



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

14th January 2024
2nd Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2

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A REGISTER OF CHURCH VOLUNTEERS: Many thanks to all who have completed their forms. Any last volunteers to fill out your details? Registration forms are now available in the Narthex or by email. Who does this apply to? Really anyone who helps in any way in the Parish! From Church Cleaner, flower arranger reader, Coffee volunteer, church collection Bazaar Offertory PPC, welcomer and so on.. You can also receive the form by email from parishpriest@olvic.com **PS Just one form is necessary for all your roles in the parish.**



HOLY COMMUNION 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?*



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School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15th January 2024**. 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.

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
6/7 Jan	N Williamson	C. Reed	K. Lilley
13/14 Jan	C. Baldam	C. Sellechia	R. van der Liet
20/21 Jan	J Rowland	R Lewin	M Lewin
27/28 Jan	J Snaith	P Green	J Thayaseelan

FINANCE	7 January
Envelopes	£472.00
Loose	£249.46
Standing Order	
Total	£721.46

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 2nd of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Estelle (Stella) Yarsley RIP

Coffee after Mass

3.30pm Rosary

Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Bernie & Mark 40th

Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: St Anthony

10.00am Funeral of Josephine Evans

Thursday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Father Patrick Egan

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Friday

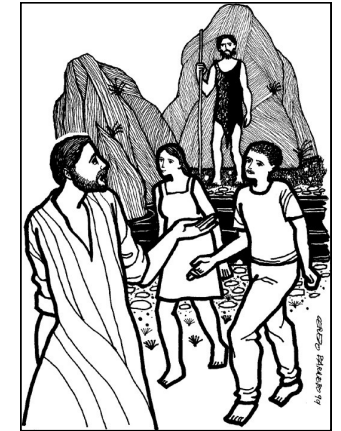
7.00pm Mass: Mirek Nowakowski RIP Anniv

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Frank Criss Anniv RIP



*They saw where
he lived, and
stayed with him.*

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 11.00am
5.15pm

2nd Collection for sick & Retired Priests Fund

FR CHRIS WRITES: As some people have expressed a wish to have a better knowledge of the new sung liturgy at 6.00pm Mass which we also hope to use at 10.00am from time to time.. This is the setting in the Mass books which every Parish should know. It is the English version of the Latin chant. Margaret Griffin has suggested that we repeat what was carried out a few years ago in order to learn the *German Mass*. Those interested would need to gather in the music loft and rehearse the sung items at the organ until they are confident enough to lead the singing during Mass. It is not certain yet which evening of the week this will take place, but will be confirmed in due course.

THE WEEKLY ROSARY GROUP meets every Sunday 3.30-4pm outside in front of the statue of Our Lady praying especially for Peace & Reconciliation in Society. Contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115.

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: Winners January 2024 Draw: 1st Prize £60 A Brisley ticket number 19; 2nd Prize £25 T Connolly ticket number 253; 3rd Prize £15 A Burgess ticket number 41. May I remind you all that those that pay annually your payment is now due cheques made payable to **THE VICTORY PRIZE DRAW and sent to Keith Shiers 23 Fairfax Road Market Harborough LE16 9JT.**

The diocese is producing a **monthly podcast for the Year of Prayer** called **Encounter Prayer**. Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, Second Sunday of the Year: Prayer is dialogue with God; and every creature, in a certain sense, "dialogues" with God. Within the human being, prayer becomes word, invocation, hymn, poetry... The divine Word is made flesh, and in each person's flesh the word returns to God in prayer. To read the full reflection and find more resources at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Arrangements for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:
Friday 19th January – Prayer Meeting at 12.30pm at Baptist Church
Monday 22nd January – Prayer Meeting at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Parish Room (Kavanagh).
Wednesday 24th January – Zoom prayer meeting led by Harborough Anglican Team at 7.00pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We shall gather on Sunday 7th January for a further planning meeting Fr. Chris



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH EASTER EVENT 2024 WORSHIP AND

PRAYER NIGHTS: On Good Friday 2024, we will be sharing the full Easter story of Jesus with our community on Good Friday, in ways that are accessible, relevant and fruitful, utilising the creative gifts, skills and talents of the church body in Harborough. To support this event there will be a series of worship and prayer nights, where brothers and sisters in Christ from across the churches in the town gather together to seek the Lord together, to intercede and pray over the town together, and to ask God to move in power at the event itself. Your support and participation in these nights will have a real impact for the Gospel in our town, so please put these dates in the diary and please do all you can to be there and be involved in this exciting work for the Gospel. Thank you. Revd Christopher Brown (Pastor, MHBC).



WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #1 Sunday 21st January, 6pm Market Harborough Baptist Church 25 Coventry Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9BX www.mhbaptistchurch.org; admin@mhbaptistchurch.org; 07415 005775

WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #2: Sunday 18th February, 6pm; Location TBC.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #3: Sunday 24th March, 6pm. Market Harborough Community Church 121 Bath Street, Market Harborough, LE16 9JL
www.harboroughcommunitychurch.org.uk officehcc121@gmail.com; 01858 434906

CAFOD: The Church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church? Which aspects of Church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? **CAFOD**, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give some time and join in its mission. Could you help in your parish, inspiring our Church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Maybe you could raise a voice and campaign for justice, or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Roles are flexible to meet your availability, and full training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with Will, the local CAFOD worker, on wcruddace@cafod.org.uk or 07710 094455. Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion in 2024. Please return the form by **14 January 2023**. It is for children in year 3 and above, The first meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday 17th January 2024 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 21 January 2023 from 9.20am- 10.20am and the children will join their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word.

It's called **DDPY FITNESS CLASS**. Suitable for all ages and is a combination of body weight exercises, callisthenics, stretching and strengthening. No equipment required. All ages and abilities welcome and it will be open to parishioners with a donation to the church for each class. Wednesdays 6-7pm. Starting 10 January. Contact Sean Downey for more details: 07766054754 Seangdowney@hotmail.co.uk