



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

4th August 2024
18th Week of Ordinary Time.
Psalter Week 2

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The **SPANNED Annual Mass** is being celebrated by Bishop Patrick at Saint Peter's Church, Leicester Road, Hinckley on **Saturday 21st September** with our five diocesan groups and many friends, at 2.30pm. SPANNED has been working on climate change over the last two years and will present their findings to the bishop at the Mass in the form of a Manifesto, called "If you want to change the world, then change your life". For more details contact Father Frank Daly after 25th August on 01455 634443 or at hinckleypriory@gmail.com. Likewise, if you are coming we would like to know numbers so that you can stay with us for some refreshments afterwards. All are very welcome.

Mount Saint Bernard Abbey is hosting a **FAMILY PILGRIMAGE** on **Sunday 1st September**. Outdoor Mass will be celebrated at 2pm, followed by a Marian Procession, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Bring a picnic and something to sit on, enjoy the Abbey grounds: all are welcome. Contact James at JNoakes@englishmartyrs.org

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, for the Eighteenth Sunday of the Year: Sometimes we are distracted as we try to pray: this calls for our cultivation of the virtue of vigilance, by which we focus our lives on doing the Lord's will daily in expectation of his return. A second difficulty is the experience of dryness when our hearts: the spiritual masters acknowledge that the life of faith involves times of consolation but also of desolation, when we share in the Lord's sufferings. A third difficulty is spiritual fatigue, the abandonment of prayer altogether: the saints faced these same difficulties and teach that true progress in the spiritual life comes about through daily perseverance, like that of Job who remained constant even amid his many afflictions. To read the full reflection and find more resources www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available.

<u>JULY/AUGUST</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ROTA</u>	
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
3/4 August	M O'Malley		P Green	W Kwacz
10/11 August	S Jones	C McInnes	J O'Leary	S McGlone
17/18 August	J Lowe	T Page	T Ruane	J Shellard
24/25 August	B Phillips		V Winter	F Wilson

<u>FINANCE</u>	<u>28/7/24</u>	<u>READERS</u>			
Envelopes	£264.00		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
Loose	£227.28	3/4 August	N Williamson	B Tyrell	D Chappell
Total	£491.28	10/11 Aug	C Baldham	M Douglas	M Blake

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 18th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Patrick Curran RIP Anniv (Family)

10.00am Mass: Erica Tierney Anniv (Patrick)

Coffee after Mass

4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

Monday: FERIA

9.00am Mass: Thanksgiving for 50 years (Goddard)

Tuesday: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

9.00am Mass: Biddle Family

Wednesday: FERIA

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Father John McCollough RIP

Thursday: St Dominic

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Betty Ruane RIP

Coffee after Mass

No Holy Hour in August

Friday: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

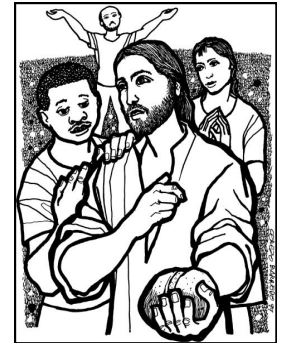
7.00pm Mass: Christopher Roberts & Family RIP

Saturday: St Lawrence

6.00pm Mass: Maria & Casimir RIP

Sunday: 19th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Vic Norton RIP Anniv



Ne who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am & 5.15pm

Happy holidays all!

FR CHRIS WRITES: Music evening Saturday, September 28th. This is an evening for parishioners to entertain other parishioners with songs and music. If you would like to contribute to the evening by singing or playing please contact Stephen McGlone on 07912345352. The parish has much untapped talent and different cultures so please don't be shy in coming forward!

