



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

8th December 2024
2nd Week of Advent
Psalter Week 2
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Parish Safeguarding Update: TRAINING FOR DBS VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the volunteers in **DBS roles** who have been completing their online CSSA (Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency) Safeguarding Training. A few weeks ago we sent the CSSA training webpage link to each relevant volunteer to register and complete their online training along with a CSSA information sheet, which contains FAQs and joining instructions. It may also be possible to arrange a small group training session. If you do not have internet access at home, have lost the email with the link or are having any problems completing the training then please let Christine or Theresa know as soon as possible. You can speak to either of us after Mass, or email us at safeguarding@olvic.com **All training needs to be completed by December 10th 2024.** Theresa and Christine.

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 easyfundraising 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=zj2pi&referral-campaign=c2s>



A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Second Sunday of Advent: To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing — God has taught us how to bless and we must bless — through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: “The prayer of blessing is our response to God’s gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing” (n. 2626). To read the full reflection and find more resources www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available.

NOV/DECEMBER	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
7/8 Dec	M O'Malley	T Ruane	A Randle	T Page
14/15 Dec	B Mugoni	J Shellard	V Winter	F Wilson
21/22 Dec	A Hall	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
28/29Dec	S Jones	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes.

FINANCE	1/12/24	READERS			
Envelopes	£291.02		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
Loose	£188.04	7/8 Dec	N Williamson	C Reed	----
Total	£479.06	14/15 Dec	C Baldham	C Sellechia	R van der Liet

TIMES OF SERVICES



Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

6.00pm Mass: Emma O'Malley RIP
10.00am Mass: People of the Parish
Coffee after Mass

3.30pm: Rosary at Church

Monday: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00am Mass: Eugene Gatens RIP (Taylor)
7.00pm: WI carol service

Tuesday: Advent Feria

9.00am Mass: John Cullen ill (Robinson)

Wednesday: Advent Feria

10.00am: Funeral Joan Maguire

Thursday: Advent Feria

9.40am: Rosary
10.00am Mass: McAleer family (Eileen)
Coffee after mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: St Lucy

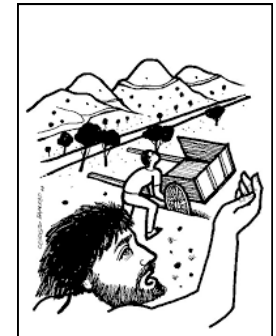
11.00am: Funeral Domenica Ditri

Saturday: St John of the Cross

6.00pm Mass: Joe McKilvenny RIP (Griffin)

Sunday: 3rd of Advent

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish
3.00pm: Parish Catenian Carol Service



All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am & 5.15pm

2nd Collection for Poor & Needy Parishes this weekend & collection for Flowers next weekend

FR CHRIS WRITES: We had a wonderful day at our Bazaar. 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, Stephen, 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 who do such a wonderful job with the grotto. There are so many thank you's to make with all the refreshments as well of different sorts including the wonderful cakes. Our final total seems to be about £8500 so far after all the costs. But what was a wonderful memory was watching people reaching each other and hugging each other. Many, Many thanks to everyone who supported in whatever way! **NB Prize sheets are on the notice board.**

Advent is a time of hope and expectation and above all encounter with Christ. Advent is a spiritual season to grow closer to Christ and prepare for his coming to us in a new or deeper way. The words of John the Baptist ring true for this time: *prepare away for the Lord. Can we make space and time for him in these coming weeks?* Also the Weekly Rosary Group meets every Sunday 3.30-4.00pm outside in front of the statue of Our Lady praying especially for Peace & Reconciliation in Society. The WI have their Carol service with us On Monday 9th December at 7.00pm and our Parish Catenian Carols service next Sunday 15th December at 3.00pm

Repository: Christmas Cards dairies and so on are available in the Repository

CHRISTMAS MASSES as Christmas falls on Wednesday this year
Christmas eve: 6.00pm & 10.00pm. (Preceded by carols 9.30pm)
Christmas day: 10.00am:
St Stephen's day (Boxing day) 10.00am

CONFESSION FOR CHRISTMAS: We are going to have to have a special service for the Sacrament of reconciliation **on Thursday 19th 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!

Our Parish **CAROL SERVICE** organised by the Catenians is scheduled for **Sunday 15th 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.



Sadly, we have had several deaths recently in the Parish. **Joan MacGuire** whose funeral will be on Wednesday 11th December at 10.00am. **Domenica Ditri** whose funeral will be on Friday 13th December at 11.00am. Also **Margaret Knowles**. Her funeral will be Monday 23rd December at 10.00am. May they all rest in peace.

READERS WANTED: I shall soon be compiling the Readers' Rota for 2024. Please would anyone who would like to read at Saturday evening or Sunday morning mass please give their name and contact details to Fr. Chris or Margaret Atkins. If you don't catch me at church, email or call me on margaretatkins52@gmail.com or 01858 446369." All volunteers in the church have to complete a volunteer form as part of our duty of care to each other.

FORMATION FOR READERS IN CHURCH: With the introduction of a new translation of the Scripture Readings for Mass the priests of the deanery encourage **all current and prospective readers** to attend a **Readers Course** we are running in advent this year. St Peter's Parish Hall, Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 0TA, Saturday 14th December 11.00am - 1.15pm.



The course will be presented in four sessions on these two days and will provide Deanery level certification for Readers. Please register with your parish priest or directly to Fr Vitalis Akandu: vitalis.akandu@dioceseofnottingham.uk
So many families have benefited from them.

CARITAS LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE ADVENT CALENDAR: In this Advent season, we are amplifying the reach of some local charities which aim to bring light into darkness. There are, of course, many others. Please have a look and join us in raising hopeful voices. The colour version is at: <https://bit.ly/3ZmMGul>, and the black and white version is at: <https://bit.ly/40UwnGw>

YOUNG ADULTS from across the diocese are invited to **Vespers, Carols, and Festive Nibbles** at Sacred Heart church, Leicester, on **Friday 13th December** with Mass at 6.00pm, and then Vespers and Carols celebrated with Bishop Patrick, followed up with some festive nibbles afterwards! For more information or to log a dietary requirement please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk/

CHILDREN'S LITURGY continues now at the 10.00am Mass. For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris.

