inspiration for our parish going forward And his built upon the bishops 3 aims of encountering Christ ever more deeply glad growing in discipleship that is to say in our following of Christ and mission that is in sharing our faith in our daily lives in various ways. The heart of the Pastoral Plan is about the spiritual renewal of our parishes, chaplaincies and schools, so that we might encourage and make best use of the gifts and talents of more and more people in our attempts over the next five years to become ever more outward-looking and missionary as a diocese. I hope to form a group of parishioners interested in engaging and seeing how this plan can form our way forward and inspire and renew our Parish. I will consult the PPC who meet shortly. The complete plan and a Summary are available at <https://gomakedisciples.uk/> as well as the Bishop's Pastoral letter. There are some paper copies available.

We keep in our prayers Conor Calleja, a young man of 20 years who died in Lincoln. He was a pupil of St Joseph's and a member of our Parish. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 25th February 10.00am**. We pray for his family. May he rest in peace.

ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL & RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SPUC: Many thanks for your support we raised a total of £757.23 from our collection and the Coffee and Cakes. Well done all. If you missed the collection you can still give through the Card Machine.

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Continues Tuesday 3rd February : This week The eucharist & Praying the Mass; Times: Assemble 7.30pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.45pm (prompt): Finish 9.00pm (prompt). **All welcome.**

ECUMENICAL EVENTS: Worship and Prayer nights. In preparation for the Good Friday Event on the Square.
Sunday 1st February at 5pm to 6pm, Living Rock Church, Meadowdale School and
Sunday 29th March at 5pm, Harborough Community Church. All welcome.
Churches Together Forum Thursday 5th February @ 7.30pm at the Methodist Church. All welcome.
World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March at Harborough Community Church at 2pm. Service written by the Christian Woman from Nigeria. Theme, I will give you rest, come. All welcome.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING COFFEE AFTER MASS on a Thursday & Sunday all proceeds go to supporting charitable causes - Bower House Christian Counselling Centre, Third World Group, The Cube Youth Club, Loros and ProLife. This last year we have made donations of £400 to Loros, £200 to The Bower House, £400 to Aid to Developing Countries (3rd world Group) and £60 for Pro Life work.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Ladies Midsummer Lunch supporting St Joseph's Academy Thursday 18th June 2026.

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC REFLECTION is taking place at The Good Shepherd Church in Woodthorpe on Saturday 7th February, starting with Mass at 10.00am. Using art, they will explore the meaning of the Mass as sacrifice and the significance of the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. A second session will reflect on the Eucharistic miracles, beautifully collected by Saint Carlo Acutis. Father Philipp Ziomek will be celebrating Holy Mass and there will be a period of Adoration with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The talk is open and accessible to all. Please bring a packed lunch. The day will finish at 3.30pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will resume this weekend. For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris Or Children's Liturgy team.



LEICESTER 40 DAYS FOR LIFE LAUNCH EVENING is being held at Saint Edward's Parish Hall, 633 Aylestone Road, Leicester LE2 6TF, on **Monday 2nd February** at 7.30pm. Refreshments are included. This evening is especially for those who would like to find out more about the 40 days for Life Prayer Vigil from 18th February - 29th March. For more information contact Maureen at leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester

A **PRO-LIFE RENEWAL DAY** is being held on **Saturday 14th February**, from 10.00am until 4.00pm, at Good Shepherd Church, Arnold, and led by Father Bernard Murphy CFR. All are welcome to this day of spiritual renewal, focussed on prayer for the sanctity of life at all stages. How do we as Christians keep fighting for the dignity of life, when so many around us do not value it? Father Bernard will help us renew our motivation by opening scripture and Church teaching. There is no charge for the day (donations welcomed); a light lunch and refreshments are provided. To book a place or for more information contact John: pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Diocesan Youth Service **NDAYS** is taking a group of young people and young adults to Lourdes, France as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July 2026. If you are aged 16+ and unable to go with your school, or a young adult who would like to be a small group leader, we encourage you to download the information pack and apply at ndays.com/lourdes

Saint Mary's Parish, Loughborough (LE11 3AB), is hosting a **GREGORIAN CHANT DAY** on Saturday 14th February, from 10.00am until 4.00pm, concluding with the singing of Vespers. Greg Treloar, previously Diocesan Director of Music, will be leading the day, for which there is a suggested donation of £10. For more information, or to register for the day, please contact Martins: martinsobi@gmail.com.

Holy Family Parish, Leicester is seeking to appoint a friendly and organised part-time **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR** to support the day-to-day running of the parish. The role will be for 10 hours per week at Band £13.09 per hour. The successful applicant will undertake duties including parish administration, answering enquiries, keeping records, and organising rotas and newsletters. To request an application form, email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk The closing date is Friday 6th February.