

Safeguarding Sources of Support

Safe Places – a free and independent support service that provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with the Catholic Church. Phone 0300 303 1056 Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

The Bower House – Harborough Christian Counselling Service offers counselling to those who live in the Harborough District 01858 469257

NAPAC offers support and advice to adult survivors of childhood abuse 0808 8010331

Spiritual Abuse - www.spiritualabuse.com

Action on Elder Abuse Helpline – 0808 808 8141

JUBILEE FOOD BANK: You are asked to leave food bank items in the trolleys at various supermarkets when you shop. Henderson Connellan on the High Street, Spar on Coventry Road, Eco Village, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Both Coop supermarkets, B&M, Everyone's Active: leisure centre of <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/>

WE HAVE MOST URGENT NEED FOR: Tinned Fruit; Tinned Sweetcorn; Baked Beans with Sausages; Cereal; Tinned Ham; Crackers; We also need: UHT milk (whole or semi skimmed); Tinned Red Meat; Tinned Chicken; Hot Dogs (tins or jars); Corned Beef; Tinned Carrots; Dried Potatoes (Smash); Tinned Meatballs; Chicken in Sauce; Small packs of sugar; Microwave puddings; Marmalade; Jam; Tinned Potatoes; Coffee (small jars); Biscuits; Crisps; Tinned Tomatoes; Tinned chickpeas, mixed chilli beans, lentils; Custard; Tinned Rice Pudding; Sachet Meals (pan or microwave); Cordial; Pasta sauce; Fray Bentos pies; Microwave Rice; Tinned Soup; Cup a Soup; Sugar (500g if possible); Tinned Sausages with beans; Tinned Peas; Tinned Vegetarian Meals, such as veggie chilli; Snacks and Cereal Bars; Robinsons minis or similar for families (small squash concentrates); ALPRO yoghurts (long-life, for the shelf not fridge); Tinned red meat, such as tinned mince, Bolognese, stew and chilli. Microwave puddings; Pasta sauce; Peanut Butter; Chicken in sauce; Small cartons of long life milk (for homeless people or someone without a fridge); Meals that do not need cooking (for example John West Fish and rice meals); Sweets, snacks & crisps; Chicken in Sauce; Tinned Pasta; Teabags; Tuna; Where possible and available, consider giving tins with a ring-pull as these can also be used for homeless people where the food is appropriate. (E.g., fish, tinned fruit...) **We ask for smaller size items as many people do not have a car and it reduces the weight of the parcel.** **Other Suggested Food Donations:** Mayonnaise; Porridge; Oats; UHT fruit juice; Microwave rice; Veggie meals (tinned); Tinned meals; Packets of Rice (500g if possible); Packets of pasta; Jars of curry sauce to go with rice; Teabags; Sponge Puddings; Dried fruit; Angel Delight; Small sachets of herbs; Shampoo; Toothpaste; Toothbrushes; Deodorant; Sunscreen (for homeless people in the summer); Shower gel, soap; Feminine products--sanitary towels and tampons. **We don't currently need, please do not donate:** Baked beans

<u>January 2026</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
3/4 January	P Bebb	T Page	A Randle	T Ruane
10/11 January	A Hall	J Shellard	M Douglas	V Winter
17/18 January	J Mugoni	K Crawford	P Green	K Kwacz
24/25 January	B O'Malley	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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Registered Address: Wilson House, 25 Derby Road, Nottingham, NG1 5AW

Schools:

Parish Primary: St. Joseph's Academy 01858-465359.

