

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Between **Wednesday 24th September – Sunday 2nd November**. Help save lives In Leicester! You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilisation to Pray and Fast for an end to abortion, by taking part in 40 Days for life in our community, taking place at Across from Aylestone Road Gardens, Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 8PW, between 8.00am and 8.00pm daily. For more details contact Maureen: leices-ter40daysforlife@gmail.com

In February 2025, four **DIOCESAN ROADSHOWS** were held across the Diocese of Nottingham, bringing together clergy and parish representatives for prayer, presentations, and open dialogue about our shared future. Almost 300 questions and comments were submitted, covering a very wide range of often complex issues. Since then, the diocesan team and senior clergy have worked to compile, group, and respond to these contributions in a way that is honest, accurate, and accessible. What began as a simple summary has grown into a much larger piece of work than first anticipated. We are now pleased to share the full report, which gives a clear account of the roadshows, the issues raised, and the steps we are taking as we continue our journey towards becoming a more missionary, outward-looking Church. Fr Chris Can email you a copy.

To celebrate the amazing work of the wonderful Catechists who do so much in our diocese we will be having a **JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS** Day. The day will include the celebration of Mass and a conference to help them in their ministry. There will be two keynote talks from Dr Mark Nash Director for the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, with workshops and time to mingle. The day will be held on **Saturday 11th October** at Saint Joseph's Church, Leicester, LE5 6SG; from 10.00am until 4.00pm, and will cost £10; please bring a packed lunch. More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/CatechistJubilee> or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this Free of Charge, world-renowned course presented online by Mauro Iannicelli. Starting on **Wednesday 1st October** at 7.00pm (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). For information and to register, visit www.comeandsee.org

<u>SEPT/OCT</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
4/5 October	B Phillips		J O'Leary	S McGlone
11/12 October	S Jones	T Page	A Randle	T Ruane

<u>READERS</u>			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
4/5 October	P Green	S McGlone	C McHugh
11/12 October	N Williamson	C Reed	C Goddard



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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5th October 2025
27th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 3

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 27th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Joe Humphries RIP (Dolby)
10.00am Mass: Tom & Pauline Davis Wedding anniv
Coffee after Mass
4.30pm: Rosary outside church

MONDAY: Feria

9.00am: Personal Int

TUESDAY: Our Lady of the Rosary

9.30am Mass: Dolores Cadenas Paredes RIP Harvest mass in school

WEDNESDAY: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass: MVF O'Connor RIP

THURSDAY: St John Henry Newman

9.40am: Rosary
10.00am Mass:
Coffee after Mass
7.00pm: Practice for Confirmation

FRIDAY: St Paulinus of York & the Anglo-Saxon Saints of our Diocese

7.00pm Mass: Confirmation with Bishop Patrick

SATURDAY: Feria

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
SUNDAY: 28th of Ordinary Time
10.00am Mass: Shirley Penn (Douglas)
Coffee after Mass



If only you had faith!

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

FR CHRIS WRITES: We welcome the Bishop this Friday for the Mass of Confirmation for our 14 children. All are welcome to the Mass. Please pray for them & their families.

Many thanks to all who organised the concert by **the Market Harborough Brass band**. It was magnificent!

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest. We are celebrating this on Friday with a collection next weekend. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE LEO:

Dear brothers and sisters, the month of October is now approaching, and in the Church it is dedicated in a special way to the Holy Rosary. Therefore, I invite everyone, every day of the coming month, to pray **the Rosary for peace: personally, in the family, in the community**. In particular, the evening of Saturday 11 October, at 18.00 (17.00 English time), we will pray it together here in Saint Peter's Square, during the vigil for the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, also commemorating the anniversary of the opening of Vatican Council II.

"Pray the Rosary with Archbishop John Wilson and The Mark 10 Mission this October. The Rosary Challenge invites you to pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. The Mark 10 Mission has created beautiful online videos for each mystery of the Holy Rosary, led by Archbishop John. To watch the videos and learn more, please visit www.themark10mission.co.uk or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel @themark10mission."

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Begins Tuesday 14th October 7.15pm

This is the title of a user-friendly course we are setting up in the parish in October. It is for those who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith and what it means to be a Catholic Christian in today's world. It will be of particular interest to those enquiring about the possibility of being received into the Church at Easter 2026. Those who are already members of the Church but would like to engage with others in refreshing their knowledge of the beauty and richness of our Faith are also most welcome on the course. If you are interested please contact (without obligation) Fr Chris or Peter Green (green853@btinternet.com)

After our Meeting **we now have times and dates:**

Course: Evangelium (Catholic Truth Society):

Day of meeting: **TUESDAY**

Times: Assemble 7.15pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.30pm (prompt): Finish 8.45 (prompt)

Commencement: **TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER**. Length of Course: Weekly meetings from October 2025 to March 2026 (inclusive) **NB:** Adjustments will be made as and when necessary.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASSES for children aged 4-8 years has now **started at the 10.00am Sunday Mass**. For safeguarding reasons registration forms must be filled in. The forms are available from members of the team when you bring your child to join the group. If your child is a little uncertain of attending at first, parents/carers are welcome to come with them.



The next **PRIESTLY DISCERNMENT MEETING** will be in Nottingham on **Saturday 18th October**. We will be visiting the Cathedral and the Mary Potter Heritage Centre. To book a place and for more information please email Father Neil at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham will host the **Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco** on **Sunday 12th and Monday 13th October**, in commemoration of the Centenary of the Five First Saturdays devotion. The Visitation will include a procession and enthronement of the Fatima statue, followed by Mass; opportunities to venerate the saints' relics; praying the Rosary for world peace; and talks and videos about the Fatima messages. Attendees can enrol in the Brown Scapular devotion. For further details visit: www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk or email: membership@waf-ew.org.uk

YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS THROUGH OCTOBER: *Growing up in Liverpool, nearly everyone on my street was Catholic. My mum worked in the presbytery which was like a second home to us. And being part of the community was so important. It wasn't only about going to Mass on Sundays. This has influenced my adult Catholic life with choices made about being active in my parish, volunteering, and work choices I have made. I look forward to meeting with you and hearing some of your stories too!*

Maggie Mairura will be joining Young Adults at Holy Cross, Leicester, on Thursday 23rd Join together for prayer, community, and input as well as some great coffee! For more info contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk

St Joseph's PTFA QUIZ & CHIPS: 10th OCT 7.30 St Joseph's School hall. **READY TO PLAY?** Standard ticket: £10 per person including chips Enhanced ticket: £15 per person including choice of fish bites, battered or vegan sausage with chips Maximum team of 6. bring your own drinks Tickets available online or via the office. See Poster www.pta-events.co.uk/stjosephsPTFA

It's time to **RETHINK BAPTISM PREPARATION**. Join The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis for a Masterclass webinar on Infant Baptism Preparation on **Tuesday 7th October** at 7.30pm. The session will explore the Catechetical Institute's Infant Baptism Preparation resource with Dr Petroc Willey, Dr William J. Keimig, and Jacqueline and Michael van Hemert. The Masterclass will be perfect for priests, deacons, catechists and baptism preparation volunteers. Registration is £5, via www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-infant-baptism-preparation