

Young people aged 14-18 are invited to the ASCENT's **ALPHA HOLY SPIRIT DAY** on Saturday 11th July, from 12.30pm until 6.30pm, at The Briars Retreat Centre, Matlock, DE4 5BW. The cost of the Day is £3, and more details are available from esther@theascentuk.co.uk

Across the world, countless men, women and children suffer simply because of the faith they hold dear. In their need, they look to us to be their voice. **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** has launched its first-ever **global petition** on religious freedom, calling on governments and the United Nations to do more to defend the right to believe, and to ensure that those responsible for persecution are held to account. You are warmly invited to stand in solidarity with the persecuted Church by signing this petition and giving witness to the importance of religious freedom for all. Please consider putting your faith into action and adding your voice by scanning the 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

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – **Retrouvaille** could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more, visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or telephone 07973 380443

<u>July 2026</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
11/12 July	A Hall	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary
18/19 July	J Mugoni	J Shellard	A Randle	T Page
25/26 July	B Phillips	A Randle	J Shellard	M Douglas

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
11/12 July	M. Atkins	M. Douglas	M. Blake
18/19 July	J. Rowland	C. Sellechia	R. van der Liet
25/26 July	B. O'Malley	R. Lewin	M. Lewin
1/2 August	M. Furlong	P. Green	J. Thayaseelan
8/9 August	W. Hudson	D. Stonestreet	R. Williams



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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12th July 2026
 15th Week of the year
 Mass p102
 EPII pref 5 p67
 Psalter Week 3

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 15th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: In Thanks (Izabella)
 10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

MONDAY: Feria

9.00am Mass: Roger Lindsay Pollard RIP Anniv (Amelita & Zoe)

TUESDAY: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

WEDNESDAY: St Bonaventure

9.45am: Morning Prayer
 10.00am Mass: Celia Cates RIP (Doreen & Peter)

THURSDAY: Feria

9.40am: Rosary
 10.00am: The Hall Family (McGlone)

Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Feria

10.00am Mass: John Furlong RIP (Mick)

SATURDAY: Feria

6.00pm: People of the Parish

SUNDAY: 16th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: In Thanksgiving (Phil)
 Coffee after Mass

*A sower went
out to sow.*



CONFESSIONS
 Sat 11 am
 5.15am

2nd Collection for Sea Sunday

FR CHRIS WRITES: Our school begins the holidays this weekend and I want to say thank you to all who make our school such a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow up in the Christian faith. I wish Mrs Dabbs and all our staff a wonderful holiday and rest. I always feel that each term or half term is like a Sprint. They are flat out! And Many thanks to all who support the school in so many different ways and of course very importantly all our school governors
May I wish everyone a Blessed summer and a restful few weeks. Also many thanks to our Children Liturgy Team which takes a rest till the new Term.

HOLIDAY AT HOME, a week of activities and entertainment for seniors, 3rd to 7th August, 9.30am to 1.30pm at the Methodist Church. £8 per day, £11 on Friday, two course lunch, tea, coffee and biscuits included. Free transport available. To book ring 01858 410878. If no reply please leave your name and phone number and someone will phone you back.

SEA SUNDAY IS THIS WEEKEND: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

Calling Parish Musicians or those who would like to be. The Diocese of Nottingham is partnering with **ONE HOPE PROJECT** to offer both spiritual and musical formation for parish musicians (or those who would like to be). The course will begin in September but there is an information meeting on Monday 20th July at 7.00pm on Zoom to explore what the programme is and how it can help you. To access the link please email team@onehopeproject.co.uk or visit: <https://bit.ly/OHPNotts26>

Join **MARCH FOR LIFE UK** on **Saturday 5th September** in London for the annual March for Life. Abortion has devastating repercussions for mothers and children, but its wider impact on the family is often overlooked. It can lead to fractured relationships, hidden grief, and guilt. That's why the theme for this year's March for Life is 'Abortion hurts the family'. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy in itself and one that harms the family to its very core. To find out more go to marchforlife.co.uk. There will be a coach going to the march from Nottingham. Tickets are £30 for adults, £10 for under 16s, and £15 for students / unwaged. To reserve places contact Marie: 07948 151264 or marie-langford@live.co.uk

All are invited to a **FAMILY MASS AND PICNIC** at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on **Sunday 13th September**. Bring a chair or picnic blanket, and arrive for Mass at 2.00pm, with a Marian Procession and Adoration too. More details from jnoakes@englishmartyrs.com

Join the Caritas **WORKSHOP FOR EVERYONE** on **Saturday 12th September** at Holy Cross Priory, Leicester. Pope Leo and Pope Francis ask all the baptised to build new relationships in the Church through 'synodality' (walking together). Led by Dr Austen Ivereigh, the workshop runs from 10am until 3pm and will explore practical ways to listen, build relationships and be inspired towards mission. A donation of £20 is suggested to cover costs, though if this amount means you can't come, you are invited to give what you can. Any surplus will be donated to Caritas Nottingham. Book through at <https://bit.ly/synodalityleics> or using the QR code.



A **WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER** for those affected directly or indirectly by abuse in the Church is being offered by the Jesuits between **Sunday 18th and Friday 23rd October**. For more details visit www.jesuitinstitute.org/events

Sadly I just received news that **Pat Weldon** died on Thursday evening May she rest in peace. There will be a Mass for her here on Thursday 23rd at 10.00am with all the family after her cremation in the south. Also Brian Murphy died, May their souls rest in peace

The **NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE** takes place between **Friday 24th and Sunday 26th July**, based on the theme 'Just Talk'. A limited number of places for young adults (18-35) are available at a cost of £150 for the weekend, on a first come first served basis. More details are available on the website: Conference | National Justice & Peace Network

Low-income countries are being pushed into a deepening debt crisis, forced to pay ever higher interest rates to wealthy lenders. Money that should be spent on healthcare and education is flowing out of countries that can least afford it. In 2027, the UK will host the G20, a crucial gathering of the world's 20 most powerful economies. These leaders have the power to fix the global debt system. Please sign **CAFOD's Debt Justice Petition** today and strengthen the call for action from the UK Government: . Please sign on line by visiting CAFOD: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/189582/petition>

WEBELIEVE | Festival of Catholic Life Friday 24–Monday 27 July 2026 | St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham

WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24–27 July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. **Book your tickets at webelievefestival.com**

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 is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament is 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 time during the hour?*

