

**JUBILEE FOOD BANK:** You are asked to leave food bank items in the trolleys at various supermarkets when you shop. Henderson Connellan on the High Street, Spar on Coventry Road, Eco Village, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Both Coop supermarkets, B&M, Everyone's Active: leisure centre cf <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/>

**WE HAVE MOST URGENT NEED FOR:** Tinned Fruit; Tinned Sweetcorn; Baked Beans with Sausages; Cereal; Tinned Ham ; Crackers; We also need: UHT milk (whole or semi skimmed); Tinned Red Meat ; Tinned Chicken; Hot Dogs (tins or jars) ; Corned Beef; Tinned Carrots; Dried Potatoes (Smash); Tinned Meatballs; Chicken in Sauce; Small packs of sugar; Microwave puddings; Marmalade; Jam; Tinned Potatoes; Coffee (small jars); Biscuits; Crisps; Tinned Tomatoes; Tinned chickpeas, mixed chilli beans, lentils; Custard; Tinned Rice Pudding; Sachet Meals (pan or microwave); Cordial; Pasta sauce; Fray Bentos pies; Microwave Rice; Tinned Soup; Cup a Soup; Sugar (500g if possible); Tinned Sausages with beans; Tinned Peas; Tinned Vegetarian Meals, such as veggie chilli; Snacks and Cereal Bars; Robinsons minis or similar for families (small squash concentrates); ALPRO yoghurts (long-life, for the shelf not fridge); Tinned red meat, such as tinned mince, Bolognese, stew and chilli. Microwave puddings; Pasta sauce; Peanut Butter; Chicken in sauce; Small cartons of long life milk (for homeless people or someone without a fridge); Meals that do not need cooking (for example John West Fish and rice meals); Sweets, snacks & crisps; Chicken in Sauce; Tinned Pasta; Tea-bags; Tuna; Where possible and available, consider giving tins with a ring-pull as these can also be used for homeless people where the food is appropriate. (E.g., fish, tinned fruit...) **We ask for smaller size items as many people do not have a car and it reduces the weight of the parcel.** **Other Suggested Food Donations:** Mayonnaise; Porridge ; Oats; UHT fruit juice; Microwave rice; Veggie meals (tinned); Tinned meals; Packets of Rice (500g if possible); Packets of pasta; Jars of curry sauce to go with rice; Teabags; Sponge Puddings; Dried fruit; Angel Delight; Small sachets of herbs; Shampoo; Toothpaste; Toothbrushes; Deodorant; Sunscreen (for homeless people in the summer); Shower gel, soap; Feminine products--sanitary towels and tampons.  
*We don't currently need, please do not donate: Baked beans .*

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
13/14 December	J Lowe	M Douglas	V Winter	J Shellard
20/21 December	B Mugoni	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford
27/28 December	M O'Malley	C McInnes	J O' Leary	S Mc Glone

<u>READERS</u>			
	<b>Sat. 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
13/14 December	M Atkins	C Sellechia	R van der Liet
20/21 December	J Rowland	R Lewin	M Lewin
27/28 December	J Rowland	P Green	J Thayaseelan



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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7th December 2025  
2nd Week of Advent  
Psalter Week 2  
Year A

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY: 3rd of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

6.00pm vigil Mass: Tennyson Fernandes RIP  
10.00am Mass: Fr Jim Lynch (Plowright Page family)  
3.00pm: Carol Service  
6.00pm: Reception of the Body Kraeshan Martes  
Coffee after Mass

### MONDAY: Advent FERIA

11.30am School Benediction  
2.00pm: Kraeshan Martes Funeral

### TUESDAY: Advent FERIA

9.00am Mass: November Dead List  
6.30pm: Going deeper

### WEDNESDAY: Advent FERIA

11.00am: Richard Parker (funeral)

### THURSDAY: Advent FERIA

9.40am: Rosary  
10.00am Mass: Michael Gatens Anniv (Taylor)  
Coffee  
7.00pm: Service of Reconciliation with Confessions

