

Golden Jubilee of SPANNED: Our diocesan agency supporting people with additional needs (SPANNED) is 50 years old this year and will be marked by a Golden Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick at Saint Peter's Church, Hinckley, on **Saturday 26th September** at 2.00pm. All are very welcome to share this wonderful milestone. If you are contemplating coming please contact Father Frank Daly, on 01455 634443, or hinckleypriory@gmail.com by 31st August, to help with catering arrangements.

All are welcome to join Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, on **Saturday 19th September**, for a special **Mass to celebrate 90 years of the Red Box:** that has helped in gathering prayers and spare coins in Catholic homes across England and Wales to support vulnerable global communities. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at 12.00 noon in Saint Teresa's Church, Aspley (NG8 3EP), and refreshments will be available in the parish hall after Mass.

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?*

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

<u>Sept 2026</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
5/6Sept	A Hall	C McInnes	J O'Leary	S McGlone
12/13Sept	B Phillips	J Shellard	A Randle	T Page
19/20 Sept	B O'Malley	A Randle	J Shellard	M Douglas
26/27 Sept	J Mugoni	K Crawford	P Green	W Kwacz

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
5/6 September	M. Atkins	M. Blake	M. Douglas
12/13 Sept	J Rowland	R van der Liet	C Sellechia



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

6th September 2026
23rd Week of Ordinary Time
Mass p125 EP III
Pref I p66
Psalter Week 3

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 23rd of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Suren da Silva RIP

10.00am Mass: Julia Cooke RIP (Keith & Rose)

MONDAY: Feria

11.30am Mass: Funeral Margaret Egan

TUESDAY: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00am Mass: Tobias Gatens (Taylor family)

WEDNESDAY: Feria

10.00am: David Hill anniv (Mary) - school Mass for new term

THURSDAY: Feria

10.15am: Funeral Carol Bretherick

Reception in Hall

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Feria

1.00pm: Charlotte & Jorge Nuptial Mass

SATURDAY: Feria

6.00pm: People of the Parish

SUNDAY: 24th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Bill Kerr RIP Anniv (Claire)

Coffee after Mass



*If he listens to
you, you have
won your
brother back.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

FR CHRIS WRITES: EDUCATION SUNDAY takes place each year on the second Sunday of September, and this year is observed on **Sunday 13th September**. Established by the Bishops in 1848, it is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales.



GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP: : Continues on **Tuesday 15th September 7.30pm for 7.45pm** in the Octagonal Hall.
Some Catholic Converts

Please note that **this is also for all Parishioners to grow in discipleship and to anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith**. Further information from Peter Green green853@btinternet.com . We believe this to be a lovely on-going initiative to our parish response to Bishop Patrick's **Five Year Plan** for the diocese.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will restart on **September 6th**. Could parents please note that a registration form must be completed and handed in to Father Chris or a member of the liturgy team before the child starts attending. These will be available by the front door. If your child is starting school this term and would like to join the group could I ask that a parent/carer brings them out to introduce them the first time and then leaves them if they are quite happy. We are always looking for new people to join the Liturgy team. A DBS is necessary but if you are interested do come out to a session and see what goes on or ring me Heather Powell on 01858 46378 Reminder: The back door to the Hall will be locked once Children's Liturgy has started.



RIDE + STRIDE SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026: Ride + Stride is the foremost annual event to raise funds for repairs and improvements to historic Churches, Chapels and Meeting Houses throughout Leicester and Leicestershire. We have benefitted from this In 2025 churches and chapels – 317 of them - opened to welcome all ride and striders. This year there will be cyclists, walkers, runners, horse riders and mobility scooter drivers being sponsored to raise money for their Church and the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust. We welcomed visitors last year and will do so again this year. **Our Lady of Victories will be open from 10am until 4pm and we would like you to sign up for 1 hour to welcome visitors. Please sign the sheet in the cloister if you can man the Church.**

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE: As you may have seen, the proposal to legalise assisted suicide which was rejected by the Lords in the last parliamentary session is returning to the Commons in exactly the same form on **Friday 11th September**. Our Bishops have asked us to oppose this legislation, on the grounds that it undermines respect for the innate value of life; that it could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives; and that it risks putting many hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. The Bishops have asked us to contact/write to our MPs once again, to express our opposition to this bill. They have provided materials to help us to do this on their website (www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/). SPUC also offers advice on what to say to your MP ([SPUC.org.uk/Fight the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill](http://SPUC.org.uk/Fight the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill)). There is only a short time before the bill is debated on 11th September. Please contact your MP as soon as possible.

Are you a **HEALTHCARDE PROFESSIONAL** or a retired one in the East Midlands? An open letter raising concerns about the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is being sent to local MPs ahead of the Second Reading on Friday 11th September. If you support the concerns raised, please consider adding your name and sharing with colleagues:
www.ourdutyofcare.org.uk/east-midlands/

PARISH PRO LIFE GROUP meets Tuesday 8th September in the Kavanagh Room @ 2pm. All are welcome. Contact Maureen Douglas for more information 07966 515115.
Leicester 40 Days for Life Launch Evening is taking place on **Monday 7th September** at 7.30pm, in Saint Edwards' parish hall, 633 Aylestone Road, Leicester LE2 6TF. Information will be shared about the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil being held between Wednesday 23rd September and Monday 1st November. For more information contact leicester40daysfor-life@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester

THE VIEW FROM MALAWI The September 9th event organised by Sustainable Harborough Community will be **CLIMATE JUSTICE - SCENES FROM MALAWI**. The speaker will be JESSIE AKAMBADI, the advocate and communications lead for Mbedza, a charity based in Malawi promoting sustainable village farming. **7.30pm at the Octagonal Hall**. ALSO, earlier that same Wednesday, there will be a COFFEE MORNING with an informal opportunity to meet Jessie at St Nicholas Church, Little Bowden, at 11am. All welcome

NEXT ECO CHURCHES MEETING: Representatives of all churches in the town are invited to the next meeting of Harborough Eco Churches at 7pm at the Methodist Church on Friday September 18th. The meeting will share best eco practice and advice on eco issues, as well as planning future joint action. Details from The **Climate Sunday** initiative is calling on churches to consider holding a climate-focused service during the period September 1st to October 4th. <https://www.operationnoah.org/resources/climate-sunday/>

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH. Forum meeting **Monday 21st @ 7.30pm**
Venue - Renew Wellbeing Cafe, Manor Walk. All Welcome to attend.

All are invited to a **FAMILY MASS AND PICNIC** at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on **Sunday 13th September**. Bring a chair or picnic blanket, and arrive for Mass at 2.00pm, with a Marian Procession and Adoration too. More details from jnoakes@englishmartyrs.com

Join the Caritas **WORKSHOP FOR EVERYONE** on **Saturday 12th September** at Holy Cross Priory, Leicester. Pope Leo and Pope Francis ask all the baptised to build new relationships in the Church through 'synodality' (walking together). Led by Dr Austen Ivereigh, the workshop runs from 10am until 3pm and will explore practical ways to listen, build relationships and be inspired towards mission. A donation of £20 is suggested to cover costs, though if this amount means you can't come, you are invited to give what you can. Any surplus will be donated to Caritas Nottingham. Book through at <https://bit.ly/synodalityleics> or using the QR code.

