

Safeguarding Sources of Support

Safe Spaces England and Wales provides free, confidential support to adults affected by church-related abuse (Catholic Church, Church of England, Church in Wales). Support includes trauma-informed listening, advocacy, and practical help navigating reporting or redress. An independent 2024–2025 evaluation found Safe Spaces had a **positive impact on survivors' wellbeing**, though it noted ongoing challenges around access and continuity of care. Phone 0300 303 1056 Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

Survivor-led organisations

NAPAC (National Association for People Abused in Childhood) offers survivor help-lines, advocacy, and guidance following major inquiry findings, including IICSA 0808 8010331

SNAP (Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests) provides peer-led support groups, legal advocacy, and public accountability campaigns internationally

Spiritual Abuse - www.spiritualabuse.com

Action on Elder Abuse Helpline – 0808 808 8141.

The Bower House – Harborough Christian Counselling Service offers counselling to those who live in the Harborough District 01858 469257

RED BOXES and ADC: Yet another reminder that it is time for your **Red Box to be emptied**.

It is amazing that you are still able to find loose change to fill your boxes!! So many thanks for doing so. Please leave your box in the Sacristy or hand it to Fr Chris or to Bob and Chris Shepherd and it will be returned shortly afterwards to the table in the Cloister

ADC: We continue to donate money to Father Ed, Father John, Aid for Chad, Water for Kids and the Philippines School Project because of your generosity - either through our White Envelope Scheme - or by donating goods for us to sell. We are still being asked for children's clothes and toys to send to the Gambia and to the Philippines so if you are clearing out your wardrobes and have surplus or out grown baby/children's items, please remember ADC and leave your unwanted items in our box under the table on the Cloister, It means so very much to those who have so very little. Most sincere thanks again for enabling us to support those in greatest need.

<u>May 2026</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
9/10 May	A Hall	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
16/17 May	J Mugoni	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes
23/24 May	M O'Malley		A Randle	T Page

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
9/10 May	P Green	D Chappell	B Tyrrell
16/17 May	M Atkins	C Reed	C Goddard



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

10th May 2026
6th Week of Eastertide p268
Preface no3 p74
Eucharistic Prayer III p28
Psalter Week 2

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Schools:

Parish Primary: St. Joseph's Academy 01858-465359.

Deanery Comprehensive: St. Paul's 0116 241 4057 Parish

Parish Gift Aid Organiser: giftaid@olvic.com

Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 6th of Eastertide

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Mike & Mary Hall In thanks 60th wedding

MONDAY: Easter Feria

7.00pm Mass: Jan & Mirek (Janina)

TUESDAY: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: Christine Mercugliano RIP (Elisa)

WEDNESDAY: Easter Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Barry Thurlow (K. Curran)

THURSDAY: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holyday of Obligation

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am: November Dead List

Coffee

1.30pm: People of the Parish - School Mass

7.00pm: Father James Lynch RIP

FRIDAY: Easter Feria

10.00am: November Dead List

SATURDAY: Easter Feria

11.00am-3.00pm: School Summer Fete

6.00pm: David Wade Int (Angela)

SUNDAY: 7th of Easter

10.00am Mass: Wellbeing of PP (Jo)

Coffee after Mass



*I shall ask the
Father and he
will give you
another
Advocate.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

2nd Collection for Catholic Communications next week

FR CHRIS WRITES: Safeguarding Sunday – 10th May 2026

This year our parish will mark **Safeguarding Sunday**, a national awareness day supported by the Diocese of Nottingham. The theme, *Action Speaks Louder*, reminds us that *safeguarding is not just about policies, but about how we act to protect and respect one another*. During Mass we will reflect on our shared responsibility to create a safe and welcoming Church for all, especially children and adults at risk. Please keep this important intention in your prayers.



Many thanks to all who came to our meeting on Thursday. It was very uplifting and inspiring. The little group helping me will reflect on all that has been said. Please keep praying! Please take a summary of the Plan and Prayer card or see all the resources at <https://gomakedisciples.uk/>
Please pray for the Good of our Parish



GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP: St Francis for today. "There will be a first on-going meeting coming from our group of those baptised/confirmed at Easter on **Tuesday May 12th 7.30pm in the Octagonal Hall**. Please note that **this is also for all Parishioners to growing discipleship and to anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith**.

