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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

BOWER HOUSE: The next Bower House fundraising event is a Fashion Show on Friday 27th March at Market Harborough Congregational Church. This will showcase lots of lovely clothes at discount prices from High Street Stores such as... Marks and Spencer's, White Stuff, Next, New Look, and more! Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Tickets are £15 and include a glass of bubbles and sweet and savoury nibbles. Please contact Jane on 07708376524 to secure your ticket for a very fun evening.

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

GIVING IN MARKET 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 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.



Jan/Feb 2026	EUCARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
14/15 Feb	J Lowe	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
21/22 Feb	B Mugoni	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
14/15 Feb	M Mihovilovic	J Thayaseelan	P Green
21/22 Feb	M Atkins	C McHugh	S McGlone
28/1 March	J Rowland	B Tyrell	D Chappell
7/8 March	P Green	M Douglas	M Blake
14/15 March	N Williamson	C Sellechia	R Van der Liet



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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Parish Gift Aid Organiser: giftaid@olvic.com
Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 6th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Coffee after Mass

MONDAY: Feria

9.00am: Personal Int

TUESDAY: Feria

9.00am Mass: Jerome Mostyn RIP

WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am: November Dead List

7.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

THURSDAY: Lenten Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Lenten Feria

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Mass: November Dead List

SATURDAY: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: Betty Ruane RIP Anniv

SUNDAY: 1st of Lent

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass



You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you.

CONFESIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

FR CHRIS WRITES:

Lent begins this week on Wednesday with the Mass of Ash Wednesday. Masses are at 10.00am and 7.00pm. It is a day of Fasting And Abstinence.

LENT ACTIVITIES: Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass

Holy Hour with Benediction: Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm with a meditation on next Sunday's readings. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration. Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

Also **walk with me Booklets** are available £2. They have a meditation for each day of Lent. A chance to come closer to Christ through the Word of God.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 27th February

We have a special deanery Mass with Bishop Patrick on **Thursday 26th February, 7pm, with Confessions and Adoration from 6pm at Holy Cross, Wellington St Leicester**

WHEN YOU CONSIDER WHAT TO GIVE UP THIS LENT,, also plan for what you'll replace it with... Because every time we say "no" to something, we're saying "yes" to something else — even if we don't realize it. **Here are things you can say "yes" to while you say "no" to what you're giving up:**

If you're giving up social media: Replace it with reading the daily Mass readings, or a daily devotional, or replace it with listening to a podcast ([like ours](#) or the [Bible in a Year](#) podcast).

Text a friend about what you're reading. Put a picture of a short prayer as the background of your phone and pray it every time you reach for it. **If you're giving up podcasts, tv shows, or movies:** Replace it with watching or listening to Catholic talks that help you grow in your faith life, like our online Pray More Novenas' [Lenten Retreat](#), or [Formed videos](#), or daily homilies you can find online. Take the time you would have spent watching a show and pray the [Rosary](#) or the [Divine Mercy Chaplet](#), or visit the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.

Join Young Adults from across the diocese of Nottingham to enter more deeply into prayer this Lent with **SYCAMORE'S 'LEARNING TO PRAY THIS LENT'**. Just bring yourself, a bible, and a hot drink of your choice (unless you're fasting!). With lots of practical tips, wisdom from the bible, stories from the saints, and advice about common difficulties people face when praying. To sign up head to: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/yasycamore see poster.

We keep in our prayers Conor Calleja, a young man of 20 years who died in Lincoln. He was a pupil of St Joseph's and a member of our Parish. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 25th February 10.00am**. We pray for his family. May he rest in peace.

Would you like to **GO DEEPER** to explore the riches of our faith. Each third Tuesday of the month, we meet, 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Come along this week, **Tuesday 17th February**. Together, we will say evening prayer, then discuss a text and finish with a period of silent prayer.' Our venue is 130, Burnmill Road.

THE NEW YEAR BOOKS £6 are available: It has all the normal details of Parish Priests and organisations as well as Articles.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN 2026 to 2030 called "Go make disciples". This plan will form the framework and inspiration for our parish going forward and is built upon the bishops 3 aims of encountering Christ ever more deeply glad growing in discipleship that is to say in our following of Christ and mission that is in sharing our faith in our daily lives in various ways.

The heart of the Pastoral Plan is about the spiritual renewal of our parishes, chaplaincies and schools, so that we might encourage and make best use of the gifts and talents of more and more people in our attempts over the next five years to become ever more outward-looking and missionary as a diocese. I hope to form a group of parishioners – a mission team-interested in engaging and seeing how this plan can form our way forward and inspire and renew our Parish. The complete plan and a Summary are available at <https://gomakedisciples.uk/> as well as the Bishop's Pastoral letter. There are some paper copies of the Summary in church.

The 4 diocesan priorities are:

1. Taking practical steps to bring to life the vision for Encounter (growth in prayer; discipleship (supporting ongoing conversion); and mission (nurturing witness of life) supported by the Eucharist and greater openness to the Holy Spirit.
2. Equipping the laity to work alongside the clergy in renewing parishes for mission
3. Equipping and supporting our clergy
4. Aligning diocesan and parish infrastructure and resources to the Pastoral Plan for mission.

LENT LUNCHES: Friday Feb 27th - 27th March. Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church. 12.30pm. A time of prayer followed by Lunch Theme. God's Word: our greatest treasure and our deepest delight.

SOUP MAKERS (AND BAKERS) WANTED. The Lent ecumenical Friday lunchtime services start on Friday 27th February, continuing for the following four weeks and, this year, OLV is the host church which means that, as well as providing the soups, we must also supply cakes each week. We had a good response, last year, to our appeal for soup makers but would still be glad to hear from anyone else who feels able to do this. It spreads the load and ensures a good variety of flavours. All expenses are reimbursed. You don't have to attend on the day. We can arrange a collection.

We also need to hear from cake makers please. This is a Lent lunch so items that can be cut fairly small are preferable, but whatever is your speciality will be welcome.

For more information (with no commitment at this stage) please contact Margaret Atkins, 01858 446369 or margaretatkins52@gmail.com.

ECUMENICAL EVENTS: Worship and Prayer nights. In preparation for the Good Friday Event on the Square.

World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March at Harborough Community Church at 2pm. Service written by the Christian Woman from Nigeria. Theme, I will give you rest, come. All welcome. **Sunday 29th March at 5pm**, Harborough Community Church. All welcome.

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Continues Tuesday 10th February : This week: Marriage & Holy Orders; Times: Assemble 7.30pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.45pm (prompt): Finish 9.00pm (prompt) .All welcome.