

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER Sixth Sunday of Easter: We now consider the importance of perseverance in prayer. Reflecting on Saint Paul's encouragement to pray unceasingly, the Russian ascetic tradition developed the prayer of the heart, based on repeating the words, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner", until they become like the air we breathe. Prayer thus becomes the backdrop against which every action of our lives finds its deepest meaning. If God can find time for each of us, surely we can find time for him! www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available.

Encounter Prayer Podcast: The latest episode of the Diocesan Year of Prayer Podcast is now available. This episode explores praying chaplets with Madeleine Heraghty who organises the Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations in Nottingham each year. It can be found on all podcast providers by searching Diocese of Nottingham or by visiting dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Would you like to learn how to have a meaningful and productive conversation on abortion with those around you? In our secular society most people think abortion is okay, because it is legal. So how can we discuss our views with others on this sensitive but important issue? Come to the **RETHINK ABORTION INTERACTIVE TRAINING DAY** on Saturday 11th May and meet other like-minded people and so become confident in sharing our beliefs in the most effective way. The day is held at Trinity School, Aspley (NG8 3EP), from 10.00am until 4.30pm, and the cost is £25 per person, including a sandwich lunch and drinks. Bookings can be made at: <https://TimetoRethinkAbortionNottingham.eventbrite.com>

Message from LRITT Part of St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi Academy Trust: Are you or a family member interested in training to teach? We are looking for new aspiring teachers to recruit for our Train to Teach one year programme. You will need a Degree and the following qualifications to teach: For more information, please visit our Train to Teach page www.lrtshub.org.uk or call us on 0116 3033744."



MAY	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS	ROTA	
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
4/5 May	B O'Malley		V Winter	F Wilson
11/12 May	S Jones		P Green	K Crawford
18/19 May	J Lowe	C McInnes	J O'Leary	S McGlone
25/26 May	B Phillips	T Page	T Ruane	J Shellard

FINANCE	28/04/24	READERS			
Envelopes	£243.02		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
Loose	£223.31	4/5 May	M Mihovilovic	C Sellechia	R Van Der Liet
Total	£466.33	11/12 May	N Williamson	R Lewin	M Lewin



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

5th May 2024
6th Week of Eastertide
Psalter Week 2

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 6th of Eastertide

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
10.00am Mass: Maurice Geliper RIP (Family)
Coffee after Mass

Monday: Easter Feria

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: Freda Lowry RIP (Carol)
11.30am: Mary Wallbyoff funeral at Great Glen

Wednesday: Easter Feria

1.30pm: Mary Fisher Funeral Mass

Thursday: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

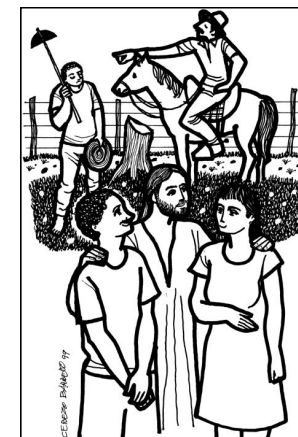
10.00am Mass: Kathleen Gillespie RIP (McGlone)
7.30pm Mass: Personal Int

Friday: Easter Feria

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Saturday: Easter Feria

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday: 7th of Eastertide
10.00am Mass: Matthew Liddle RIP (Crawford)



*A man can have
non greater love
than to lay down his
life for his friends.*

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11am
& 5.15pm

There is a 2nd collection for Communications Sunday for all the National work on communicating the faith in all areas. Next weekend.

No Children's Liturgy this Sunday



FR CHRIS WRITES: This weekend we will be praying for all victims of abuse and for the very important ministry of safeguarding our youngsters and all vulnerable people. May I take this opportunity to thank Theresa and Christine our Parish Safeguarding representatives for the brilliant work they do in our Parish.

Also many thanks for the Collection for the Missionary sisters. We raised a magnificent £684.53 from the collection and also £140 through the card reader!!

A reminder that Thursday is **ASCENSION DAY** - a great feast day of Eastertide and of course a holy day of obligation. The school will be joining us at the 10:00 mass and there is a 7.30pm evening mass as well for all those who are working. No Coffee.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: The Diocese has designated May 5th as Safeguarding Sunday. This is an opportunity for the Diocese to reflect on the theology and spirituality of safeguarding and to express gratitude for the work of all our parish safeguarding representatives, who assist us in assuring that our Church is a safe place for all children and vulnerable adults. To inform congregations of the journey of the Catholic Church and how safeguarding has evolved over the years and the current changes that have now been implemented.

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

FR OWEN'S WINDOW: Sadly Fr Owen's window has been much delayed due to the illness of the Artist. However, he is due to come and make some final measurements in early May and to install in September,

The funeral of **Mary Walbyoff** who died at the age of 100 years will take place at Great Glen Crematorium on Tuesday 7th May at 11.30am. **Mary Fisher's** funeral will take place on **Wednesday 8th May 1.30pm.** **Bill Hill's** funeral will be on **Monday 13th May at 10.00am.** May they all rest in peace.

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR SUDAN: CAFOD on behalf on Caritas(Catholic international aid) are having an emergency appeal for Sudan. The Crisis is urgent. The Bishop has asked us to have a second collection. We will have it on 19th May. I shall send some money in advance as the situation is desperate.

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.

WALSINGHAM 2024: Join people from around the Diocese of Nottingham for the annual **Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** Gather together with Bishop Patrick on **Saturday 15th June** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham as we seek Our Lady of Walsingham's intercession for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese. **Could we get a coach together? Please sign up if you are interested**

Bishop Patrick invites you to a free online webinar, on Tuesday 21st May, 6.00 – 8.00pm, led by best-selling author and eminent speaker Sherry Weddell. Sherry has developed numerous unique formation resources that are used around the world, and she will share her inspirational ideas on how Catholics can explore their Mission to bring all people closer to Christ. The seminar will be particularly relevant to parish catechists, teachers, pastoral ministers, religious, priest and deacons, and parishioners who wish to know more about evangelisation. This seminar will help re-energise Catholics to be strong Missionary Disciples. Don't miss this opportunity to attend this free event: register at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/sw. *Sherry Weddell is co-founder and co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute. Sherry is the author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples'; 'Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples'; and 'Fruitful Discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and in the World'*

There are **New Year Books** available for £6 with a few articles and of course obituaries from last year.

Afternoon tea for two in aid of "Rickshaw rides for education" in memory of Matthew Liddle: Matthew and his friends had planned to raise money by completing a Rickshaw run in India in September to provide education opportunities for young girls in much less fortunate circumstances. His friends will now complete this in his honour. **Wednesday 22nd of May 2024 12pm – 4pm at Marston Trussell Hall. £15 for 2 people.** Tickets available from Saint Joseph's school office and playground before and after school. Also from Ali Whelan 07973 371001 .

WE ARE ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church soon. Just use your contactless. debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation, there are options for other church funds such as "General donation to the Parish / Repository/ candles or 2nd collection".

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. for the Church. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. It is of course better to give regularly to the Church through Standing order as this cost us less.



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 a 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

