



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

8th September 2024  
23rd Week of Ordinary Time.  
Psalter Week 3

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**ALTAR SERVERS: Have you considered becoming an Altar Server?** We would love you to be involved in this precious ministry, school children or adults, 8 or 88 all are welcome. A big commitment? No, not at all. The Saturday Vigil and Sunday Service are the main ones, other masses during the week are completely optional. It's up to you what time you can give. I did this years ago! So come on back and enjoy the experience all over again. Some might think they always wanted to be a server but never got the chance, here's your chance. Interested? Please speak to Fr. Chris or Dave Percival or call to arrange a convenient time for an informal chat. We would love to hear from you. (Dave's mobile: 07981 205861  
Email: [dave.percival@ntlworld.com](mailto:dave.percival@ntlworld.com))

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY continues now at the 10.00am Mass.** Registration forms for children starting school are available from Fr Chris. Any new leaders to help on our rota would be most welcome a DBS is required which we do as a Parish. Please contact Fr Chris.



The **SPANNED Annual Mass** is being celebrated by Bishop Patrick at Saint Peter's Church, Leicester Road, Hinckley on **Saturday 21st September** with our five diocesan groups and many friends, at 2.30pm. SPANNED has been working on climate change over the last two years and will present their findings to the bishop at the Mass in the form of a Manifesto, called "If you want to change the world, then change your life". For more details contact Father Frank Daly after 25th August on 01455 634443 or at [hinckleypriory@gmail.com](mailto:hinckleypriory@gmail.com). Likewise, if you are coming we would like to know numbers so that you can stay with us for some refreshments afterwards. All are very welcome.

For those wishing to know about the life and prayer of a Secular Carmelite or are already part of the Carmelite Order and wish to share experiences, a **Carmelite Day** is being held at Our Lady & Saint Joseph Church Hall, Matlock, on **Saturday 5th October**, between 10.30am and 4.00pm, with a time of Adoration, and optional Mass afterwards. All are welcome. Bring a packed lunch; refreshments will be provided. For details contact Jo Gilbert: [info@matlockcatholic.org](mailto:info@matlockcatholic.org) or turn up on the day.

SEPTEMBER	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS	ROTA	
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
7/8 Sept	A Hall	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary
14/15 Sept	B O'Malley	T Ruane	J Shellard	T Page

FINANCE	1/9/24	READERS			
Envelopes	£342.30		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
Loose	£180.56	7/8 Sept	M Mihovilovic	P Green	J Thayaseelan
<b>Total</b>	<b>£522.86</b>	14/15 Sept	N Williamson	S McGlone	C McHugh
		21/22 Sept	C Baldam	M Crook	C Goddard
		28/29 Sept	J Rowland	D Chappell	B Tyrell

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### Sunday: 23rd of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Dave Hill RIP Anniv (Mary)

Coffee after Mass

4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

### Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Lesley Lander RIP

### Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

### Wednesday: Feria

9.45am: Moring Prayer

10.00am Mass: Fr Derek Powney

### Thursday: Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am: November Dead List

Coffee after Mass

7.15pm: CTH Meeting

### Friday: St John Chrysostom

7.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

### Saturday: THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

5.00pm - 6.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

### Sunday: 24th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Thomas Callaghan (E. Duffy)



*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

### CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am & 5.15pm

*Apologies! I turned the WIFI off whilst I was on holiday so the card Machine did not work!*

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** Dear all it lovely to be back after my holidays. I spent a few days in Walsingham which was very relaxing and prayerful and it is well worth visiting our national shrine to Our Lady. There are places for pilgrims to stay if you want to. I then proceeded to Valencia and stayed in the "casa sacerdotal" a residence for priests who are either retired or not working in parishes. The company was wonderful of young and old priests. Don Jose who visited us would take me to the beach at 7:00 AM when he wasn't on duty in the basilica. It was lovely to have a morning swim. I celebrated mass for you all in the basilica of Our Lady of the forsaken and also in the cathedral on Sunday with the cathedral Chapter in a sung mass. The chalice of our Lord is preserved in a special Chapel where I prayed for all of you in a little holy hour. It was very moving. Father Jose sends his regards. Thank you to father Peter and to all who have looked after things while I have been away.



