

All are welcome to join Father Jonathan Cotton in a reflection through slides, music, and prayers of **THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS** on **Tuesday 24th March** in Saint Wilfrid's Church, Coalville LE67 3JB, and on **Thursday 26th March** in Sacred Heart Church, Loughborough LE11 2HE. Both evenings begin at 7.00pm, and conclude at 8.30pm with refreshments.

BOWER HOUSE: The next Bower House fundraising event is a Fashion Show on Friday 27th March at Market Harborough Congregational Church. This will showcase lots of lovely clothes at discount prices from High Street Stores such as... Marks and Spencer's, White Stuff, Next, New Look, Asos, Phase Eight, CC, Dash, Monsoon and more! They'll be French and Italian Designs too! Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Tickets are £15 and include a glass of bubbles and sweet and savoury nibbles. Please contact Jane on 07708376524 to secure your ticket for a very fun evening.

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>March 2026</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
28/1 March	P Bebb	A Randle	T Ruane	T Page
7/8 March	A Hall		M Douglas	J Shellard
14/15 March	J Mugoni	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford
21/22 March	M O'Malley	C McInnes	J O'Leary	S McGlone
28/29 March	B Phillips	T Page	A Randle	T Ruane

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
28/1 March	J Rowland	B Tyrell	D Chappell
7/8 March	P Green	M Douglas	M Blake
14/15 March	N Williamson	C Sellechia	R Van der Liet



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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1st March 2026
 1st week of Lent
 Psalter Week 1

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday of Lent

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
 10.00am Mass: John Darcy (Mary) Anniv
 Coffee after Mass

3.30pm: Rosary outside church

MONDAY: Lenten FERIA

9.00am: Bill Reed RIP (Birthday Christine)

TUESDAY: Lenten FERIA

9.00am Mass: Special Int (Simon)

WEDNESDAY: Lenten FERIA

10.00am: Funeral Alan Sawbridge

THURSDAY: Lenten FERIA

9.40am: Rosary
 10.00am Mass: Catenian Mass for Vocations
 Coffee
 7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Lenten FERIA

12.30pm: Ecumenical prayer & Lunch
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
 7.30pm Mass: In thanks (Ranni & Bevina)

SATURDAY: Lenten FERIA

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

SUNDAY: 3rd of Lent

10.00am Mass: Doreen Cates Ints (Peter)
 Coffee after Mass



His face shone like the sun.

CONFESSIONS
 Sat 11 am
 5.15am

Second Collection for CAFOD Today

FR CHRIS WRITES:

LENT ACTIVITIES: Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass
Holy Hour with Benediction: Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm with a meditation on next Sunday's readings. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration. Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

Also walk with me Booklets are available £2. They have a meditation for each day of Lent. A chance to come closer to Christ through the Word of God.

The **CELEBRATE TRUST** has produced two resources for families in Lent: a **Family Activity Pack for Lent and a Journey to Easter Joy game**. Visit www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-family-pack-celebratehome-s45pm and www.celebratetrust.org/shop/lent-game-celebratehome-s45pm-39gpi to download them, and (if you can) to support Celebrate too.

An online **LENT RETREAT WITH NEWMAN**, guided by Father George Bowen, designed to help Catholics to go deeper into the Gospels of Lent through the preaching of Saint John Henry Newman, at: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLITo3ifsRMurBVMGBzCiiUnuqrTlusKIA

A **PODCAST** called 'Good Habits', exploring questions of meaning through the wisdom of the virtues, hosted by Father John Church OP (of Leicester Priory) and Fr Toby Lees OP, at: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLITo3ifsRMuqLGc5cGJiy4UT0EGP_hyWe

Join Young Adults from across the diocese of Nottingham to enter more deeply into prayer this Lent with **SYCAMORE'S 'LEARNING TO PRAY THIS LENT'**. Just bring yourself, a bible, and a hot drink of your choice (unless you're fasting!). With lots of practical tips, wisdom from the bible, stories from the saints, and advice about common difficulties people face when praying. To sign up head to: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/yasycamore see poster. Monday 23rd February 2026 to Monday 30th March 2026 at 7.30pm.

LENT LUNCHES: Friday Feb 27th - 27th March. Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church. 12.30pm. A time of prayer (20 mins) followed by Lunch Theme. God's Word: our greatest treasure and our deepest delight. Suggested donation £5

We now have our soup makers and our bakers but we still need more helpers to set up and lay tables, prepare cutlery bundles and clear up, as well as someone to take money at the door. Nothing arduous especially if plenty of people come forward to share the load. See Margaret in the cloister or contact her on 01858 446369; email: margaret@kins52@gmail.com.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is **Friday 27th February**. This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



Date for your diary: Ladies Midsummer Lunch supporting St Joseph's Academy Thursday 18th June 2026. **TICKETS NOW ON SALE.** For tickets please contact Kate Crawford 07814629927

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN 2026 to 2030 called "Go make disciples. This plan will form the framework and inspiration for our parish going forward and is 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 – a mission team-interested in engaging and seeing how this plan can form our way forward and inspire and renew our Parish. 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 of the Summary in church.

The 4 diocesan priorities are:

1. Taking practical steps to bring to life the vision for Encounter (growth in prayer; discipleship (supporting ongoing conversion); and mission (nurturing witness of life) supported by the Eucharist and greater openness to the Holy Spirit.
2. Equipping the laity to work alongside the clergy in renewing parishes for mission
3. Equipping and supporting our clergy
4. Aligning diocesan and parish infrastructure and resources to the Pastoral Plan for mission.

THE NEW YEAR BOOKS £6 are available: It has all the normal details of Parish Priests and organisations as well as Articles.

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Continues Tuesday 3rd march : This week: A Grace & Beatitudes; Times: Assemble 7.30pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.45pm (prompt): Finish 9.00pm (prompt). **All welcome.**

ECUMENICAL EVENTS: 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. **Sunday 29th March at 5pm,** Harborough Community Church. All welcome.

Young Adults are especially invited to join Bishop Patrick, in the **NOTTINGHAM DIOCESE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026.** Departing from East Midlands airport on **Monday 13th July,** enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. Help in caring for those with additional needs! Mary invites us all to come to this holy place. More details from the tour operator: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham/>