



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

10th March 2024
4th Week Lent
Psalter Week 4

The Nottingham Secular Carmelites are hosting a **CARMELITE OPEN DAY** on **Saturday 16th March**, between 10.00am and 4.00pm, at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Stapleford. Meeting monthly on Saturdays we pray together, study scripture, church teaching and writings from the Carmelite saints, and share reflections. If you want to know more you are very welcome to our open day: bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. Contact Heather Ward on 01773 599982 or heatherward67@yahoo.com or visit nottinghamcarmelites.uk

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, Fourth Sunday of Lent:

Reflect on how constant prayer was the driving force of the missionary activity of the first Christians. Saint Luke tells us that they “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Today too the Church’s life is centred on prayer, which unites us to Christ, and inspires our witness to the Gospel and our charitable service to those in need *To read the full reflection and find more resources at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer* A prayer sheet is available.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH EASTER EVENT 2024 WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHTS

On Good Friday 2024, we will be sharing the full Easter story of Jesus with our community on Good Friday, in ways that are accessible, relevant and fruitful, utilising the creative gifts, skills and talents of the church body in Harborough. To support this event there will be a series of worship and prayer nights, where brothers and sisters in Christ from across the churches in the town gather together to seek the Lord together, to intercede and pray over the town together, and to ask God to move in power at the event itself. Your support and participation in these nights will have a real impact for the Gospel in our town.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #3: Sunday 24th March, 6pm. Market Harborough Community Church 121 Bath Street, Market Harborough, LE16 9JL.

www.harboroughcommunitychurch.org.uk
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SEARCH FOR THE LIGHT IS BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR! Take some time out this Easter to come to The Briars for an amazing retreat experience. You can come by yourself or with your friends, no parents or teachers needed, and take part in fun activities and opportunities to learn more about and deepen your faith alongside other like-minded young people. This retreat is open to all in years 10 to 13, between **Thursday 28th – Sunday 31st March**, and costs £55 per person (with bursaries through the St Francis of Assisi fund). Get in contact on our Instagram (@NDCYS) or Facebook (NDCYS – The Briars) or call (01773 852044).

	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS	ROTA	
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
10th Match	A Hall	V Winter	J Snaith	-
17th March	S Jones	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green

READERS				FINANCE	3/3/24
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am	Envelopes	£247.05
9/10 Mar	J. Snaith	R. van der Liet	C. Sellechia	Loose	£304.38
16/17 Mar	M Atkins	M Lewin	R Lewin	Total	£551.43

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

6.00pm Mass: Richard and Gillian Clutterbuck (Colacicchi)

10.00am Mass: Maggie Lane in Thanks (McCabe)

Coffee after Mass

Monday: Lenten FERIA

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

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Wednesday: Lenten FERIA

10.00am Funeral of Sylvia Mitchell

1.00pm Funeral of Patrick "Mike Lynch" at Kettering Crem

Thursday: Lenten FERIA

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Father John McKeon RIP

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Lenten FERIA

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Mass: Private Ints (Deidre)

Saturday: Lenten FERIA

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

10.00am Mass: Celia Cates RIP (Doreen & Peter)



*The blind man
went off and
washed himself,
and came away
with his sight
restored.*

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 11.00am
5.15pm

LENT: Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass
Holy Hour with Benediction: Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm with a meditation on next Sunday readings. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration. Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

OUR ECUMENICAL LENT FRIDAY LUNCH TIME SERVICE at the Methodist Church Northampton Rd on the Fridays of Lent, 30-minute services (12.30pm) **followed by the famous Soup etc**, prepared by our Third World Group. (1.00pm) at the Methodist Church. Services prepared and led by the different churches



TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK:

We have planned the times for Holy Week

Friday 22nd March . Penitential service with visiting confessors 7.00pm

Palm Sunday Sat 6.00pm & 10.00am

Wednesday: Chrism Mass 11.30am cathedral

Maundy Thursday 7.00pm

Good Friday:

Ecumenical Witness: Easter Live on the Square 10.30am

Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

Easter vigil: 7.30pm – First Mass of Easter: Mother of all Masses

Easter Sunday: 10.00am



Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent.

Your generous donations (**£1132.00 so far**), given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk. **Many, Many thanks.**



Can you help to improve the Forest School at St Joseph's School? -

Friday 15th March at 2pm We are looking for volunteers to help us to improve our Forest School area. If you can help us with any of the following, or can join us on the day, please let us know via the school office. Do you have carpentry skills? Could you help make... a bench to use as a mud kitchen, a simple structure to use as a log store? (We do have pallets for this.) Would you be able to donate larger logs we could use for balancing / see saw? Would you be able to volunteer on the day to litter pick and carry larger items to a skip, put up our slack line or bring your own creative ideas!! Thank you for your support.



'Do you want to **GO DEEPER** into the treasures of our Catholic faith? Join us on the third Tuesday (**this month that's 19th March**) in the Kavanagh Room 6.30pm to 8pm where we will say Evening Prayer together, discuss a text from St Teresa of Avila (a great teacher of prayer) and share a period of silent prayer together. For more info phone 07714 651756 or email cpblamires@aol.com'

THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH in support of Saint Joseph school will be on Thursday the 13th of June 2023 at Marston Trussell Hall at 12:00 – 4.00pm. Tickets are £40. For tickets please contact Kate Crawford 01858 446873.

The Diocese of Nottingham is delighted to **offer THREE RETREATS** this Lent. As we celebrate the Year of Prayer and all of us look for ways to grow in our prayer life, a retreat can be a fantastic way. The theme of all three retreats is the **Year of Prayer and Deepening your Prayer Life**. Each retreat day will run from 10am-4pm: **Saturday 23rd March** – Men's Retreat (18+) – Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire (£12). Please see the posters for more information, visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

BAZAAR 2023: The 16 white metal poles that support our Barbeque Marquee have been mislaid. **HAVE YOU SEEN THEM OR KNOW OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS?** 16 poles 50mm (2 ins) diameter x 2100 (7ft) long Please phone Alan on 07850-252064.

CONFIRMATION 2024: We are due to prepare our children for Confirmation. We aim to do this every three years. I am hoping that Bishop Patrick will come in the Autumn in October. I would like to get a group together who might be interested in helping with catechesis, If you would like to help please contact or email Fr Chris. We are also looking for an organiser for this. Parishpriest@olvic.com As for all these roles we need to do a DBS check.



ABORTION DECRIMINALISATION PROPOSAL: An amendment has been put forward to the Criminal Justice Bill by pro-abortion MPs which, if successful, would **decriminalise abortion**. This means that it would be possible for women to induce their own abortion, using pills sent through the post, **at any time and for any reason**. In other words, it would be legal to abort an unborn child UP TO BIRTH, if induced by the woman herself. Such a change is not supported by public opinion. Polls suggest that 70% of women would like to see a REDUCTION in the present time limit for abortions (24 weeks) rather than removing all time limits. If passed into law, this radical amendment would increase the number of babies who are aborted. It would also increase the risks to women's health, since these late term abortions would not be carried out under medical supervision but in women's homes. This proposal will be debated in the House of Commons in early March.

Please write now to your MP, asking them to oppose this extreme proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments Please also pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

We have now begun our **Children's Liturgy each week during termtime**. This will be for children who are at school but have not made their first Holy Communion. They will go out from church at the beginning of mass and then come back in when we begin the liturgy of the Eucharist. **There is a form to fill in giving your children's details and your consent from Fr Chris.**

