



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

15th December 2024
3rd Week of Advent
Psalter Week 3
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SCHOOL ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS (Reception Year) - The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15th January 2025**. 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.

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

NOV/DECEMBER	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
7/8 Dec	M O'Malley	T Ruane	A Randle	T Page
14/15 Dec	B Mugoni	J Shellard	V Winter	F Wilson
21/22 Dec	A Hall	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
28/29Dec	S Jones	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes.

FINANCE	28/11/24	READERS			
Envelopes	£222.07		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
Loose	£238.07	7/8 Dec	N Williamson	C Reed	----
Total	£460.14	14/15 Dec	C Baldham	C Sellechia	R van der Liet

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete

6.00pm Mass: Joe McKilvenny RIP (Griffin)

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass

3..00pm: Catenian Parish Carol Service

Monday:

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

11.30am: School Benediction after Adoration followed by refreshments in Hall

Tuesday: Advent Feria

7.00pm Mass: Shaun Scott – months Mind

Wednesday: Advent Feria

9.00am Mass: Michael Gatens RIP (Taylor)

10.00am: Montessori pre school Nativity

Thursday: Advent Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Charles Thomas RIP (Jopling)

Coffee after mass

7.00pm: Penitential Service: Confessions with Visiting priests

Friday: Advent Feria

9.30am: School Christmas Liturgy in Church

7.00pm Mass: Malcolm White (Maureen)

Saturday: Advent Feria

6.00pm Mass: Phil Danks

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish



What must we do?

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am & 5.15pm

Retiring Collection for flowers this weekend

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 **Christmas Liturgy in Church at 9:30am on Friday 20th** and for refreshments afterwards in the Octagonal Hall.

Also we are looking forward to the upcoming Jubilee for 2025. More to follow on that. This week we have a letter from the Bishop about the Mission of the Diocese and the **Mission enabling fund Appeal** which has been launched in the diocese and will be in our Parish in the New year. We also have a Census to update our records and make sure they are correct at the end of Mass.

REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards dairies and so on are available in the Repository.

CHRISTMAS MASSES as Christmas falls on Wednesday this year
Christmas eve: 6.00pm & 10.00pm. (Preceded by carols 9.30pm)
Christmas day: 10.00am:
St Stephen's day (Boxing day) 10.00am

CONFESSION FOR CHRISTMAS: We are going to have to have a special service for the Sacrament of reconciliation **on Thursday 19th 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!

Our Parish **CAROL SERVICE** organised by the Catenians is scheduled for **Sunday 15th 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.



We have the funeral of **Margaret Knowles.** Her funeral will be Monday 23rd December at 10.00am. May she all rest in peace

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: Final Draw December 2024 Winners:

1st Prize £90 J Masding ticket number 107;
2nd Prize £50M Joplin ticket number 14; 3rd Prize £30
G Cottrell ticket number 221

This was the last ever draw many thanks for the support over the years.

A reminder that all direct debit or standing orders should be cancelled by now. All monies received from 1st January 2025 will be paid into the Church Funds.

COFFEE AFTER MASS ON THURSDAYS AND SUNDAYS: Thank you for your support, your donations have enabled us to give to the following charities this year: Aid to Developing Countries, Bower House Christian Counselling Service, Cube Youth Club, SVP, Pro-Life and flowers for the Church at Easter & Christmas. We are looking for new volunteers to help on the Coffee Rota. Thank you. Please contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115..

READERS WANTED: I shall soon be compiling the Readers' Rota for 2024. Please would anyone who would like to read at Saturday evening or Sunday morning mass please give their name and contact details to Fr. Chris or Margaret Atkins. If you don't catch me at church, email or call me on margaretatkins52@gmail.com or 01858 446369." All volunteers in the church have to complete a volunteer form as part of our duty of care to each other.

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

Join **CAFOD** online on **Saturday 18th January 2025** from 10.30am until 12.00 noon for **Get Jubilee Ready**, a general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years are all about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church, and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY continues now at the 10.00am Mass. For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris.



Just letting you know that St Joseph's Catholic Academy PTFA are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! You can find our easyfundraising page by scanning the QR code and searching for "St Joseph's Catholic Academy PTFA" or clicking <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=364722&invite=zjz2pi&referral-campaign=c2s>



A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Third Sunday of Advent: Very often it happens that we do not pray, we don't feel like praying, or many times we pray like parrots, with the mouth, but our heart is not in it. This is the moment to say to the Spirit: "Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, to look to the Son. Teach what the path of faith is like. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope." To read the full reflection and find more resources www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available