

**THE ST JOSEPH'S PTFA** are holding a summer raffle and thanks to the generosity of a range of companies we have a fantastic range of prizes on offer including lots of amazing days out. If you would like to be in with a chance to win, tickets are £1 each and can be purchased online at [www.pta-events.co.uk/stjosephsptfa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjosephsptfa) Paper tickets can be purchased from the school office.



**THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH** in support of Saint Joseph school MHET will be on Thursday the 12th of June 2025 at Marston Trussell hall at 12:30 tickets are £40. For tickets ease contact Kate Crawford 01858 446873 / 07814629927.

**NOTTINGHAM CATHEDRAL** has received a £1.69M grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore the breathtaking original vision of architect A W N Pugin. Restoring Pugin will revive the Cathedral's east end, and open up this heritage gem to over 20,000 people across our Cathedral city, and diocese. New tech, community activities, educational programmes, and even a video game (!) are all on the way. Read more on the diocesan website ([www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news)) and watch the announcement video on YouTube ([www.youtube.com/@NottsDiocese](http://www.youtube.com/@NottsDiocese)). Please share this great news widely!

**CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK (CSAN)** has recently launched a lived experience survey to better understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap on Catholic families in England and Wales and to explore how parishes are supporting families in need. The responses will contribute to a short report, and insights will inform advocacy work to support families affected by the cap, as well as other financial hardship. To complete the survey, please follow this link: [www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/](http://www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/) before the end of April.

**GIVING IN 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](mailto: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.

	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
12/13 April	J Lowe	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford
19/20 April	B Mugoni	C McInnes	J O'Leary	S McGlone
26/27 April	B O'Malley	T Page	T Ruane	A Randle

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
12/13 April	J Rowland	C Reed	C Goddard
19/20 April	P Green	D Chappell	B Tyrell



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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13th April 2025  
6th Week of Lent  
& Holy Week  
Psalter Week 2

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### Sunday: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP  
10.00am Mass: Tony McLoughlin (Brooks)  
Coffee after Mass

4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

### Monday of Holy Week

9.00am Mass: Jozef & Stefania Fialkowski RIP Anniv  
7.00pm: Confessions

### Tuesday of Holy Week

9.00am Mass: Perpetual Int B  
6.30pm - 8.00pm: Going Deeper Prayer in Kavanagh Room

### Wednesday of Holy Week

11.30am: Chrism Mass at Cathedral  
6.30pm: Confessions

7.00pm: Father Sean Carroll RIP

### MAUNDY THURSDAY - THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper- Clive Blencowe RIP  
Followed by watching till 11.00am

### FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - GOOD FRIDAY

11.00am: Ecumenical Witness of the Easter Story in the Square  
3.00pm: Good Friday Liturgy  
7.00pm: Stations of the Cross  
7.30pm Mass: Confessions

### HOLY SATURDAY

11.00am: Confessions  
12.00noon: Blessing of Easter Food  
8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass: Margaret Mitchell (Duffy)

### Sunday: EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

*There is a retiring Collection for Easter Flowers for those who would like to contribute*



### CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am  
& 5.15pm

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** This weekend we begin Holy Week or the Great week as it is often called. Simply put with Jesus we enter Jerusalem. We seek to take part in the events of our Salvation through our Liturgies in Church and our devotions at home such as a family Stations of the Cross and the rosary. If we are watching television perhaps we could view more religious films on TV or YouTube.. We also try to live the Spirit of the Triduum. These are the three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

We can also give witness this week by placing some branches in our windows or on our door and a cross or crucifix in our window in Holy week and then maybe flowers or white cloth on Easter Sunday or the children could do some drawings!

One of the things I remember from being a child was the sombre solemnity of Good Friday, then the sense of silence and waiting on Holy Saturday looking forward to the joy of the resurrection. We sit by the tomb waiting with Mary, Mother of the Lord. For our family, it was a day of preparation and quiet with no television or radio! Then the great joy of Easter broke forth with the village bells ringing again, the Liturgy and Easter egg hunts in the Garden!

Also well done to our Year 3 & 4 children for their wonderful performance in the Good News of Easter

**PS new Jubilee pray books are available "The prayer of Jesus" Appropriate for Holy week!**

**THE IMPORTANT VOTE FOR ALL MPs** on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>. Right to Life is also distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject. A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available at [www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide). Our MP Neil O'Brien voted against previously we could encourage him to continue or send on the cards to the Prime Minister.

#### **TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK:**

We have planned the times for Holy Week

**Palm Sunday** Sat 6.00pm & 10.00am (with Blessing of Palms and Procession)

**Wednesday:** Chrism Mass 11.30am cathedral

**Maundy Thursday** 7.00pm

**Good Friday:**

Ecumenical Witness: Easter Live on the Square 11.00am

Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

**Holy Saturday:** Confessions 11.00am & Blessing of Easter Food. 12 noon

**Easter vigil:** 8.00pm – First Mass of Easter: Mother of all Masses

**Easter Sunday:** 10.00am

**PS: we need a volunteer to take care of the Fire for Easter vigil and turning on the lights during the Mass.**

Congratulations to **Bishop John Sherrington** on his appointment as Archbishop of Liverpool in succession to Bishop Malcolm. He was a priest of our Diocese.

**EASTER OFFERING:** Traditionally the Easter Offering goes to the Priest of the Parish and forms a major part of his income for the year. Envelopes for the Offering can be found at the back of the Church.

**EASTER LIVE ON GOOD FRIDAY, 18th April, from 11am to 1pm, we will be celebrating the full Easter story on the Square** in ways that are accessible, relevant and fruitful, utilising the creative gifts, skills and talents of the church body in Harborough. There will be live Christian music, street drama, live-testimony, children's activities, prayer ministry, artisan food and drink, give-aways and interactive stalls provided by some of our Christian charities



**ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** Thank you to those of you who have already made your decision, returned your pledge form and supported this extremely important endeavour for our Diocese. Please pick up an update handout for Our Parish £92,538 Pledged to Date towards our target of £135,000. Thank you !

**If you did not receive a pack through the post please pick one up in the Cloister.** <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/mission-enabling-fund>



Our faith is a gift. Holy Week is an opportune time to nourish it. Would you like to **GO DEEP-ER**. Each third Tuesday of the month, we meet in the Kavanagh Room, 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Come along this week, **Tuesday 15th April**. Together, we will say evening prayer, discuss a text and finish with a period of silent prayer.

If you are interested and would like more information, phone 07714 651756 or email [cpblamires@aol.com](mailto:cpblamires@aol.com)

**RED BOXES** It is time once again for the red Missio boxes to be returned for emptying. Could you please leave your boxes in the Sacristy area or hand to Father Chris or to Bob and Chris Shepherd,

They will be returned as soon as possible for you to collect from the table in the cloister. Sincere appreciation to everyone for having a red box - we appreciate that loose change is in short supply these days but over £600 was raised last year. Thank you so much for continuing to support Missio.

**ADC** Many thanks to everyone for helping to support our overseas efforts in providing help for some of the poorest people in the world through donations and providing clothes and goods to be sold on eBay.

The white envelopes for monthly offerings are now available on the table in the cloister. Could we please ask you to remember ADC when you are clearing out your wardrobes and cupboards, or if you are disposing of unwanted goods - items can be left under the table in the cloister or could be collected by arrangement. We are so grateful for your help with the envelopes or by contributing clothes etc which are now our major sources of income for our needy causes. Thank you.