



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

2nd February 2025
4th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4
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ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION – what happens next? Bishop John Sherrington writes regarding an update on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill*, that the next stage is evidence-gathering by the committee examining the Bill, and Bishop John will submit written evidence to that. This committee will examine the Bill in detail, after which it will then return to the floor of the House of Commons for a further substantive vote. This vote will probably take place in late April or early May. The Bill could be defeated in that important division. Individuals and interested organisations can submit written evidence to the committee, and further details can be found at www.parliament.uk/business/news/2025/january/terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill-call-for-evidence/

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE: – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom, **Thursday 27th February – Sunday 2nd March** please email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk, telephone 07887 296983, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS WEEKEND. For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris.



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.. Of course a Standing Order is the best. Forms in Cloister.



<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
1/2 February	S Jones	T Page	T Ruane	A Randle
8/9 February	B Phillips	V Winter	J Shellard	F Wilson
15/16 February	B Mugoni	K Crawford	P Green	W Kwacz
22/23 February	J Lowe	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary

<u>READERS</u>			
	<u>Sat. 6.00pm</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
1/2 February	N Williamson	R van der Liet	C Sellechia
8/9 February	C Baldham	M Lewin	R Lewin
15/16 February	M Mihovilovic	J Thayaseelan	P Green
22/23 February	M Atkins	C McHugh	S McGlone

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

6.00pm Mass: Kazimierz & Maria RIP (Izabella)

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass

Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Father Thomas Kenny RIP

Tuesday: St Gilbert of Sempringham

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: St Agatha

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Michael Bishop Ints (Cates)

Thursday: St Paul Miki & Companions

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Coffee after Mass

7.15/7.30pm: No Holy Hour :Churches Together meeting (Methodist Church)

Friday: Feria

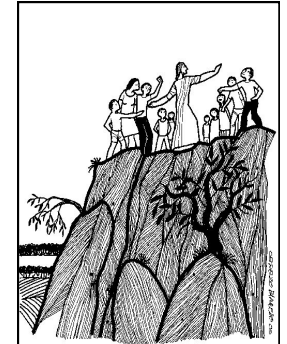
7.00pm Mass: Richard Kimberlin RIP (Family)

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday: 5th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Fidelma Raftery RIP (Brooks)



*Like Elijah and Elisha,
Jesus is not sent to
Jews only.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat. 11.00am &
5.15pm

THE JUBILEE YEAR ~ Pilgrims of Hope, Jubilee Prayer Cards have been printed and are available. A Jubilee year is celebrated every 25 years. It is a year of favour of the Lord. (Luke 4;18-19) and intended as a time of conversion and emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins. We will be having various events during the year to emphasise prayer, the Passion of Christ and our Christian faith as these years also marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea from which came our Creed..



THE JUBILEE YEAR

Our parish will undertake three initiatives in response to this special Year focusing on the theme of Pilgrimage:

- 1) Pilgrimage of Prayer: the availability of eight beautifully produced booklets during the Year.
- 2) Pilgrimage to the Passion: Fr. John Farrell, OP to lead four consecutive Saturday morning Retreats in Lent: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, preparing us to hear St John's Passion story on Good Friday.
- 3) Pilgrimage of Faith: a informal 'Refresher Course' in our Catholic Faith for everyone and also for those wanting to enquire about the Faith with a view to being received into the Church. Further information from: Peter Green, 01858 414964, email:

green853@btinternet.com

More of the prayer books and Jubilee books are available

UPDATE ON FR OWEN'S WINDOW: Our Window Andrew Brepri designer and installer has promised to install the window in March. He apologises for the Delay.

CHURCH CLEANERS: We are looking for new volunteers to help on the rota. Please contact. Myself or Celia Wilson.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please pray for our First Communion children who begin their preparation this Sunday and will join us after the Liturgy of the word.

HELP NEEDED WITH OUR TRAVELLERS COMMUNITY: We no longer have Sister Helen with us who organised and prepared traveller children for the Sacraments. We are looking for Volunteers to help with this. It tends to be on an adhoc basis for Holy Communion and Confirmation. Often they do not read. Sister Bernadette who was in the Convent will help with some training. She is the Diocesan Chaplain for travellers. A DBS check is need for this role.

ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN A copy of Bishop Patrick's letter which was read out inviting our parish to take part in a fundraising initiative aimed at raising funds to help our Diocese in becoming more outward looking and missionary is now available in the cloister.

As explained, it is important that our parish has up to date parishioner contact details. There will be an opportunity for you to do so this Saturday and Sunday if you were away from the parish last weekend. Please pick up a census form.

ECUMENICAL: Churches Together Forum meeting Methodist Church Northampton Rd. Thursday 6th February 7.15pm refreshments 7.30pm start. All welcome.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL & RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SPUC on Sunday 16th February and Coffee and cake Sale after Mass. Eileen Hill asks could you please bring a cake to Mass on this day and to buy a cake to take home for your tea! Also in aid of saving the lives of little babies in the womb.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHTS On Good Friday this year (Friday 18th April), we will be sharing the full Easter story of Jesus with our community on Good Friday, in ways that are accessible, relevant and fruitful, utilising the creative gifts, skills and talents of the church body in Harborough. To support this event there will be a series of worship and prayer nights, where brothers and sisters in Christ from across the churches in the town gather together to seek the Lord together, to intercede and pray over the town together, and to ask God to move in power at the event itself:

WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #1 Sunday 2nd February, 6pm Market Harborough Baptist Church 25 Coventry Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9BX www.mhbaptistchurch.org admin@mhbaptistchurch.org 07415 005775 Parking at the Commons Car Park (free on Sunday)

SAVE THE DATE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY: Saturday 3rd May 2025: 10am-1pm **ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANSTEY LANE, LEICESTER, LE4 0F**

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR DBS VOLUNTEERS: The Diocesan Safeguarding Office has notified us of a change for volunteers with a Subscription to the Update Service, (which now should be almost everybody with a DBS). Anyone who is subscribed to the Update Service currently receives an email every 12 months, confirming their subscription. DBS has now changed this process, and an email will still be received, but the volunteer is now required to log into their subscription and confirm its renewal, by clicking the link in that email. We need to make everyone aware of this, because if the subscription is not renewed annually when the email is received, then it will be deactivated, and this means that a full DBS check (with ID verification etc) will be required when the next 3 year re-check becomes due. At the moment a re-check just involves the completion of one form. If anyone has any questions, please speak to Christine or Theresa, and we'll be happy to try to answer them.

Bishop Patrick warmly invites all married couples to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on **Sunday 16th February** when we will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm to mark the **JUBILEE OF MARRIAGES**. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

If you would like to deepen your faith, grow in community with other 18-35 years olds as well as engage more fully in your parish then the brand-new **YOUNG ADULT FORMATION COURSE** run by the Diocese of Nottingham is the course for you. For more information contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk or sign up at: <https://forms.office.com/e/9qvH5SjRHh>