



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

5th January 2025
2nd Week of Christmastide.
Psalter Week 2
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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS (Reception Year) - The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15th January 2025**. 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, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). 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. *If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

Just letting you know that St Joseph's Catholic Academy PTFA are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easy fundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! You can find our #easyfundraising page by scanning the QR code and searching for “St Joseph’s Catholic Academy PTFA” or clicking <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=364722&invite=zjz2pi&referral-campaign=c2s>



The UK's largest Catholic youth event, **Flame's Unstoppable**, is happening on **Saturday 15th March** at London's Wembley Stadium. The Diocesan Youth Service, NDCYS, is offering young people a wonderful opportunity to be involved, with tickets and return coach travel packages. For more information please visit ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/ or email michelle.thomas@ndcys.com

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
4/5 January	P Bebb	A Randle	T Page	T Ruane
11/12 January	J Mugoni	F Wilson	V Winter	J Shellard
18/19 January	B O'Malley	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford
25/26 January	A Hall	C McInnes	J O'Leary	S McGlone

<u>READERS</u>			
	<u>Sat. 6.00pm</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
4/5 January	M Mihovilovic	S McGlone	C McHugh
11/12 January	M Atkins	C Reed	C Goddard
18/19 January	J Rowland	D Chappell	B Tyrell
25/26 January	P Green	M Blake	M Douglas

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
10.00am Mass: Sarah Jane Toseland (Lisa)
Coffee after Mass

3.30pm: Rosary at Church

Monday after the Epiphany

9.30am: Bogush Nowakowski RIP (Birthday)
- school Epiphany Mass

Tuesday after the Epiphany

9.00am Mass: F. Ward RIP

Wednesday after the Epiphany

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass: In thanksgiving (Taylor)

Thursday after the Epiphany

9.40am: Rosary
10.00am Mass: Dougald Steele-ill (O'Malley)
Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday after the Epiphany

7.00pm Mass: Maria & Parents RIP (Elena)

Saturday after the Epiphany

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10.00am Mass: Allen Winter RIP



*We saw his star and
have come to do
the king homage.*

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am &
5.15pm

Next Sunday we have a 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.

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.

The Jubilee Year ~ Pilgrims of, 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. Jubilees begin with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica and then in each diocese. The 2025 Jubilee, which has the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope" will be a year of hope and trust for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increased threats to the climate. 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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION . We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion in 2025. Application forms are now available from Fr Chris after any of the Masses. Please return the form by **12 January 2025**. It is for children in year 3 and above, The first meeting for parents will take place on **Tuesday 21st January 2025 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 26th January 2023 from 9.20am- 10.20am and the children will join their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word .

IS GOD CALLING ME TO BE A PRIEST? Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood? If so, please contact Fr Neil Peoples - Vocations Director at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk to book a place at the next discernment meeting. Taking place in Cathedral House, Nottingham after the 10am Mass on Saturday 11th January.

ECUMENICAL EVENTS:: Peace Vigil: Friday 10th January 2025 from 5 – 5.30 p.m. on the Square followed by hot drinks and further thoughts in the Café Space at the Baptist Church, Manor Walk entrance.

We have the funeral of **Tennyson Fernandes**. His funeral will be on Friday 17th January 2025 at 11.00am and His Body will be received on Thursday evening at 5.00pm. May he rest in peace.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: a. Sunday 19th January – United service at Methodist Church at 3.00pm. Monday 20th January – prayer meeting at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Victories c. Wednesday 22nd January – Harborough Anglican Team Zoom prayer meeting. Time to be confirmed. Friday 24th January 2025 – lunchtime prayer meeting at the Baptist Church in the Café Space at 12.30 pm.

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: Final Draw December 2024 Winners:

1st Prize £90 J Masding ticket number 107;
2nd Prize £50M Joplin ticket number 14; 3rd Prize £30
G Cottrell ticket number 221

This was the last ever draw many thanks for the support over the years.

A reminder that all direct debit or standing orders should be cancelled by now. All monies received from 1st January 2025 will be paid into the Church Funds.

Join **CAFOD** online on **Saturday 18th January 2025** from 10.30am until 12.00 noon for **Get Jubilee Ready**, a general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years are all about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church, and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

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.



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.



MEN'S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES, Monday 31st March – Saturday 5th April A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION: We continue our holy Hour on Thursdays: With Exposition from 7.00pm: There will be some meditations and finishing with Benediction about 7.50pm. The Eucharist and the Real presence of our Lord in is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament exposed is a source of special graces. *For families with Children Why not one of the parents come and pray for the whole family for a time during the hour?*