

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	14/15 May	N Williamson	P. Green	M. Douglas
	21/22 May	M. Atkins	T. Snell	M. Lewin

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:

Returning to Mass at Pentecost An invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales *This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)*

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.”

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgement that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. “Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives. Approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference Friday 6th May 2022



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

15th May 2022
Fifth Week of Eastertide
Psalter Week 1

Parish Priest: Fr. Chris O'Connor
Tel: House: 01858 462359
Email: parishpriest@olvic.com
Convent: Presentation Sisters 01858-462432
Parish Website: www.olvic.com
Safeguarding: safeguarding@olvic.com

Schools:
Parish Primary: St. Joseph's Academy 01858-465359.
Deanery Comprehensive: St. Paul's 0116 241 4057
Parish Accountant: finance@olv.com
Parish Gift Aid Organiser: giftaid@olvic.com
Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board
Diocese of Nottingham: Company Number 7151646 Charity Number: 1134449
Registered Address: Wilson House, 25 Derby Road, Nottingham, NG1 5AW

Times of Services

Sunday: 5th of Eastertide

Sat. 6.00pm: Mongan Family Ints
9.00am Mass: Dr John Chong RIP
11.00am Mass: People of the Parish
4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

Monday: Sts Philip & James, Apostles

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Easter Feria

10.00am Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Wednesday: Easter Feria

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Thursday: Easter Feria

10.00am Mass: Mary & Philip Danks (O'Malley)
Coffee after Mass

Friday: Easter Feria

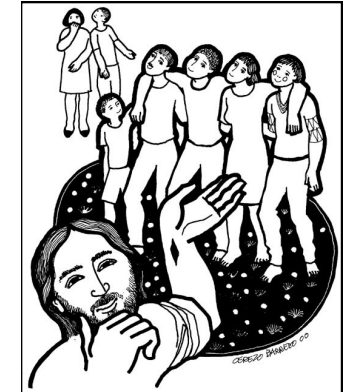
7.00pm Mass: Bill Brown RIP (family)

Saturday: Easter Feria

6.00pm Mass: Alex & family Ints (First Communion)

Sunday: 6th of Eastertide

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Nellie & Martin Grogan RIP



*I give you a new
commandment:
love one another.*

CONFESSIONS

11am &
5.15 -5.45pm
Saturdays

PLEASE NOTE: Booking is no longer needed for Masses. However, please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection

FR CHRIS WRITES: You will see in the Message from the Bishops of England and Wales that they are reintroducing the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days from Pentecost onwards. Of course, Sunday Mass is a joy and something we should feel the need of: to worship God and to receive his grace. It is vital for our lives as Christians and of course a serious duty to God as our Creator, sustainer, and redeemer. I want to remind people, however, that it is a reasonable obligation. As the Bishops say that there can be things that dismiss this obligation such as health, the call of Charity, fear for one's health and so on. This has always applied. In our Mass we celebrate together in a most special way as the People of God and the Body of Christ.



Also in this month of May we pray the Rosary for the Family and peace as the Holy father has asked us to do: specially for the Ukraine and people still suffering from the Pandemic.

.WELCOMING Thank you so much to those who have volunteered so far. We are however still short of volunteers to welcome at both the Saturday evening and Sunday 11am Masses. Please do consider helping out if you are able. Please contact Beatrice (01858 465492) or Theresa (07748 591398) if you would like to chat to us about it, or email tootskendrick@sky.com Thank you.

OUR LADY'S FLOWER CIRCLE: We are hoping to restart our rota for arranging flowers in church. If you are interested in helping, would you please contact either Pauline Bebb tel 01858 682897 or Mary Penney 01858 440603

Also could People bring in their **Red Mission Boxes** for emptying. If anyone would Like a box please let myself or Christine Shepherd know



Bishop Patrick warmly invites people from across the diocese to Saint Barnabas Cathedral on **Thursday 2nd June** for **HAPPY AND GLORIOUS**, a musical celebration to mark the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen. Tickets for the evening are available at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/jubilee Come and join HM's Lord Lieutenant and other guests as we give thanks to God for The Queen. Tickets start at £8.00 and include a glass of wine/soft drink in the beautiful Cathedral gardens during the interval. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW WINNERS: 1st Prize £70 D Morgan ticket number 38; 2nd Prize £30 J Masding ticket number 105; 3rd Prize £20 M Naef tickets number 75. Winnings are sent by letter, if you haven't received your letter, I may have the wrong address please contact Keith Shiers on 07814419322 thank you.

MARKET HARBOROUGH EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUNDRAISER: Ladies Lunch Returns!!! Ladies Lunch Marston Trussell Hall June 23rd 12.30pm £37.50 / ticket All money raised to go to St. Joseph's Catholic Academy. For tickets please Contact Kate Crawford Tel 01858 446873 please leave a message if there's no answer.

THE BOWER HOUSE JUBILEE COFFEE MORNING: Please join us for this special event with cakes, bacon rolls, a huge celebratory tombola and live music at the Market Harborough Theatre. Saturday 21 May 9.00am-12 noon.

On Saturday 21st May 11am until 3:30pm, St Joseph's PTFA will be hosting their summer fundraising event **ST JOE'S FEST** in the school playground (access will be via Nelson Street). Entry is free and there will be lots of great family stalls such as face painting, a tombola and bouncy castle, as well as a BBQ, cake stall and refreshments. There will also be a raffle drawn on the day and raffle tickets can be purchased from the school office in advance or on the day. Please come along and support our fundraising efforts, see the wonderful improvements that have been made recently within our school and socialise with family and friends.

"I was in Prison..." on **Saturday 21st May** will be a lively and nourishing day to listen to the lived experience of prisoners and their families, and discover simple ways you can help individually or as a parish. Pact, the Catholic prison charity, are joining forces with Caritas for the conference at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell, Nottingham. The day will include Bishop Patrick, the work of Pact, prison chaplains, and the Welcome Directory. More information at bit.ly/iwasinprison or email parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk

PRO LIFE GROUP: are going to host a Sunday Coffee & Cakes after the 11.00am Mass on May 15th in aid of SPUC Little feet

A **LGBT+ PASTORAL MINISTRY MASS** will be celebrated by the Bishop on **Saturday 21st May** at 1.00pm in Our Lady and Saint Joseph's church, Matlock (DE4 3NG). All are very welcome.

Parishioners can be part of the Church's response by giving to **CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal** at cafod.org.uk/Ukraine.



Bookings are now open for the **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** – under the leadership of Bishop Patrick, from Monday 4th until Friday 8th July. Full details are on the Tangney Tours website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham>, or for more details contact Father Simon Gillespie: simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk

ALTAR SERVERS: Starting this weekend Fr Chris has agreed we can trial a 'get back to normal' experiment for Altar Servers. So, no rota from me until further notice, just come along to whichever mass you want and let's see how we get on. Also, please feel free to come along every weekend, or easy yourself back into things your own way. No pressure, we are just happy to have you back. To keep everyone safe please make sure you are Covid free and if in any doubt leave it until you feel 100%. Thanks again to everyone and Stay Safe. Dave Percival M: 07981 205861 E: dave.percival@ntlworld.com

JUBILEE FOOD BANK: You are asked to leave food bank items in the trolleys at various supermarkets when you shop. Refill Revolution at the Eco Village, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Both Co-op supermarkets, B&M, Nationwide, Coop, Great Glen of <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/> **Shopping List:** We are out of certain items. We have run out of: Tinned Fruit Corned beef Sweet corn. We are very short of: Custard, Pasta sauce, Sugar, We **do not** need more of: Other beans (red kidney beans, chickpeas...) Biscuits

