

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, so please put these dates in the diary and please do all you can to be there and be involved in this exciting work for the Gospel. Thank you. Revd Christopher Brown (Pastor, MHBC).



WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #2: Sunday 18th February, 6pm; Location Baptist Church, Coventry Rd. .

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

Jesus Youth is organising a **YOUNG ADULT'S RETREAT** for those aged 18-23 at The Briars, Matlock (DE4 5BW) on the **weekend of 23rd -25th February**. Come join us for this Catholic Youth Weekend, where we'll explore deeper into aspects of Gender and Identity through the core theme for the weekend, the reality that we are 'Created For Love'. To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/2JCX9JWCQRBdi21q7>

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).

Also, Applications for **The Briars Team 24/25** are now open! If you are feeling called to a volunteer year at The Briars you can find more information on our website or get in touch with us via any of our social medias @NDCYS or email programmeleader@ndcys.com

A REGISTER OF CHURCH VOLUNTEERS: Many thanks to all who have completed their forms. Any last volunteers to fill out your details? Registration forms are now available in the Narthex or by email. Who does this apply to? Really anyone who helps in any way in the Parish! From Church Cleaner, flower arranger reader, Coffee volunteer, church collection Bazaar Offertory PPC, welcomer and so on.. You can also receive the form by email from parish-priest@olvic.com PS Just one form is necessary for all your roles in the parish.

READERS				FINANCE	4 February
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am	Envelopes	£261.66
10/11 Feb	M Mihovilovic	M Crook	C Goddard	Loose	£270.05
17/18 Feb	N Williamson	D Chappell	B Tyrell	Standing Order	
24/25 Feb	C Baldam	M Blake	M Douglas	Total	£531.71



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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11th February 2024
 6th Week of Ordinary Time
 1st Lent
 Psalter Week 2

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 6th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Mary)

10.00am Mass: Sellecchia Family RIP

Coffee after Mass

Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Feria

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Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am Mass: Doreen Kimberlin RIP (Mike & Mary)

7.00pm Mass: Father Michael Butler RIP

Thursday: Lenten Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Paddy Jed Heston RIP (McGlone)

Coffee after Mass

4.30pm: Funeral Theresa Jinks Great Glen Crem

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Lenten Feria

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Mass: November Dead List

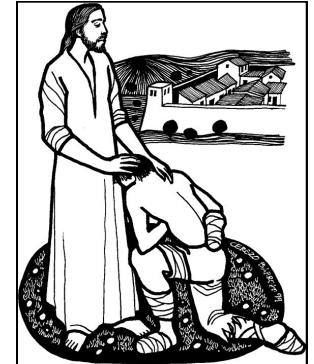
Saturday: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: Paul Sefton RIP (Julie O'Brien)

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

6.00pm Prayer for Good Friday event at Baptist Church



The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 11.00am

5.15pm

FR CHRIS WRITES: Lent is here. On Wednesday! There is Mass on Ash Wednesday both in the Morning (with the school) & Evening. For adults and those not too old, it is a day of Fasting and Abstinence as we begin the Lenten season. We begin this great season of grace preparing for the culmination of our year at easter. There are various things we have as a Parish:

Walk with me booklets: These have a meditation for each day to bolster your prayer. Also available are Activity booklets and a calendar for children.

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 Sundays readings. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacra-

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.



SPUC White Flower appeal 2023: the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is holding its annual appeal on 11th of February and there will be a speaker at the end of mass. There will be coffee and cake sale after Mass. Any cakes would be gratefully received. Parish SPUC group.



Also **40 Days for Life** will have a prayerful witness outside the BPAS abortion centre in Aylestone, Leicester from Wednesday 14th February to Sunday 24th March, and we welcome you to join us, to be part of God's work in stopping abortion in our city. You will never be on your own and you can sign up for one hour or two, whenever you are available (even weekends and evenings). Prayer outside an abortion centre can close it down. If you feel called to this special work call Francisca Martinez in confidence on 07943 711549 for an informal chat, or email leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com You can also directly sign up for hours at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester>

ADC group would like to extend our very sincere thanks for your continued support through the envelope scheme and with your generous donations for Ebaying - both of which have been invaluable and have enabled us to send help to our very deserving charities. We have recently had an update from Father Ed in Peru who is hoping to pay us a visit in Spring to give us an update on his projects there

We have recently been asked to support a small community in Africa by collecting children's clothes to be sent out to Gambia We would therefore be most grateful if you could possibly fill our box in the Cloister with any outgrown or unwanted baby/ child's clothing of any age for us to donate .Many thanks again for all your efforts to help the poor and underprivileged.

World Day of Prayer Service Friday 1st March 2pm St Dionysius Church. Prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. Theme: "I beg you, bear with one another in love". Refreshments after service. All welcome.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK (7th – 14th feb) is an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. A Christian marriage is rooted in faith; that means faith in God as the giver of life and the one who promises eternal life to those who believe in him. SmartLoving provides an online enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable, this course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day. To find out more visit: smartloving.org/marriage-kit (Use code MarriageWeek24 for half price). There is also a resource from our bishops that you can see on the diocese website to help you pray through this week and reflect on the vocation of marriage.

Also we have very good news that we will begin our **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** on the 25th of February at the end of half term. 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.**



We have **the following funerals:** Ann Johnson's funeral will take place on 22nd February at 10.30am. Theresa Jinks funeral will be at 4.30pm at Great Glen Crematorium On Thursday. She is Maggie Spark's sister. Eva Reilly whose funeral will be on Mon 26th February at 10.00am. May they rest in peace.

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: February 2024 Winners: 1st Prize £60 Y Shiers ticket number 69; 2nd Prize £25 A Wade ticket number 213; 3rd Prize £15 S McGlone ticket number 179 May I remind you all that those that pay annually your payment is now due cheques made payable to **THE VICTORY PRIZE DRAW and sent to Keith Shiers 23 Fairfax Road Market Harborough LE16 9JT.**

Our Lady of Victories POST BAZAAR MEETING

This Tuesday 13th February 2024 De Trafford Room. Start 6.45pm

Open to all Stallholders and Volunteers that worked so hard for our last December Bazaar.
General discussion: What went wrong? (if anything) What went right? What could be improved on next time?

Bring your own glass, for a celebratory toast too!!!

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, The Psalms do not always use refined and genteel language, and that they often bear the scars of existence. And yet, all these prayers were first used in the Temple of Jerusalem and then in the synagogues; even the most intimate and personal ones. "The Psalms' many forms of prayer take shape both in the liturgy of the Temple and in the human heart" (Catechism 2588). And thus, personal prayer draws from and is nourished first by the prayer of the people of Israel, then by the prayer of the Church To read the full reflection and find more resources at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available