### FRIDAY: Advent FERIA

9.30am: School End of Term Liturgy in Church  
followed by refreshments in the Hall

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

### SATURDAY: Advent FERIA

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

### SUNDAY: 4th Sunday of Advent

10.00am Mass: Malcolm Wallace RIP (Maureen)  
Coffee after Mass



*There stands  
among you -  
unknown to you  
- the one who is  
coming.*



**CONFESSIONS**  
**Sat 11 am**  
**5.15am**

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** We are moving closer to the last days of advent which begins on 17th December when we look directly to the Feast of Christmas especially with Mary as we seek to open our hearts to the word made flesh. As you can see there are opportunities for Confession this week with Fr Michael and Fr Peter joining us for confession on Thursday evening.. **Also St Joseph's school invite all parishioners, families and friends are welcome to join them for the Christmas Liturgy in Church at 9:30am on Friday .**

Sadly we have had some deaths recently. **Richard Parker:** his funeral will be on 17th December at 11.00am. Also **Ron Sambrook** whose funeral will be on Monday 22nd December at 10.00am. Also please pray for **Shan Martes, a young** man who died. His funeral is on Monday 15th December at 2.00pm. May they rest in peace.

Our Parish **CAROL SERVICE** organised by the Catenians is scheduled for **Sunday 14th December at 3.00PM** followed by refreshments. St Joseph's children will also be taking part. Come along to take part and listen to the Christmas readings and the wonderful words of the carols.



**THE REPOSITORY** has Diaries, Christmas cards and so on. Buy something Holy as a Christmas Present!

**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 20th:** The Second Part of Advent from December 17th: Now the gospel readings are about events leading up to the birth of Christ; Matthew chapters 1 and 2; Luke chapters 1 and 2. **10.15am for a 10.30am start: finish at 12.30pm** There are no charges, but voluntary donations to defer expenses may be given. Octagonal Hall in Market Har-



**CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS:** We are going to have to have a special service for the Sacrament of reconciliation **on Thursday 18th December 7.00pm**. There will be visiting priests available. Many parishes have the celebrations in advent and lent and it is an opportunity to go to another priest other than the parish priest. We can make it a great opportunity to prepare for Christmas in a special way this year with the sacrament of confession. There will be a little introduction, a couple of prayers and examination of conscience and the blessed sacrament will be exposed while its confessions are heard. Come along and meet the merciful Lord!

**READERS WANTED:** We are about to organise the rota for 2026 for readers at both weekend masses and are inviting anyone who would like to take part in this vital ministry to let us know as soon as possible. We particularly need more readers for Saturday evening at 6.00 p.m. If you are interested please contact Margaret Atkins at church or by email - [margaretatkins52@gmail.com](mailto:margaretatkins52@gmail.com) or telephone, 01858 446369 or give your name and contact details to Fr Chris.

**COLLECTION AT ALL OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES** will be your Christmas gift to Fr Chris. Envelopes available as you come into Church. Thank you in anticipation.

Our faith is a gift. Would you like to **GO DEEPER** and explore its riches. Each third Tuesday of the month, we meet in the Kavanagh Room, **6.30pm - 8.00pm**. Come along this week, **Tuesday 16 December**. 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](tel:07714651756) or email [cpblamires@aol.com](mailto:cpblamires@aol.com)

#### **CHRISTMAS MASSES:**

**Christmas eve:** 6.00pm & 10.00pm. (Preceded by carols 9.30pm)

**Christmas day:** 10.00am:

**St Stephen's day (Boxing day)** 10.00am



**WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY:** will continue after Christmas on 13th January.

**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 2025**. It is for children in year 3 and above, The first meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday 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 25th January 2026 from 9.20am - 10.20am and the children will join their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word .

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

**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 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, 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.

#### **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](mailto: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](http://www.spiritualabuse.com) **Action on Elder Abuse Helpline** – 0808 808 8141