ALTAR SERVERS: Have you considered becoming an Altar Server? We would love you to be involved in this precious ministry, school children or adults, 8 or 88 all are welcome. A big commitment? No, not at all. The Saturday Vigil and Sunday Service are the main ones, other masses during the week are completely optional. It's up to you what time you can give. I did this years ago! So come on back and enjoy the experience all over again. Some might think they always wanted to be a server but never got the chance, here's your chance. Interested? Please speak to Fr. Chris or Dave Percival or call to arrange a convenient time for an informal chat. We would love to hear from you. (Dave's mobile: 07981 205861
Email: dave.percival@ntworld.com)

PARISH SAFEGUARDING UPDATE: VOLUNTEER TRAINING The Safeguarding office have announced that the Online CSSA Safeguarding Training is now ready for volunteers in **DBS required roles**. We have been asked to forward the CSSA training webpage link to each relevant volunteer so that they can register and complete their online training. The CSSA have provided an information sheet for us to forward to each person as well, which contains FAQs and joining instructions. We will shortly be emailing everyone who is currently volunteering in a DBS role, with both the link and information sheet. It may also be possible for the parish to arrange a group training session. If this would be useful/necessary for you as you possibly do not have internet access at home, then please let us know. **All training needs to be completed by December 10th 2024.**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS will now ALL need to have a current DBS. This had been changed in recent years so that only those who took Communion to people in their own homes required a DBS, but from now on, everyone in this role will require one. We will be contacting all relevant Eucharistic Ministers shortly to start their checks. Theresa and Christine.

The annual **PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE** is being held in Walsingham on **Saturday 3rd August**, led by Bishop David Oakley of Northampton Diocese. In the 40 years in which the Pilgrimage has been held there has been a shocking increase in the annual number of abortions throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland. At the same time there is constant pressure from euthanasia supporting lobby groups to introduce assisted suicide, with high profile personalities endorsing this policy. Humanly, we may feel that we lack any means to counter this onslaught, but this day in Walsingham is to storm heaven in the peace and beauty of this Shrine, remembering Our Lady's words, "All who come here will find help in their need". More details are available at: www.walsingham.org.uk/event/pro-life-pilgrimage-4/

Please pray for **Bozena Bates** who died . Her funeral will be on on Tuesday 13th August at 10.30am . Also Michael O'Brien who died and sadly Frank Doyle died at LOROS on Friday . May they all rest in peace and Our Lord console their families.

THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM ANNOUNCES today (Wednesday 31st July) that the Executive summary report, from the Safeguarding Audit undertaken by the national Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA), has been published. The report's key findings are "that the Diocese of Nottingham is at the overall grading of *Comprehensive Assurance at this time (2nd highest grade)*", and that the *Training and Support for Safeguarding was judged to be Exemplary (highest grade)*. In addition, the document states that good practice was found across all eight of the national safeguarding standards. The audit took place in May 2024, and it included interviews, surveys and focus groups as well as examining the evidence provided by the diocese through an assessment and various other requested documents. Bishop Patrick said: *This positive outcome is due to the determined efforts of our Diocesan Safeguarding Team, led by Rachael Campion, our Director of Safeguarding, and the very significant support of our clergy and lay people, particularly the sterling work of our parish Safeguarding Representatives*". See <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/>

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OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Monday 26th August 2024 at the Catholic National Shrine led by Fr Zvonimir Pavičić OFM parish priest of St James, Medjugorje. 1.15pm Gathering, Rosary and Litany, Talk by Fr Zvonimir. Break (Sacrament of Reconciliation). 3.45pm Holy Mass, Adoration and Benediction. 5.30pm Depart.

As Catholics we must do all that we can to defend human life, in all forms and at all stages. But our belief that life is a sacred gift from God is not shared by all. Under the new government, decriminalisation of abortion and assisted suicide will both soon be debated in Parliament. On **Saturday 7th September** there will be an opportunity to witness to our belief in the value of life with the annual **MARCH FOR LIFE** in Westminster. More information is available at www.marchforlife.co.uk/2024-event-page. There will be a coach going from Nottingham; for information, and to book, contact MarieLangford@live.co.uk (07948 151 264).