



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

16th June 2024  
11th Week of Ordinary Time.  
Psalter Week 3

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**General election with CAFOD and SVP:** we are encouraged to pray in the run up to the election, and to engage directly with election candidates using principles of Catholic Social teaching. Engagement could be by speaking to candidates on the doorstep, attending a hustings event, or sending letters/emails. Resources for all of these actions are available [here](#) (and may be in paper form in your parish). If you'd like to eat cake and write letters/send emails to candidates in a friendly informal setting, please join members of Caritas Leicester and Leicestershire at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at St Joseph's, Uppingham Road, Leicester. Please bring your own laptops/phone/pen and paper- we'll provide refreshment, ideas and candidate information. Cf is <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/campaign-with-us/a-year-of-encounter-call-for-action-with-your-parish-at-the-general-election>

**YOUTH 2000** provides retreats, formation and opportunities for young adults aged 18-35 to encounter Jesus in the Heart of the Catholic Church. The **Youth 2000 Summer Festival** will take place this year in the beautiful grounds of Ampleforth Abbey from **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> until (bank holiday) Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August**. More information on this gathering and all of Youth 2000 events are available at [www.youth2000.org/events](http://www.youth2000.org/events) Do consider whether you think you might benefit from participating.

This year's **NEW DAWN PILGRIMAGE** will take place from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August** at the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. New Dawn is a family event with a programme of Liturgy, Sacraments, praise and worship, keynote speakers, workshops, children/youth ministries and more. Further information can be found at [www.newdawn.org.uk](http://www.newdawn.org.uk)

**CONFIRMATION 2024:** We are due to prepare our children for Confirmation. We aim to do this every three years. I am hoping that Bishop Patrick will come in the Autumn in October. I would like to get a group together who might be interested in helping with catechesis, If you would like to help please contact or email Fr Chris. We are also looking for an organiser for this. [Parishpriest@olvic.com](mailto:Parishpriest@olvic.com) As for all these roles we need to do a DBS



<u>JUNE</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ROTA</u>	
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
15/16 June	M O'Malley	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary
22/23 June	S Jones	T Ruane	J Shellard	T Page
29/30 June	J Lowe		V Winter	F Wilson

<u>FINANCE</u>	<u>9/06/24</u>	<u>READERS</u>			
Envelopes	£254.06		<b>Sat. 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
Loose	£271.98	15/16 June	M Mihovilovic	M Blake	M Douglas
<b>Total</b>	<b>£526.04</b>	22/23 June	N Williamson	K Lilley	C Reed

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### Sunday: 11th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Matthew Liddle RIP

(MH education Trust)

Coffee after Mass

4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

### Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Ward F. RIP (Int A)

### Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Bernadette Spicknell RIP

### Wednesday: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Donal & Mary O'Connor (Maureen)

### Thursday: Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Bill Hill RIP (Ruane)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### Friday: St Aloysius Gonzaga

7.00pm Mass: Christy Malony RIP (Cath)

### Saturday: Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

### Sunday: 12th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Norman Phillips RIP (Phillips)

**Day for Life 2nd Collection this weekend**



*It's the smallest  
of all the seeds;  
yet it grows into  
the biggest shrub  
of them all.*

### CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am &  
5.15pm

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** I want to say congratulations to our Children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. May they and their families receive many graces in the years to come. A big thank you to Maureen Sean and Maggie who prepared the Children for this great moment, also to Bernadette who prepared the celebration and our music group for their singing.

Our condolences go to the family of **Ricky Varela** from Hallaton. His funeral will take place at great Glen crematorium on 3 July 10.30am. Also **Aldona Velickiene** died this week in Lenthall house.

**NEXT WEEK WE HAVE DAY FOR LIFE WITH A SECOND COLLECTION:** The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. The theme is The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives.

Pope Francis prays that through their reflection on the theme “The Lord is my shepherd – compassion and hope at the end of life”, this public testimony will encourage a deeper understanding of the precious gift of life and a greater desire to protect the most vulnerable from a culture that would pressure them into ‘assisted suicide’, which is falsely presented as a form of compassion. It is likewise his hope that those nearing the end of their earthly journey will recognise the immense value of their lives, experience the comforting presence of Jesus and their loved ones, receive dignified care and trust deeply in God’s promise of eternal life.

