

Bookings are now open for the **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** – under the leadership of Bishop Patrick, from Monday 4th until Friday 8th July. Full details are on the Tangney Tours website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham>, or for more details contact Father Simon Gillespie: simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:

As we celebrate vocation Sunday today, it strikes me that's that word vocation is a wonderful word. Literally it means to call or to be called. It speaks to the whole of our life. Today we think about vocations to the priesthood and religious life but those vocations fall within the broader vocation of all of us in our Christian life to be sons and daughters of God and to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives. We all have a vocation, a specific vocation of life because of Christ the Good Shepherd who guides all his sheep. He knows us and guides us and speaks to us and we must listen to his voice. We are his people the sheep of his flock as the psalmist says. That is a wonderful truth. The Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God leads us to springs of living water. This pastoral care runs throughout our life and perhaps this is something the older generation can share with the younger ones. Grandparents are so important as Pope Francis so often says. Older people can share with the young how God has been at work in their lives as they look back over their life and with prayer and reflection can see the work of the Good Shepherd and see grace at work and providence. Our Young need this witness so that they may have a supernatural outlook on their life. It is not just them alone and what they want to do, But also that God is at work in their lives and speaking to them through the events of their lives in his Providence. The young need to pray to God to ask what is his will for them. How he is calling to them. This was certainly true for me in my family. My parents and grandparents all had this supernatural outlook, and it was second nature for all of us children in the family to reflect on our lives under God's gaze as it were. We reflected and prayed about it often doing retreats or talking with the priest or a wise person. It led me and my older brother to the priesthood but others into marriage and particular vocations of work and life. We all need to be tuned in to the voice of the Good Shepherd and listen to him. And I know that God does make things clear and gives one a deep certainty about a direction in life. I think for the young those simple words that Eli told Samuel to say are ever apt: speak Lord your servant is listening. Our Lord invites us as he says in the gospel to listen to his voice. It is sad that so many young in our society miss out on the supernatural dimension of life. They are missing such a vast dimension of existence.

I certainly thank God for all those graces he has given me and encourage our young people to speak to God and indeed to speak with me or any priest or wise person about their plans and vocations to help them discern what God is saying to them. And I say do not be afraid. God is always with us and never lets us down.

We must not be afraid. For all of us there is a loving will at work in our lives who desires to lead us to the fullness of life and love. There will be young people called to the priesthood and religious life. Perhaps they may not be fully aware of it. But someone around them may have an intuition. It could be a member of the family or a close friend. It often needs someone to say something such as have you considered a religious life or call to the priesthood. This can often start a way of thinking or connect the dots. People saying things to me helped me along the way whether to consider a vocation to the priesthood or during for my formation as a priest. May God bless us with young people with a supernatural outlook on life. I'm sure that would lead to many more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

8th May 2022
Fourth Week of Eastertide
Psalter Week 4

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Times of Services

Sunday: 4th of Eastertide

Sat. 6.00pm: Patricia White RIP

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Ann Fagg RIP Anniv(family)

4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

Monday: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Easter Feria

10.00am Mass: Sr Philomena Jordan (Sisters)

Wednesday: Easter Feria

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Thursday: Easter Feria

10.00am Mass: Peace in the Ukraine (Smrectak/Olivant)

Friday: Easter Feria

7.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Saturday: St Matthias, Apostle

6.00pm Mass: Mongan Family Ints

Sunday: 5th of Eastertide

9.00am Mass: Dr John Chong RIP

11.00am Mass: People of the Parish



*I give eternal
life to the sheep
that belong to
me.*

CONFESSIONS

11am &
5.15 -5.45pm
Saturdays

This weekend we will have the annual **2nd COLLECTION FOR THE CLERGY FOUNDATION FUND** which provides for the formation of future priest and deacons. Priests are formed in Seminaries normally for 7 years now and deacons have a course of 4 years in preparation for ministry

PLEASE NOTE: Booking is no longer needed for Masses. However, please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection

FR CHRIS WRITES: Sadly my brother Greg died on Monday. He had a very rapid cancer which spread very rapidly especially in the last few days. Thank you for all your prayers and support. It is of course a great shock but also a grace as he died so peacefully and with such faith. Please remember his wife Yvonne and children in your prayers as well as my Mum. Greg would ask you to pray for his soul and the forgiveness of his sins. **Today we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and there is a second Collection for the Clergy Vocations fund.**

Also in this month of May we pray the Rosary for the Family and peace as the Holy father has asked us last Sunday: *Today is the beginning of the month dedicated to the Mother of God. I would like to invite all the faithful and communities to pray the Rosary for peace every day in May. My thought goes to the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, "Mary's city", barbarically bombed and destroyed. Once again, from here, I renew my request that safe humanitarian corridors be arranged for the people trapped in the steelworks in that city. I suffer and weep, thinking of the sufferings of the Ukrainian people, and in particular, the weakest, the elderly and children. There are even terrible reports of children being expelled and deported.*

WELCOMING Thank you so much to those who have volunteered so far. We are however still short of volunteers to welcome at both the Saturday evening and Sunday 11am Masses. Please do consider helping out if you are able. Please contact Beatrice (01858 465492) or Theresa (07748 591398) if you would like to chat to us about it, or email tootskendrick@sky.com Thank you.

