

A **PRO-LIFE RENEWAL DAY** is being held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, from 10.00am until 4.00pm, at Good Shepherd Church, Arnold, and led by Father Bernard Murphy CFR. All are welcome to this day of spiritual renewal, focussed on prayer for the sanctity of life at all stages. How do we as Christians keep fighting for the dignity of life, when so many around us do not value it? Father Bernard will help us renew our motivation by opening scripture and Church teaching. There is no charge for the day (donations welcomed); a light lunch and refreshments are provided. To book a place or for more information contact John: [pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

The Diocesan Youth Service **NDCYS** is taking a group of young people and young adults to Lourdes, France as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July 2026. If you are aged 16+ and unable to go with your school, or a young adult who would like to be a small group leader, we encourage you to download the information pack and apply at [ndcys.com/lourdes](http://ndcys.com/lourdes)

Saint Mary's Parish, Loughborough (LE11 3AB), is hosting a **GREGORIAN CHANT DAY** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February, from 10.00am until 4.00pm, concluding with the singing of Vespers. Greg Treloar, previously Diocesan Director of Music, will be leading the day, for which there is a suggested donation of £10. For more information, or to register for the day, please contact Martins: [martinsobi@gmail.com](mailto:martinsobi@gmail.com)

**BOWER HOUSE:** The next Bower House fundraising event is a Fashion Show on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at Market Harborough Congregational Church. This will showcase lots of lovely clothes at discount prices from High Street Stores such as... Marks and Spencer's, White Stuff, Next, New Look, Asos, Phase Eight, CC, Dash, Monsoon and more! They'll be French and Italian Designs too! Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Tickets are £15 and include a glass of bubbles and sweet and savoury nibbles. Please contact Jane on 07708376524 to secure your ticket for a very fun evening.

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

<u>Jan/Feb 2026</u>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>	<b>MINISTERS</b>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
7/8 Feb	S Jones		J Shellard	M Douglas
14/15 Feb	J Lowe	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
21/22 Feb	B Mugoni	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes

<b>READERS</b>			
	<b>Sat. 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
7/8 Feb	B. O'Malley	M Lewin	R Lewin
14/15 Feb	W. Hudson	J Thayaseelan	P Green



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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8<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 1  
Year A

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY: 5th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Richard Kimberlin RIP (Family)

10.00am Mass: Charles Thomas RIP (Jopling)

Coffee after Mass

### MONDAY: Feria

9.00am: Cath Furlong RIP Anniv (Mick)

### TUESDAY: St Scholastica

9.00am Mass: Jozek & Stefania

### WEDNESDAY: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: November Dead List

### THURSDAY: Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Andy McNulty RIP (Ruane)

Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### FRIDAY: Feria

10.00am: Mass: November Dead List

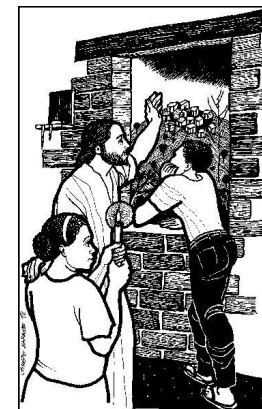
### SATURDAY: Sts Cyril & Methodius

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

### SUNDAY: 6th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Michael & Maureen Callanan RIP (Brooks)

Coffee after Mass



*You are the  
light of the  
world.*

**CONFESSIONS**  
**Sat 11 am**  
**5.15am**

### **FR CHRIS WRITES:**

Each year, 8<sup>th</sup> February (when not a Sunday) is the memorial of Saint Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis described human trafficking as “blood money” and a “crime against humanity”. We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to [santamartagroup.org/resources](http://santamartagroup.org/resources).