Also congratulations to Alice Kendall and Ben Johnston who were married here on Saturday

Sadly, while I was away Lesley Lander died. Her funeral will be on 24th September at 10.00am followed by her committal at great Glen. May she rest in peace.

**MUSIC EVENING: Saturday, September 28th.** This is an evening for parishioners to entertain other parishioners with songs and music. If you would like to contribute to the evening by singing or playing please contact Stephen McGlone on 07912345352. The parish has much untapped talent and different cultures so please don't be shy in coming forward!

**A SPECIAL PERIOD OF ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR,**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 5.00pm – 6.00pm finishing with Benediction at 5.50pm by request of the Bishops.** Adoremus, the National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage, is being celebrated on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September and to unite with the National Eucharistic procession taking place at Oscott at 4.30pm that Saturday. We can pray for a great love of the Eucharist in our Parishes and peace in our trouble world and I will be available for Confession that afternoon.



**IS GOD CALLING ME TO BE A PRIEST?** Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood? If so, please contact Father Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, At [vocations@nottinghamdiocese.uk](mailto:vocations@nottinghamdiocese.uk) to book a place at the next discernment meeting taking place at Cathedral Hall, Nottingham at 10.30am on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October.**

**VICTORY PRIZE DRAW:** Winner September 2024 Draw: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £60 E Cox ticket number 13; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £25 H Powell ticket number 144; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £15 G Stewart ticket number 278 Due to the lack of tickets, which has gone down from 280 to 103, it is no longer viable to continue with the draw. I will therefore close it from January 2025 the last draw to be December 2024. All members paying by direct debit or standing order should cancel by January 2025. Many thanks for all your support in the past.

**LEICESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE and STRIDE SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

Our Church took part in this event and raised money from which we were given a grant towards the refurbishment of Our Lady of Victories. Do you remember Fr. Owen walking from Lubenham to Market Harborough and being sponsored?

Others of us walked or cycled around Leicestershire calling at Christian Churches, Chapels and Meeting Houses, having our sponsorship forms signed and enjoying a welcome drink and a biscuit!

Although we are not taking part in the sponsorship, Fr Chris has agreed to have our Church included in the list of Churches open to receive participants. We hope to welcome visitors from 10am until 3pm and offer them a drink and a biscuit and sign their sponsor forms. Please will you help with this by coming to Church at a time to suit you. The sheet is there for you to pick a time. The drink and biscuits will be there ready. Thank-you in anticipation!



**CONFIRMATION 2024: Confirmation 2024: I am hoping to get the forms out very soon.** If you would like to help please contact or email Fr Chris. We are also looking for an organiser for this. [Parish-priest@olvic.com](mailto:Parish-priest@olvic.com) As for all these roles we need to do a DBS check



**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARKET HARBOROUGH FORUM MEETING:** The CTH Forum meeting next Thursday 12th September & 7.15pm in the Renew Wellbeing cafe on Manor Walk behind the Baptist Church across from the Co-op. The Speaker is Mr Joe Gasan from Kettering SVP. All welcome. It is important to support this and it would be good to have one or two more representatives. Any thanks to Maureen and Theresa.

**BOWER HOUSE :** You are invited to attend the Harborough Christian Counselling Service (The Bower House) AGM and Service of Thanksgiving (celebrating 25 years) on Thursday 19th September at Harborough Methodist Church. The AGM starts at 6pm (arrival for tea and coffee from 5:30pm) with the Thanksgiving Service at 6:45pm. Light Refreshments will be served from 7:30-9pm. For catering purposes, it would be helpful to know if you are planning to attend. Please RSVP by FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, either by email at: [officeadmin@bowerhousecounselling.org](mailto:officeadmin@bowerhousecounselling.org) or by telephoning (01858) 469257 We look forward to seeing you there

As Catholics we must do all that we can to defend human life, in all forms and at all stages. But our belief that life is a sacred gift from God is not shared by all. Under the new government, decriminalisation of abortion and assisted suicide will both soon be debated in Parliament. On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September** there will be an opportunity to witness to our belief in the value of life with the annual **MARCH FOR LIFE** in Westminster. More information is available at [www.marchforlife.co.uk/2024-event-page](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2024-event-page). There will be a coach going from Nottingham; for information, and to book, contact [MarieLangford@live.co.uk](mailto:MarieLangford@live.co.uk) (07948 151 264).