

RED BOXES and ADC: Hello Everyone. Just to thank you so much yet again for supporting our efforts to help the poor in our world through Missio and ADC.

Yet another reminder that it is time for your **Red Box to be emptied**. It is amazing that you are still able to find loose change to fill your boxes!! So many thanks for doing so. Please leave your box in the Sacristy or hand it to Fr Chris or to Bob and Chris Shepherd and it will be returned shortly afterwards to the table in the Cloister

ADC: We continue to donate money to Father Ed, Father John, Aid for Chad, Water for Kids and the Philippines School Project because of your generosity - either through our White Envelope Scheme - or by donating goods for us to sell. We are still being asked for children's clothes and toys to send to the Gambia and to the Philippines so if you are clearing out your wardrobes and have surplus or out grown baby/children's items, please remember ADC and leave your unwanted items in our box under the table on the Cloister, It means so very much to those who have so very little. Most sincere thanks again for enabling us to support those in greatest need.

Our next HARBOROUGH CLIMATE ACTION EVENT is on Wednesday 13th May, 7pm for 7.30 pm in the Octagonal Hall. "What do you think about your food?" Gavin Fletcher, Sustainable Food Partnership Co-ordinator, is helping us think about the National Food Conversation. Share your views about the problems and challenges we face and how our food can deliver more for health, nature and climate.

SAFEGUARDING - TO ALL IN DBS ROLES

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<u>May 2026</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
2/3 May	P Bebb		M Douglas	J Shellard
9/10 May	A Hall	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
16/17 May	J Mugoni	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes
23/24 May	M O'Malley		A Randle	T Page
30/31 May	B Phillips		J Shellard	M Douglas

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
2/3 May	C. Baldam	M. Blake	M. Douglas
9/10 May	P Green	D Chappell	B Tyrrell



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

3rd May 2026
5th Week of Eastertide p265
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Psalter Week 1

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 5th of Eastertide

6.00pm Mass: Roger Lindsay Pollard RIP Anniv (Amelita & Zoe)

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

MONDAY: English Martyrs(Feast)

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

TUESDAY: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: Victims & Survivors of Abuse

WEDNESDAY: Easter Feria

12.00noon: Funeral Peter Quintiliani

7.30pm: Parish meeting Go make disciples

THURSDAY: Easter Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am: Nathan Dodzo wellbeing (Penney)

Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Easter Feria

10.00am: November Dead List

SATURDAY: Easter Feria

6.00pm: People of the Parish

SUNDAY: 6th of Easter

10.00am Mass: Mike & Mary Hall In thanks 60th wedding

Coffee after Mass



*I am the Way,
the Truth and
the Life.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

FR CHRIS WRITES: The **National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse** takes place this **Tuesday, 5th May**. The theme this year is *Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."* (John 10:10) which looks at the scourge of domestic abuse which causes pain and fear that prevent its victims from living the life Jesus came to bring. Immediately before the much-loved part of this verse from the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus's words: *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy."* This is how abuse feels to those who experience it – their dignity and value as a unique child of God is stripped away and destroyed

Diocesan Pastoral plan 2026 to 2030 called "GO MAKE DISCIPLES."
Encounter discipleship and Mission

A Beginning: Where are we as a Parish? Where would we like be?
For all Parishioners 6 May 2026 7.30pm in Octagonal Hall;

We had our first meeting with representatives from Parish Groups. Areas highlighted were communication church access, welcome of new people, youth were amongst many areas that came up.

Please take a summary of the Plan and Prayer card or see all the resources at <https://gomakedisciples.uk/> Please pray for the Good of our Parish



FUNERAL: Peter Quintiliani died on 11th April. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 12 noon. May he rest in peace. Also please pray for Patricia Galloway who died on Wednesday & Susan Siomok who died this week.

School SUMMER FETE: Saturday May 16, 2026 11:00am – 3.00pm: The St Joseph's PTFA are holding their annual Summer Fete. It promises to be a great day, with Games for all, Tombola, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Live Entertainment, BBQ, Food Vendors, Cocktails and so much more! Thanks to the generosity of local companies we have a fantastic range of prizes on offer in our RAFFLE. If you would like to be in with a chance to win, tickets are £1 each and can be purchased on the day or online at www.pta-events.co.uk/stjosephsptfa

The **DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** is taking place on **Saturday 20th June** led by Bishop Patrick. Arrivals are from 11.30am, with Mass at the Catholic Shrine at 3.45pm. For more details see the poster.

Could we get a coach/ minibus together? Please sign up if you would like to come
Speak to Robert Van der Liet 07977531236 for any further information.

Celebrate Trust is excited to announce two **WEBINARS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF TEENAGERS**. Bringing up young people in today's world can be both a joyful and challenging experience, so the Celebrate Trust has booked some experts to share their wisdom in two webinars, to help parents and carers gain confidence and provide some practical ideas to support at home.

- **Raising teenagers in a Catholic family** Tuesday 2nd June, 8.00pm

To book a place, visit www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting

The next **DOMINICAN YOUNG ADULTS STUDY DAY**, under the title **Human Origins - Creation and Evolution** is being held on **Saturday 23rd May**, from 10.00am until 4.00pm, in the Frassati Centre, Leicester LE1 6HW. How do we reconcile the claims of modern science with the teaching of the Catholic Church? Are human beings nothing more than products of an aimless evolutionary process? Join the Dominican Young Adult Study Day led by Father Robert Verrill OP on 'theistic evolution': how to make sense of modern science's theory of evolution in light of Catholic teaching on God, creation, and the human person. The day will include talks, workshops, prayer, fellowship, and discussion, and lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend, but booking is essential, at dya@english.op.org

See also **CELEBRATE FESTIVAL: "let there be light": Worth School, West Sussex, 15-19 August 2026** You are invited to a relaxed, fun, faith time away as an individual, a family or a Parish community! We would love to recommend the CELEBRATE festival to you this summer, in the beautiful West Sussex countryside. It's going to be a fun, family and faith-led event with a Festival Big Top! There will be 8 children's and youth groups for all ages from babies in the creche to the Joel's Bar youth (18- 24 years). There's on-site full board accommodation OR camping on the festival field. Come individually, as a family, OR as a parish group! Amazing speakers, to include Fr Roberto Pasolini, the Papal Preacher! Johannes Hartl, Catholic theologian and David Wells. See For more information and to book www.celebratetrust.org/festival



Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join a special overnight **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** (**Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June**), taking place alongside the annual diocesan pilgrimage, with dedicated time, space and community for young adults. Staying at Elmham House (half board) pilgrims will share in the wider celebrations while also enjoying moments specifically for the young adult community and encounter. For any questions, contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk Bookings at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026

Between **Saturday 16th and Saturday 23rd May** the Jesuit Institute is holding a 6-day online **RETREAT IN THE LEAD UP TO PENTECOST**, offering an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God is at work in the everyday lives of those taking part. For details, and to book, visit: www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---pentecost

Come away with your spouse and pray ... Get away from the bustle of everyday life. Give your spouse the gift of time – to deepen your love in Christ. A **RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES** is being held at the Carmelite Priory, Oxford, between **Friday 19th and Sunday 21st June**. You and your spouse will learn about Saint John Paul II's Rule for Married Couples and experience the deep spiritual union, available in sacramental marriage! To book, visit: www.wojtylaci.com/marriage-retreats-events/marriage-retreat-at-boars-hill-carmelite-priory-outside-oxford