Also The Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales has published some frequently asked questions, and some further information, about **Assisted Suicide**. Further details can be found at [www.cbcew.org.uk/faqs-assisted-suicide/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/faqs-assisted-suicide/). This is being pushed continuously and we must keep ourselves informed.

**DIOCESAN DAY FOR FAMILIES** - This great annual celebration is next **Saturday (22<sup>nd</sup> June)** at Trinity School in Nottingham. Join Bishop Patrick and families from across the diocese for a great FREE day celebrating family life and the Year of Prayer. There are workshops with ideas for praying as a family, Mass, cultural food and a BBQ and lots of entertainment, games and activities for all ages. Book your place at: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/diocesan-families-day-2](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/diocesan-families-day-2)

#### **CHILDREN’S LITURGY continues this week**

Registration forms are available from Fr Chris



**CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS:** A virtual information session about being a foundation governor in one of our Catholic schools is taking place on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June** from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. See the poster on the parish notice board, or contact: Julie Sweeney at [julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)

**RED BOXES and ADC:** Many thanks to everyone for your continued support for the Missio Red Boxes and for our ADC group. It is now time once again **for the Red Boxes** to be emptied so we would be most grateful if you could leave your box on the table in the Cloister and then collect it the following week ( or two!).

Our **ADC** group is rapidly decreasing in numbers and capability so our fundraising efforts are now minimal. We do however still try to raise money for our various groups around the world by selling your unwanted clothes etc. so if you are discarding your winter wardrobe or offloading last year’s summer clothes to make more space, please remember our box under the table in the Cloister and help to fill it at your convenience so that we can help those in need. Your giving in this way has been absolutely invaluable over the past few years and has enabled us to keep sending donations to our very needy causes. Again we offer our most sincere thanks to all who are supporting the poor and underprivileged in our world through the above agencies.

If you would like to help by taking a Red Box ( or the White Envelopes for ADC) or need any further information about Missio or ADC, please see Father Chris or Bob and Chris Shepherd. Thank you so very much.

**'GOING DEEPER** Do you want to go deeper into your Catholic spiritual life and prayer life? A monthly 'Going Deeper' gathering will continue on **Tuesday 18 June at 6.30pm** and continue thereafter on the third Tuesday of the month. It will be in the Kavanagh Room. The main components of the meeting will be: the evening prayer of the Church; discussion of a classic text on prayer by one of the great spiritual teachers, a period of silent prayer. The plan is to finish around 8pm. For more information, email Cyprian Blamires on [cpblamires@aol.com](mailto:cpblamires@aol.com) or phone him on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756.'

**GENERAL ELECTION 2024:** Consider how to vote at the **General Election (4<sup>th</sup> July)**: some thoughts from the Bishops of England and Wales about **Life Issues**. Despite advances in healthcare over the last few decades, increasing threats have developed to the life of the unborn and those who are suffering or close to the end of life. Each year there are over 200,000 abortions in the UK; it remains the case that both disability and sex are deemed as legitimate reasons for abortion. Some disabled children can be aborted up to birth. It is possible that, in the next parliament, there will be further moves to liberalise abortion up to birth for all babies. Debates are also ongoing regarding the legalisation of assisted suicide (often called assisted dying), which, in practice, could put the sick and vulnerable at risk. Our faith offers us a more hopeful and positive view of human life – that everyone has an intrinsic value from conception to natural death and beyond to eternal life. We are called to love, care for and cherish all life as a gift from God, especially the lives of the most vulnerable. It is important that we work together to promote a society where everyone can flourish. Jesus came that we may have life and have it abundantly (see John 10:10b) and this applies to every member of society. For more information visit: [General Election 2024 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/General-Election-2024-Catholic-Bishops-Conference)

**THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH:** Tickets are now Sold out Many thanks for your support. (MHET)