The theme for Tuesday is: **Saint Francis of Assisi for today** (to mark the 800th anniversary of the saint's birth) Further information from Peter Green : green853@btinternet.com we will be welcoming Rev David Faulks.

FUNERAL: Susan Siodmok died. Her funeral Mass will be Wednesday 27th May 10.00am. She has been part of the Parish for quite a few years in residential care. May she rest in peace.

The **DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** is taking place on **Saturday 20th June** led by Bishop Patrick. Arrivals are from 11.30am, with Mass at the Catholic Shrine at 3.45pm. For more details see the poster.

Could we get a coach/ minibus together? Please sign up if you would like to come



The next Dominican Young Adults Study Day, under the title **HUMAN ORIGINS - Creation and Evolution** is being held on **Saturday 23rd May**, from 10.00am until 4.00pm, in the Frsati Centre, Leicester LE1 6HW. How do we reconcile the claims of modern science with the teaching of the Catholic Church? Are human beings nothing more than products of an aimless evolutionary process? Join the Dominican Young Adult Study Day led by Father Robert Verrill OP on 'theistic evolution': how to make sense of modern science's theory of evolution in light of Catholic teaching on God, creation, and the human person. The day will include talks, workshops, prayer, fellowship, and discussion, and lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend, but booking is essential, at dya@english.op.org

School SUMMER FETE: Saturday May 16, 2026 11:00am – 3.00pm: The St Joseph's PTFA are holding their annual Summer Fete. It promises to be a great day, with Games for all, Tombola, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Live Entertainment, BBQ, Food Vendors, Cocktails and so much more! Thanks to the generosity of local companies we have a fantastic range of prizes on offer in our RAFFLE. If you would like to be in with a chance to win, tickets are £1 each and can be purchased on the day or online at www.pta-events.co.uk/stjosephsptfa

Celebrate Trust is excited to announce two **WEBINARS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF TEENAGERS**. Bringing up young people in today's world can be both a joyful and challenging experience, so the Celebrate Trust has booked some experts to share their wisdom in two webinars, to help parents and carers gain confidence and provide some practical ideas to support at home.

- **Raising teenagers in a Catholic family** Tuesday 2nd June, 8.00pm

To book a place, visit www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting

See also **CELEBRATE FESTIVAL: "let there be light": Worth School, West Sussex, 15-19 August 2026** You are invited to a relaxed, fun, faith time away as an individual, a family or a Parish community! We would love to recommend the CELEBRATE festival to you this summer, in the beautiful West Sussex countryside. It's going to be a fun, family and faith-led event with a Festival Big Top! There will be 8 children's and youth groups for all ages from babies in the creche to the Joel's Bar youth (18-24 years). There's on-site full board accommodation OR camping on the festival field. Come individually, as a family, OR as a parish group! Amazing speakers, to include Fr Roberto Pasolini, the Papal Preacher! Johannes Hartl, Catholic theologian and David Wells. See For more information and to book www.celebratetrust.org/festival



Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join a special overnight **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM (Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June)**, taking place alongside the annual diocesan pilgrimage, with dedicated time, space and community for young adults. Staying at Elmham House (half board) pilgrims will share in the wider celebrations while also enjoying moments specifically for the young adult community and encounter. For any questions, contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk
Bookings at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026

Between **Saturday 16th and Saturday 23rd May** the Jesuit Institute is holding a 6-day online **RETREAT IN THE LEAD UP TO PENTECOST**, offering an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God is at work in the everyday lives of those taking part. For details, and to book, visit:

www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---pentecost

Our next HARBOROUGH CLIMATE ACTION EVENT is on Wednesday 13th May, 7pm for 7.30 pm in the Octagonal Hall. "What do you think about your food? Gavin Fletcher, Sustainable Food Partnership Co-ordinator, is helping us think about the National Food Conversation. Share your views about the problems and challenges we face and how our food can deliver more for health, nature and climate.