

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMIES (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority web-site. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting evidence* as required with this form, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.*

THE DIOCESAN CHOIR will reconvene under the baton of the newly appointed Director of Music at Nottingham Cathedral, Peter Siepmann. An initial singing morning is scheduled for **Saturday 31st January**, 11am - 1pm in Cathedral Hall. Singers should register their intention to attend via email to cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk. There will be a second session, devoted to preparing for the annual Chrism Mass, on **Saturday 28th March**.

GIVING IN MARKET HARBOROUGH: Many thanks to all who continue giving to the Parish. For anyone who is new there are Gift Aid Form in the cloister near the wall. Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough RCP** Sort Code: **30 - 95- 47** Account: **00068953**. Just put a note to say it is church donation. If You are a Tax payer you can pick up a gift Aid Form (if you have not completed one) at the Church or email Fr Chris parishpriest@olvic.com and I can send you one by email. We can claim an extra 25% on top of anything you give if you are tax payer. **We are Accepting Contactless Donations.** You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the Cloister. You can also give via the web link: <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-victories-church> or QR Code.



Safeguarding Sources of Support

Safe Places – a free and independent support service that provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with the Catholic Church. Phone 0300 303 1056 Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

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

NAPAC offers support and advice to adult survivors of childhood abuse 0808 8010331

Spiritual Abuse - www.spiritualabuse.com

Action on Elder Abuse Helpline – 0808 808 8141

| <u>January 2026</u> | EUCCHARISTIC | MINISTERS | | |
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| | 6 p.m. | 10 a.m. | | |
| 10/11 January | A Hall | J Shellard | M Douglas | V Winter |
| 17/18 January | J Mugoni | K Crawford | P Green | K Kwacz |
| 24/25 January | B O'Malley | S McGlone | C McInnes | J O'Leary |



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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Parish Gift Aid Organiser: giftaid@olvic.com
Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

11th January 2026
1st Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 1
Year A

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

10.00am Mass: Wilson & Langley Families (Celia)

Coffee after Mass

MONDAY: Feria

9.00am: F. Ward RIP

TUESDAY: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

WEDNESDAY: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Dr Alan Rodgers RIP (Cyprian)

THURSDAY: Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Mary & Felicity (Hill)

Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Feria

10.00am Mass: **Funeral Lorraine Theobald**

SATURDAY: St Anthony

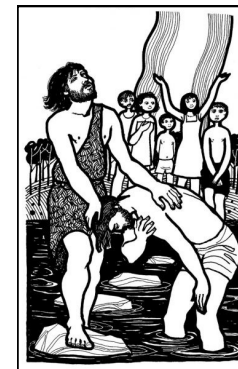
6.00pm Mass: Private Int (Izabella)

SUNDAY: 2nd of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Richard Parker (Crawford)

Coffee after Mass

3.00pm Ecumenical Service at Our Lady's



*As soon as Jesus
was baptised he
saw the Spirit of
God coming
down on him.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

This week end we have the annual 2nd Collection for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund

FR CHRIS WRITES: Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th January – 25th January: **We are hosting the Christian Unity service on 18th January AT 3.00PM here at our Lady's.** It is when we gather to pray for our Christian Unity to be a reality Please come on that Sunday to pray with our brother & Sister Christians.

Sadly **Joan McCabe** died last week. Her funeral will be on 21st January 11.00am Also **Laraine Theobald** died and her funeral will be on Friday 16th January at 10.00am. May they rest in peace.



ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL & RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SPUC on Saturday & Sunday 17/18th January and Coffee and cake Sale after 10.00am Mass. Eileen Hill asks could you please bring a cake to Mass on this day and to buy a cake to take home for your tea! Also in aid of saving the lives of little babies in the womb..

PROLIFE MEETING on Monday 12th January at 2pm. Venue 56 Granville St, Market Harborough. All welcome.



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DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN: The bishop has been consulting about his Plan for the diocese which he is launching in January & February which will form the basis going forward for all our mission going forward and will be built around his three aims of encounter of Christ, discipleship of Christ and mission or evangelisation. But I understand this as well as the PPC he would like each Parish to have a group to engage and have a vision for the Plan. The heart of the Pastoral Plan is about the spiritual renewal of our parishes, chaplaincies and schools, so that we might encourage and make best use of the gifts and talents of more and more people in our attempts over the next five years to become ever more outward-looking and missionary as a diocese.

So we are asked to have 4 representatives from our Parish for the Presentation. One from the PPC and 3 others. It will be on Monday 26th January Mother of God Parish Hall, Leicester, for Leicester and Loughborough Deaneries at 7.00pm. If you would like to come and represent the Parish please speak to Fr Chris.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION . We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion in 2026. Application forms are now available from Fr Chris after any of the Masses. Please return the form by **11 January 2026**. It is for children in year 3 and above, The first meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7.00pm in the Octagonal Hall** when we will introduce the course and give out the plan. The first session for children will take place on Sunday 25th January 2026 from 9.20am - 10.20am and the children will join their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word .

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Continues Tuesday 16th January 7.30pm, TUESDAY: This week. Scripture & Tradition; Times: Assemble 7.30pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.45pm (prompt): Finish 9.00pm (prompt). **All welcome.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will resume next week. For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris or Children's Liturgy team.



LEICESTER 40 DAYS FOR LIFE LAUNCH EVENING is being held at Saint Edward's Parish Hall, 633 Aylestone Road, Leicester LE2 6TF, on **Monday 2nd February** at 7.30pm. Refreshments are included. This evening is especially for those who would like to find out more about the 40 days for Life Prayer Vigil from 18th February - 29th March. For more information contact Maureen at leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester

THE CUBE AGM: Thursday 15th January 7-8.30pm. The Cube Youth and Community Centre, Symington Recreation Ground, St Marys Road, Market Harborough LE16 7DS. This provides a great opportunity to hear about our work and activities over the past year, successes and challenges and also financial report. We will present upcoming plans and initiatives, and staff and trustees will be on-hand to answer questions and outline how groups and individuals can best support our charity in 2026. All are welcome and if you would like to come along then please follow [this link](#) to make us aware of your attendance.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Ladies Midsummer Lunch supporting St Joseph's Academy Thursday 18th June 2026.

THE HARBOROUGH ECO CHURCHES group meets on **Friday January 16th, 7.30pm** at the Methodist Church. This will be an opportunity to share eco news/progress/setbacks from our churches, to learn from each other about how we're doing as we seek to grow awareness of care for God's wonderful creation, and to plan for the coming year. If you would like to come along, you would be very welcome. Or if there is something particular you would like added to the agenda for discussion, please reply to me as secretary of the group.

The synodal parish: **Monday 12th January** at 7.00pm. Join Canon Andrew Cole for the first diocesan **Mission Lab** of 2026. We'll explore how listening, praying and growing together can release your parish for mission, bring a renewed sense of common purpose, and nourish community leadership. Register for the Zoom link at bit.ly/mission-lab

ST JOSEPH'S PTFA is excited to launch our very first online auction, and we would be grateful for your support. The auction runs from **Friday 30 January to Sunday 08 February 2026 at 9:00pm**. To take part, simply **scan the QR code** in this newsletter to view and bid on the items. We have a fantastic range of prizes, including **signed sports memorabilia**, family days out, experiences, vouchers, and unique treats. **Full details of all auction lots are included in the attached catalogue.** Every bid helps raise valuable funds for our children and school community — thank you for your support.