OUR LADY'S FLOWER CIRCLE: We are hoping to restart our rota for arranging flowers in church. If you are interested in helping, would you please contact either Pauline Bebb tel 01858 682897 or Mary Penney 01858 440603

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW WINNERS: 1st Prize £70 D Morgan ticket number 38; 2nd Prize £30 J Masding ticket number 105; 3rd Prize £20 M Naef tickets number 75. Winnings are sent by letter, if you haven't received your letter, I may have the wrong address please contact Keith Shiers on 07814419322 thank you.

MARKET HARBOROUGH EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUNDRAISER: Ladies Lunch Returns!!! Ladies Lunch Marston Trussell Hall June 23rd 12.30pm £37.50 / ticket All money raised to go to St. Joseph's Catholic Academy. For tickets please Contact Kate Crawford Tel 01858 446873 please leave a message if there's no answer.

THE BOWER HOUSE JUBILEE COFFEE MORNING: Please join us for this special event with cakes, bacon rolls, a huge celebratory tombola and live music at the Market Harborough Theatre. Saturday 21 May 9.00am-12 noon.

On Saturday 21st May 11am until 3:30pm, St Joseph's PTFA will be hosting their summer fundraising event **ST JOE'S FEST** in the school playground (access will be via Nelson Street). Entry is free and there will be lots of great family stalls such as face painting, a tombola and bouncy castle, as well as a BBQ, cake stall and refreshments. There will also be a raffle drawn on the day and raffle tickets can be purchased from the school office in advance or on the day. Please come along and support our fundraising efforts, see the wonderful improvements that have been made recently within our school and socialise with family and friends.

"I was in Prison..." on **Saturday 21st May** will be a lively and nourishing day to listen to the lived experience of prisoners and their families, and discover simple ways you can help individually or as a parish. Pact, the Catholic prison charity, are joining forces with Caritas for the conference at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell, Nottingham. The day will include Bishop Patrick, the work of Pact, prison chaplains, and the Welcome Directory. More information at bit.ly/iwasinprison or email parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk

ALTAR SERVERS: Starting this weekend Fr Chris has agreed we can trial a 'get back to normal' experiment for Altar Servers. So, no rota from me until further notice, just come along to whichever mass you want and let's see how we get on. Also, please feel free to come along every weekend, or easy yourself back into things your own way. No pressure, we are just happy to have you back. To keep everyone safe please make sure you are Covid free and if in any doubt leave it until you feel 100%. Thanks again to everyone and Stay Safe. Dave Percival M: 07981 205861 E: dave.percival@ntlworld.com

JOURNEY IN HOPE Is a series for members of parish outreach groups who would like to regroup and explore new mission challenges after the Covid-19 lockdown. Six reflective Eastertide sessions, inspired by Scripture and the writings of Pope Francis, take place on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7.00pm from 3rd May. You can find out more www.bit.ly/JourneyinHopeSessions, and book your place at www.bit.ly/JourneyinHopeZoom

PRO LIFE GROUP: are going to host a Sunday Coffee & Cakes after the 11.00am Mass on May 15th in aid of SPUC Little feet

A **LGBT+ PASTORAL MINISTRY MASS** will be celebrated by the Bishop on **Saturday 21st May** at 1.00pm in Our Lady and Saint Joseph's church, Matlock (DE4 3NG). All are very welcome.

Parishioners can be part of the Church's response by giving to **CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal** at cafod.org.uk/Ukraine.



		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	7/8 May	M Mihovilovic	M. Crook	S McGlone
	14/15 May	N Williamson	P. Green	M. Douglas

I just wanted to let you know about **The Mark 10 Mission Little Liturgies**. We launched some new virtual liturgies a couple of weeks ago. They have been created specifically for children under 8. Thanks be to God, they are being very well received in our primary schools. We will be putting out a new little liturgy each Friday and they can always be found by following this link: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/little-liturgies>



Could People bring in your red Missio Boxes for emptying