



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

3rd March 2024
3rd Week Lent
Psalter Week 3

A MESSAGE FROM RETIRED PRIESTS: There are more than 40 retired priests in our Diocese. Some live in Ireland and some in England. We wish to express our gratitude to you for the ways you have helped us over the years especially by your love of Our Lord and His Church. With your love and prayers, support and example we have been encouraged to try to be the priests Jesus called us to be. You have also with great generosity supported the **Sick and Retired Priests' Fund** over many years and especially during the recent appeal. We will always be grateful to you and happily fulfil our responsibility to pray for you and your families. *Your Retired Priests.*

We have now begun **our children's liturgy each week during termtime**. This will be for children who are at school but have not made their first Holy Communion. They will go out from church at the beginning of mass and then come back in when we begin the liturgy of the Eucharist. **There is a form to fill in giving your children's details and your consent from Fr Chris.**



SEARCH FOR THE LIGHT IS BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR! Search for the Light is back again **this year!** Take some time out this Easter to come to The Briars for an amazing retreat experience. You can come by yourself or with your friends, no parents or teachers needed, and take part in fun activities and opportunities to learn more about and deepen your faith alongside other like-minded young people. This retreat is open to all in years 10 to 13, between **Thursday 28th – Sunday 31st March**. Get teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on **Monday 4 March** from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information and to reserve your place, please contact: *Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service* (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk) and costs £55 per person (with bursaries through the St Francis of Assisi fund). Get in contact on our Instagram (@NDCYS) or Facebook (NDCYS – The Briars) or call (01773 852044).

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, Third Sunday of

Lent: With hands outstretched to God, Moses makes of himself a kind of bridge between earth and heaven, pleading for the people when they are most in need. In this way he prefigures Jesus, our great intercessor and high priest. We Christians are also called to share in this type of prayer, interceding for those who need God's help, and for the redemption of the whole world. *To read the full reflection and find more resources at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available*

	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS	ROTA	
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
10th March	A Hall	V Winter	J Snaith	----
17th March	S Jones	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green

READERS	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
2/3 Mar	J. Rowland	K. Lilley	C. Reed
9/10 Mar	J. Snaith	R. van der Liet	C. Sellechia

FINANCE	25/02/24
Envelopes	£299.00
Loose	£309.81
Total	£608.81

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

6.00pm Mass: Christopher Roberts Anniv
10.00am Mass: Mrs Eleyln Parry RIP (Downey)
Coffee after Mass

Monday: Lenten Feria

9.00am: November Dead List

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Wednesday: Lenten Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass: Matthew Muckle RIP (Maureen)
6.00pm First Confessions

Thursday: Lenten Feria

9.40am: Rosary
10.00am Mass: Private Intentions (Rita White)
Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Lenten Feria

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross
7.30pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Saturday: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: Richard and Gillian Clutterbuck (Colacicchi)

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

10.00am Mass: Maggie Lane in Thanks (McCabe)



Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it again.

CONFESSIONS
Sat: 11.00am
5.15pm

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 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.

OUR ECUMENICAL LENT FRIDAY LUNCH TIME SERVICE at the Methodist Church Northampton Rd on the Fridays of Lent, 30-minute services (12.30pm) followed by the famous Soup etc, prepared by our Third World Group. (1.00pm) at the Methodist Church. Services prepared and led by the different churches



Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent. Your generous donations (**£1009.95 so far**), given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk. **Many, Many thanks.**



Can you help to improve the Forest School at St Joseph's School? - Friday 15th March at 2pm We are looking for volunteers to help us to improve our Forest School area. If you can help us with any of the following, or can join us on the day, please let us know via the school office. Do you have carpentry skills? Could you help make... a bench to use as a mud kitchen, a simple structure to use as a log store? (We do have pallets for this.) Would you be able to donate larger logs we could use for balancing / see saw? Would you be able to volunteer on the day to litter pick and carry larger items to a skip, put up our slack line or bring your own creative ideas!! Thank you for your support.



The Diocese of Nottingham is delighted to **offer THREE RETREATS** this Lent. As we celebrate the Year of Prayer and all of us look for ways to grow in our prayer life, a retreat can be a fantastic way. The theme of all three retreats is the **Year of Prayer and Deepening your Prayer Life**. Each retreat day will run from 10am-4pm: **Saturday 9th March** – Women's Retreat (18+) – Holy Trinity, Newark (£12); **Saturday 23rd March** – Men's Retreat (18+) – Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire (£12). Please see the posters for more information, visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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.

BAZAAR 2023: The 16 white metal poles that support our Barbeque Marquee have been mislaid. **HAVE YOU SEEN THEM OR KNOW OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS?** 16 poles 50mm (2 ins) diameter x 2100 (7ft) long Please phone Alan on 07850-252064.

We have the following funerals:
Sylvia Mitchell died on Tuesday. Her funeral Mass will be on 13th March at 10.00am.
Patrick "Mike" Lynch who died on 15th February will have his funeral on Wednesday 13th March 1.00pm at Kettering Crematorium. May they rest in peace.

WOMEN IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD: A special Lenten event on Saturday 9 March 2024 at St Mary's University and online. Join us for a special hybrid event this Lent, hosted by St Mary's Twickenham and CAFOD to examine how our Church can recognise and value the active contribution of women and enhance the pastoral leadership of women in all areas of the Catholic Church's life and mission, all over the world. **Date:** Saturday 9 March 2024 ;**Time:** 11am to 3pm (with light lunch included) **Venue:** St Mary's University, Twickenham **or on Zoom;** **Tickets:** In person £10/online free of charge Further details from Mary Mihovilovic - mary.mihovilovic@stmarys.ac.uk

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 check.



ABORTION DECRIMINALISATION PROPOSAL: An amendment has been put forward to the Criminal Justice Bill by pro-abortion MPs which, if successful, would **decriminalise abortion**. This means that it would be possible for women to induce their own abortion, using pills sent through the post, **at any time and for any reason**. In other words, it would be legal to abort an unborn child UP TO BIRTH, if induced by the woman herself. Such a change is not supported by public opinion. Polls suggest that 70% of women would like to see a REDUCTION in the present time limit for abortions (24 weeks) rather than removing all time limits. If passed into law, this radical amendment would increase the number of babies who are aborted. It would also increase the risks to women's health, since these late term abortions would not be carried out under medical supervision but in women's homes. This proposal will be debated in the House of Commons in early March.
Please write now to your MP, asking them to oppose this extreme proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments Please also pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

The Nottingham Secular Carmelites are hosting a **CARMELITE OPEN DAY** on **Saturday 16th March**, between 10.00am and 4.00pm, at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Stapleford. Meeting monthly on Saturdays we pray together, study scripture, church teaching and writings from the Carmelite saints, and share reflections. If you want to know more you are very welcome to our open day: bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. Contact Heather Ward on 01773 599982 or heatherward67@yahoo.com or visit nottinghamcarmelites.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