

JUBILEE FOOD BANK: You are asked to leave food bank items in the trolleys at various super-markets 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 cf <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>NOVEMBER</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
6/7 December	S Jones	A Randle	T Ruane	T Page
13/14 December	J Lowe	M Douglas	V Winter	J Shellard
20/21 December	B Mugoni	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford
27/28 December	M O'Malley	C McInnes	J O' Leary	S Mc Glone

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
6/7 December	M Mihovilovic	M Douglas	M Blake
13/14 December	M Atkins	C Sellechia	R van der Liet
20/21 December	J Rowland	R Lewin	M Lewin
27/28 December	J Rowland	P Green	J Thayaseelan



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7th December 2025
2nd Week of Advent
Psalter Week 2
Year A

TIMES OF SERVICES



SUNDAY: 2nd of Advent

6.00pm Mass: Joan McCabe 100 (Tara & Ian)

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass

MONDAY: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am Mass: Betty Cracknell RIP (Cyprian)

Adoration at school; Benediction 11.30am

TUESDAY: Advent Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

WEDNESDAY: Advent Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Mary)

THURSDAY: Advent Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am: Sr Carmel Ruane RIP

Coffee

7.00pm: Pro life Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Advent Feria

7.00pm Mass:

SATURDAY: St Lucy

6.00pm Mass: Tennyson Fernandes RIP

SUNDAY: 3rd Sunday of Advent

10.00am Mass: Fr Jim Lynch (Plowright and Page family)

Coffee after Mass



*Repent for the
kingdom of
heaven is close
at hand.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

FR CHRIS WRITES: Despite the rain, we had a wonderful Bazaar last Saturday. It was wonderful to see so many people come to celebrate and meet each other and have fun from the oldest right through to the youngest baby in a pram. A big thank you to everybody involved from our committee led by Alan, all our stall holders and those who worked getting everything ready and clearing up in the end. Thank you to our school and the children who provided so many prizes and our after school club. There are so many thank yous to make with all the refreshments, barbecue as well as the wonderful cakes. Our final total seems to be about £9000 so far after all the costs. But more important is the Parish & school community coming together as well as new Parishioners. Many thanks to everyone who supported in whatever way! **NB Prize sheets are on the notice board.**

On Thursday at 7.00pm we will have our annual Pro Life Holy Hour which takes place around the Immaculate Conception. We pray for the cause of Human Life from its beginning to its natural End



Sadly we have had some deaths recently. **Richard Parker:** his funeral will be on 17th December at 11.00am. Also **Ron Sambrook** whose funeral will be on Monday 22nd December at 10.00am. Also please pray for **Shan Martes, a young man** who died last week.

Our Parish **CAROL SERVICE** organised by the Catenians is scheduled for **Sunday 14th December at 3.00PM** followed by refreshments. St Joseph's children will also be taking part. Come along to take part and listen to the Christmas readings and the wonderful words of the carols.



THE REPOSITORY has Diaries, Christmas cards and so on. Buy something Holy as a Christmas Present! **Walk with me Advent booklets available**

A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT with Fr John Farrell OP Using the daily lectionary readings at mass to guide us through the Advent Season. **Saturday December 13th:** Outrageous Hope. Isaiah chapter 40 & Homecoming through Landscapes of Grace. **Saturday December 20th. 10.15am for a 10.30am start: finish at 12.30pm** (when some share a light lunch together.) There are no charges, but voluntary donations to defer expenses may be given. The meetings will be held in the Catholic Octagonal Church Hall in Market Harborough

ADVENT
retreat

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas eve: 6.00pm & 10.00pm. (Preceded by carols 9.30pm)
Christmas day: 10.00am:
St Stephen's day (Boxing day) 10.00am



READERS WANTED: We are about to organise the rota for 2026 for readers at both week-end masses and are inviting anyone who would like to take part in this vital ministry to let us know as soon as possible. We particularly need more readers for Saturday evening at 6.00 p.m. If you are interested please contact Margaret Atkins at church or by email - margaretatkins52@gmail.com or telephone, 01858 446369 or give your name and contact details to Fr Chris.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS: We are going to have to have a special service for the Sacrament of reconciliation **on Thursday 18th December 7.00pm**. There will be visiting priests available. Many parishes have the celebrations in advent and lent and it is an opportunity to go to another priest other than the parish priest. We can make it a great opportunity to prepare for Christmas in a special way this year with the sacrament of confession. There will be a little introduction, a couple of prayers and examination of conscience and the blessed sacrament will be exposed while its confessions are heard. Come along and meet the merciful Lord!

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Continues Tuesday 2nd December 7.30pm TUESDAY: This week. Scripture and Tradition; Times: Assemble 7.30pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.45pm (prompt): Finish 9.00pm (prompt). **All welcome**

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 2025**. It is for children in year 3 and above, The first meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday 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 25th January 2026 from 9.20am - 10.20am and the children will join their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word .

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

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.

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 parishpriest@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.

