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# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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12th January 2025  
 3rd Week of Christmastide.  
 Psalter Week 1  
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**MEN'S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES, Monday 31st March – Saturday 5th April** A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

**SCHOOL ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS (Reception Year)** - The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15th January 2025**. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. 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, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). 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. \*If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

**A MEETING OF HARBOROUGH CLIMATE ACTION:** In Octagonal Hall: Market Harborough  
 An active Transport revolution? See poster Wednesday 15th January 2025, 19:30 - 21:00.

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
11/12 January	J Mugoni	F Wilson	V Winter	J Shellard
18/19 January	B O'Malley	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford
25/26 January	A Hall	C McInnes	J O'Leary	S McGlone

<u>READERS</u>			
	<b>Sat. 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
11/12 January	M Atkins	C Reed	C Goddard
18/19 January	J Rowland	D Chappell	B Tyrell
25/26 January	P Green	M Blake	M Douglas

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### Sunday:

6.00pm(Sat) Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Allen Winter RIP

Coffee after Mass

3.30pm: Rosary at Church

### Monday:

9.00am: Oliver's Intentions (Good health) (Izabella's)

### Tuesday:

9.00am Mass: Flint Family RIP

### Wednesday:

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Doreen Cates ints (Peter)

### Thursday:

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Irma Humes RIP (Rowland)

Coffee after Mass

5.00pm: Reception of the Body of Tennyson Fernandes

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### Friday:

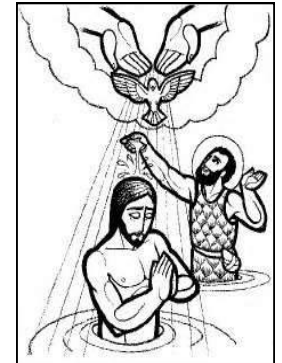
11.00am: Funeral Tennyson Fernandes

### Saturday:

6.00pm Mass: Private Int (Izabella)

### Sunday:

10.00am Mass: Bernadette Spicknell



*While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened*

### CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am & 5.15pm

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18-25th January**  
**Sunday 19th January – United service at Methodist Church at 3.00pm**

**2nd Collection: Sick & Retired Priest fund**  
**This weekend**

**THE JUBILEE YEAR ~ Pilgrims of Hope**, Jubilee Prayer Cards have been printed and are available. A Jubilee year is celebrated every 25 years. It is a year of favour of the Lord. (Luke 4;18-19) and intended as a time of conversion and emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins. We will be having various events during the year to emphasise prayer, the Passion of Christ and our Christian faith as these years also marks the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicea from which came our Creed.



Our prayer will come soon in a series of aids to prayer over the coming Months. We will be having some days of recollection on Some Saturdays during Lent: MARCH 15, 22, 29 APRIL 5 with Fr John Farrell OP. More details to follow.

We have the funeral of **Tennyson Fernandes**. His funeral will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 11.00am and His Body will be received on Thursday evening at 5.00pm. May he rest in peace.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** . We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion in 2025. Application forms are now available from Fr Chris after any of the Masses. Please return the form by **12 January 2025**. It is for children in year 3 and above, The first meeting for parents will take place on **Tuesday 21st January 2025 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 26th January 2023 from 9.20am- 10.20am and the children will join their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word .

**ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN** A copy of Bishop Patrick's letter which was read out inviting our parish to take part in a fundraising initiative aimed at raising funds to help our Diocese in becoming more outward looking and missionary is now available in the cloister. As explained, it **is important that our parish has up to date parishioner contact details**. There will be an opportunity for you to do so this Saturday and Sunday if you were away from the parish last weekend. Please pick up a census form.

**ECUMENICAL EVENTS:: Peace Vigil: Friday 10th January 2025** from 5 – 5.30 p.m. on the Square followed by hot drinks and further thoughts in the Café Space at the Baptist Church, Manor Walk entrance.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** a. **Sunday 19th January – United service at Methodist Church at 3.00pm.** Monday 20th January – prayer meeting at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Victories c. Wednesday 22nd January – Harbourough Anglican Team Zoom prayer meeting. Time to be confirmed. Friday 24th January 2025 – lunchtime prayer meeting at the Baptist Church in the Café Space at 12.30 pm.

**VICTORY PRIZE DRAW:** December was the last ever draw, many thanks for the support over the years. A reminder that all direct debit or standing orders should be cancelled by now. All monies received from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 will be paid into the Church Funds.

**Please see Poster: Gala Evening in Aid of Bower House Monday 13th January 7.45pm: Drama Society Oscar Wilde's An Ideal Husband**

**A YEAR OF HOPE: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.** 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am - midday, online. All are welcome. Register here for free: [cafod.org.uk/jubilee](https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee)

On **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January**, any young adults (18-35) are warmly invited to join **JOEL'S BAR FOR A DAY RETREAT** at Holy Trinity Church, Newark. The day starts at 3.00pm with Mass, followed by a time of worship, supper, a talk and ending in worship. To buy a ticket for just £10, visit: <https://linktr.ee/yaminthedon>

If you would like to deepen your faith, grow in community with other 18-35 years olds as well as engage more fully in your parish then the brand-new **YOUNG ADULT FORMATION COURSE** run by the Diocese of Nottingham is the course for you. For more information contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or sign up at: <https://forms.office.com/e/9qvH5SjRHh>

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE:** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom, **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** please email: [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk), telephone 07887 296983, or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS WEEKEND.** For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris.



**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 Harbourough RCP** Sort Code: **30 - 95- 47** Account: **00068953**. Just put a note to say it is church donation. If You are a Taxpayer you can pick up a gift Aid Form (if you have not completed one) at the Church or email Fr Chris [parish-priest@olvic.com](mailto:parish-priest@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.

**HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION:** We continue our holy Hour on Thursdays: With Exposition from 7.00pm: There will be some meditations and finishing with Benediction about 7.50pm. The Eucharist and the Real presence of our Lord in is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament exposed is a source of special graces. *For families with Children Why not one of the parents come and pray for the whole family for a time during the hour?*