**Diocesan Pastoral plan 2026 to 2030 called “Go make disciples.** This plan will form the framework and inspiration for our parish going forward And his built upon the bishops 3 aims of encountering Christ ever more deeply glad growing in discipleship that is to say in our following of Christ and mission that is in sharing our faith in our daily lives in various ways. The heart of the Pastoral Plan is about the spiritual renewal of our parishes, chaplaincies and schools, so that we might encourage and make best use of the gifts and talents of more and more people in our attempts over the next five years to become ever more outward-looking and missionary as a diocese. I hope to form a group of parishioners – a mission team-interested in engaging and seeing how this plan can form our way forward and inspire and renew our Parish. I will consult the PPC who meet this week. The complete plan and a Summary are available at <https://gomakedisciples.uk/> as well as the Bishop's Pastoral letter. There are some paper copies of the Summary in church.

From the Bishop's Pastoral letter: “It is entitled, “Go, make disciples” and it is both a spiritual and a practical mission plan to help us all to respond more and more to those challenging words of Christ Jesus to his disciples, and so to each of us: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 19-20). In it, I share the vision which has emerged from our work together over the previous years, as well as a practical framework for how we will do this shaped by the insights of how the Lord is already helping us bear fruit.”

We keep in our prayers Conor Calleja, a young man of 20 years who died in Lincoln. He was a pupil of St Joseph's and a member of our Parish. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am**. We pray for his family. May he rest in peace. Also Fr Paul Entwistle died on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

**THE NEW YEAR BOOKS £6** are available: It has all the normal details of Parish Priests and organisations as well as Articles.

**WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Continues Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February : This week: Moral Action, Natural Law, Ten Commandments;** Times: Assemble 7.30pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.45pm (prompt): Finish 9.00pm (prompt). **All welcome**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING COFFEE AFTER MASS** on a Thursday & Sunday **all** proceeds go to supporting charitable causes - Bower House Christian Counselling Centre, Third World Group, The Cube Youth Club, Loros and ProLife. This last year we have made donations of £400 to Loros, £200 to The Bower House, £400 to Aid to Developing Countries (3<sup>rd</sup> world Group) and £60 for Pro Life work.

**LENT LUNCHES:** Friday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March. Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church. 12.30pm. A time of prayer followed by Lunch Theme. God's Word: our greatest treasure and our deepest delight.

**SOUP MAKERS (AND BAKERS) WANTED.** The Lent ecumenical Friday lunchtime services start on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, continuing for the following four weeks and, this year, OLV is the host church which means that, as well as providing the soups, we must also supply cakes each week. We had a good response, last year, to our appeal for soup makers but would still be glad to hear from anyone else who feels able to do this. It spreads the load and ensures a good variety of flavours. All expenses are reimbursed. You don't have to attend on the day. We can arrange a collection.

We also need to hear from cake makers please. This is a Lent lunch so items that can be cut fairly small are preferable, but whatever is your speciality will be welcome.

For more information (with no commitment at this stage) please contact Margaret Atkins, 01858 446369 or [margaretatkins52@gmail.com](mailto:margaretatkins52@gmail.com).

**ECUMENICAL EVENTS: Worship and Prayer nights.** In preparation for the Good Friday Event on the Square.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm,** Harborough Community Church. All welcome.

**World Day of Prayer Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at Harborough Community Church at 2pm. Service written by the Christian Woman from Nigeria. Theme, I will give you rest, come. All welcome.



**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](mailto: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.

**10 FEBRUARY 2026, 7.00-8.30 on Zoom** Many Christians around the world meet in 'cell groups' or 'base communities' where members can explore faith, support each other and enrich the life of their church. They have much to offer us here in Nottingham diocese: spiritual hunger is growing, parishes are growing in size, and pastoral care is increasingly a shared responsibility. Fr **Victor Vella** oversees PECS England, a group of laity and clergy who support and promote the Parish Evangelisation Cell System (PECS) first pioneered by the Archdiocese of Milan within Catholic Parishes in England. He will share their vision for small communities in parishes which meet, worship, pray and grow together. Also joining us will be Fr **Dominic O'Connor**, Dean of South Lincolnshire on the contribution cell groups can make in his own parish of Boston. See <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/mission-lab-introducing-cell-groups>