

YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS THROUGH OCTOBER: Growing up in Liverpool, nearly everyone on my street was Catholic. My mum worked in the presbytery which was like a second home to us. And being part of the community was so important. It wasn't only about going to Mass on Sundays. This has influenced my adult Catholic life with choices made about being active in my parish, volunteering, and work choices I have made. I look forward to meeting with you and hearing some of your stories too! Maggie Mairura will be joining Young Adults at Holy Cross, Leicester, on Thursday 23rd. Join together for prayer, community, and input as well as some great coffee! For more info contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Between **Wednesday 24th September – Sunday 2nd November**. Help save lives in Leicester! You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilisation to Pray and Fast for an end to abortion, by taking part in 40 Days for life in our community, taking place at Across from Aylestone Road Gardens, Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 8PW, between 8.00am and 8.00pm daily. For more details contact Maureen: leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com

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

CAFOD **RUNNERS IN LEICESTER:** Anyone interested in running a half marathon or 10k in Leicester on **Sunday 26th October**, please contact nottingham@cafod.org.uk

BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this Free of Charge, world-renowned course presented online by Mauro Iannicelli. Starting on **Wednesday 1st October** at 7.00pm (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). For information and to register, visit www.comeandsee.org

| <u>SEPT/OCT</u> | <u>EUCCHARISTIC</u> | <u>MINISTERS</u> | | |
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| | 6 p.m. | 10 a.m. | | |
| 11/12 October | S Jones | T Page | A Randle | T Ruane |
| 18/19 October | J Lowe | J Shellard | M Douglas | V Winter |
| <u>READERS</u> | | | | |
| | Sat. 6.00pm | Sunday | 10.00am | |
| 11/12 October | N Williamson | C Reed | C Goddard | |
| 18/19 October | C Baldham | D Chappell | B Tyrell | |



Our Lady of Victories

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12th October 2025
28th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 28th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Shirley Penn (Douglas)

Coffee after Mass

4.30pm: Rosary outside church

MONDAY: Feria

9.00am: Personal Int

TUESDAY: Feria

9.00am Mass: Michael & Christine Douglas Wed Anniv (Ross)

7.15pm: What a catholic believes and why

WEDNESDAY: St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Personal Int

THURSDAY: Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: For Peace

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: St Ignatius of Antioch

10.00am Mass: Greg O'Connor RIP

SATURDAY: ST LUKE, EVANGELIST

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

SUNDAY: 29th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Peter Murphy (Keith & Rose)

Coffee after Mass



*No one has
come back to
give praise to
God except this
foreigner.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

FR CHRIS WRITES: Congratulations to our 14 Candidates for Confirmation who were confirmed by Bishop Patrick on Friday. Thank you to our catechists and helpers, musicians, sacristans and Altar Servers and those who prepared the refreshments. It was a lovely celebration.

Our superb **Market Harborough Brass band Concert** raised £785 for "Young Lives & Cancer charity.

Also we lost 2 priests recently. **Fr Jim Lynch** died on Tuesday 7th October. He served here as an assistant to Fr Willie O'Dowd. Also **Father Frank McLaughlin** died on Saturday, 4th October in Derry. May they rest in peace. Also **Anne Worthington** died at the Willows. She has been with us about 2 years and was a Parishioner at Oadby. She made the tapestry

PRISONERS' SUNDAY - 12th October. We will remember Pope Francis and his call to support prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis, and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity, supports prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. There will be a second collection to support Pact's important work in the year ahead. **Also Prisons Week** goes from 12th – 18th October : **A prayer sheet is available for each day. They need your prayers!**

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest. We are celebrating this on **Friday with a collection next weekend.** Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.



WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Begins Tuesday 14th October 7.15pm

This is the title of a user-friendly course we are setting up in the parish in October. It is for those who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith and what it means to be a Catholic Christian in today's world. It will be of particular interest to those enquiring about the possibility of being received into the Church at Easter 2026. Those who are already members of the Church but would like to engage with others in refreshing their knowledge of the beauty and richness of our Faith are also most welcome on the course. If you are interested please contact (without obligation) Fr Chris or Peter Green (green853@btinternet.com)

After our Meeting **we now have times and dates:**

Course: Evangelium (Catholic Truth Society):

Day of meeting: **TUESDAY**

Times: Assemble 7.15pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.30pm (prompt): Finish 8.45 (prompt)

Commencement: **TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER.** Length of Course: Weekly meetings from October 2025 to March 2026 (inclusive) **NB:** Adjustments will be made as and when necessary.

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE AMONG ALL PEOPLES' Sunday 12 October – Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT with Fr John Farrell OP Using the daily lectionary readings at mass to guide us through the Advent Season. Saturday December 6th, Saturday December 13th, Saturday December 20th. 9.30am (coffee) to 12.30pm (when we share a light lunch together.) There are no charges, but voluntary donations to defer expenses may be given. The meetings will be held in the Catholic Church Hall in Market Harborough.

HARBOROUGH CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING SERVICE (The Bower House) would really like to hear from you if... you would like to volunteer as a support worker you are a professional counsellor or clinical supervisor you have an interest in fundraising or have other skills you'd like to offer. Build your CV, use your skills to help others and be part of a supportive community! Find out more at: bowerhousecounselling.org (01858) 469257 We look forward to hearing from you!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE LEO:

Dear brothers and sisters, the month of October is now approaching, and in the Church it is dedicated in a special way to the Holy Rosary. Therefore, I invite everyone, every day of the coming month, to pray **the Rosary for peace: personally, in the family, in the community.** In particular, the evening of Saturday 11 October, at 18.00 (17.00 English time), we will pray it together here in Saint Peter's Square, during the vigil for the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, also commemorating the anniversary of the opening of Vatican Council II.

"Pray the Rosary with Archbishop John Wilson and The Mark 10 Mission this October. The Rosary Challenge invites you to pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. The Mark 10 Mission has created beautiful online videos for each mystery of the Holy Rosary, led by Archbishop John. To watch the videos and learn more, please visit www.themark10mission.co.uk or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel @themark10mission."

The next **PRIESTLY DISCERNMENT MEETING** will be in Nottingham on **Saturday 18th October.** We will be visiting the Cathedral and the Mary Potter Heritage Centre. To book a place and for more information please email Father Neil at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk

HELPING YOUNG CATHOLICS TO HELP OTHERS: The Catenian Association Bursary Fund gives financial support to young Catholics volunteering to do something wonderful by helping those less fortunate than themselves. Whether this is an individual project, or with others, in a developing country; or travelling to Lourdes to help an assisted pilgrim, we would like to help you to achieve your aim of helping others. If you know someone planning to volunteer in such ways, take a look at <https://catenianbursary.com/> where further information and an application form can be found.