Deanery Comprehensive: St. Paul's 0116 241 4057

Parish Gift Aid Organiser: giftaid@olvic.com

Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

4th January 2026
2nd Week of Christmastide
Psalter Week, 2
Year A

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 2nd After Christmas

6.00pm Mass: Shaun Curran RIP (Phillips)

10.00am Mass: Antonette Kilfeath RIP (McGlone)

Coffee after Mass

MONDAY: Christmas Feria

9.00am: November Dead List

TUESDAY: EPIHANY OF THE LORD

Holyday of Obligation

9.30am Mass: Bogush & Mirek RIP (with the school)

7.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY: Wednesday after the Epiphany

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Richard Parker (Cyprian)

THURSDAY: Thursday after the Epiphany

9.40am: Manuel Perrello (Maureen)

10.00am Mass: Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Friday after the Epiphany

7.00pm Mass: Blessings on R & S & family (Izabella)

SATURDAY: Saturday after the Epiphany

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

SUNDAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10.00am Mass: Wilson & Longley Families (Celia)

Coffee after Mass



*The word was
made flesh, he
lived among us.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

Next weekend we have the 2nd collection for the Sick & Retired Priest Fund

FR CHRIS WRITES: May I take this opportunity to wish you all once again, a Blessed New Year and may I thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts and very indeed extremely generous Christmas offerings. But above all for your continued prayers and support.

Ecumenical Prayer: **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity:** 18th January – 25th January: **We are hosting the Christian Unity service on 18th January at 3.00PM here at Our Lady's.** It is when we gather to pray for our Christian Unity to be a reality Please come on that Sunday to pray with our brother & Sister Christians

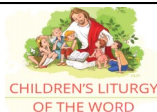
Sadly **Joan McCabe** died this last week. Also **Lorraine Theobald** died and her funeral will be on Friday 16th January at 10.00am. May they rest in peace.

ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL & RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SPUC on Saturday & Sunday 17/18th January and Coffee and cake Sale after 10.00am 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.

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: will continue after Christmas on 13th January.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION . We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion in 2026. Application forms are now available from Fr Chris after any of the Masses. Please return the form by **11 January 2026**. It is for children in year 3 and above, The first meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7.00pm in the Octagonal Hall** when we will introduce the course and give out the plan. The first session for children will take place on Sunday 25th January 2026 from 9.20am - 10.20am and the children will join their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word for the rest of the Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will resume next week. For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris or Children's Liturgy team.



"PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace" The theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the World Day of Peace (1st January 2026) invites humanity to reject the logic of violence and war, and to embrace an authentic peace based on love and justice. This peace must be unarmed, that is, not based on fear, threats or weapons. And it must be disarming, capable of resolving conflicts, opening hearts and generating mutual trust, empathy and hope. It is not enough to call for peace; we must embody it in a way of life that rejects every form of violence, whether it be visible or systemic. The greeting of the Risen Christ, "Peace be with you" (*John 20:19*), is an invitation addressed to everyone — believers, non-believers, political leaders and citizens — to build the Kingdom of God and to work together to build a humane and peaceful future. Cf www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/peace/index.html

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Ladies Midsummer Lunch supporting St Joseph's Academy Thursday 18th June 2026.

The synodal parish: **Monday 12th January** at 7.00pm. Join Canon Andrew Cole for the first diocesan **MISSION LAB** of 2026. We'll explore how listening, praying and growing together can release your parish for mission, bring a renewed sense of common purpose, and nourish community leadership. Register for the Zoom link at bit.ly/mission-lab

ST JOSEPH'S PTFA is excited to launch our very first online auction, and we would be grateful for your support. The auction runs from **Friday 30 January to Sunday 08 February 2026 at 9:00pm**. To take part, simply **scan the QR code** in this newsletter to view and bid on the items. We have a fantastic range of prizes, including **signed sports memorabilia**, family days out, experiences, vouchers, and unique treats. **Full details of all auction lots are included in the attached catalogue.** Every bid helps raise valuable funds for our children and school community — thank you for your support.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMIES (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school).* You must also include the supporting evidence* as required with this form, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

THE DIOCESAN CHOIR will reconvene under the baton of the newly appointed Director of Music at Nottingham Cathedral, Peter Siepmann. An initial singing morning is scheduled for **Saturday 31st January**, 11am - 1pm in Cathedral Hall. Singers should register their intention to attend via email to cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk There will be a second session, devoted to preparing for the annual Chrism Mass, on **Saturday 28th March**.

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 parish-priest@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.

