

**CHURCH FLOWER ROTA:** We are hoping to find someone who would be willing to organise the rota of volunteers who arrange flowers in church. If you can help please contact Pauline Bebb (07715624012) or Mary Penney (07790883361).

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMIES (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022.** The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. 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, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); 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

As Advent approaches you are warmly invited to take some quiet time for reflection, prayer, and renewal with **Father Chris Thomas**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, reflecting on the **FIGURES OF ADVENT**: the prophets, Mary, Joseph, and John the Baptist, whose faith, courage, and hope prepared the way for Christ's coming. The Retreat is being held at the Presentation Sisters Convent, Chesterfield Road, Matlock DE4 3FT on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November** between 10.00am and 4.00pm. A suggestion donation is £10, bring a packed lunch. For more details email associates@pbvmengland.co.uk

#### **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](mailto: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](http://www.spiritualabuse.com)

**Action on Elder Abuse Helpline** – 0808 808 8141

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
15/16 November	A Hall	V Winter	J Shellard	M Douglas
22/23 November	J Mugoni	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green

READERS			
	<b>Sat. 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
15/16 November	C Baldham	J Thayaseelan	P Green
22/23 November	N Williamson	C McHugh	S McGlone



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

16<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
33<sup>rd</sup> Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 1

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

## TIMES OF SERVICES

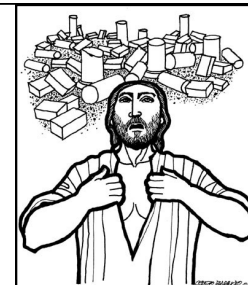
### SUNDAY: 33rd of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

10.00am Mass: Terry & Philip Green RIP

Coffee after Mass

3.00pm: Blessing of Graves MH Cemetery



### MONDAY: St Hugh of Lincoln, Patron of Our Diocese

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

### TUESDAY: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

### WEDNESDAY: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Shaun Curran (Ruane)

### THURSDAY: Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am: Ellen Thomas RIP (MJ)

Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### FRIDAY: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00pm Mass: Deceased Brothers and their Families (Catenian)

### SATURDAY: St Cecilia

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

### SUNDAY: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

10.00am Mass: Peter Murphy (Crawford Family)

Coffee after Mass

*Your endurance  
will win you  
your lives.*

**CONFESSIONS**  
**Sat 11 am**  
**5.15am**

**Today is the World Day of the Poor**

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** On Sunday 3.00pm we have the Blessing of graves at MH Cemetery at 3.00pm. Meet at the cemetery gates. **Next week** we celebrate Christ the King and then Advent follows. I bring to your attention our Advent retreat on 3 Saturdays in the Newsletter. Also put in your Diaries the **annual Parish Carol Service** with the School: **Sunday 14th December** 3.00 p.m.

**WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Continues Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**7.15pm** It is for those who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith and what it means to be a Catholic Christian in today's world. It will be of particular interest to those enquiring about the possibility of being received into the Church at Easter 2026. Those who are already members of the Church but would like to engage with others in refreshing their knowledge of the beauty and richness of our Faith are also most welcome on the course. contact Fr Chris or Peter Green ([green853@btinternet.com](mailto:green853@btinternet.com)). Day of meeting: **TUESDAY: This week. The Paschal mystery: Christ death & resurrection** Times: Assemble 7.30pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.45pm (prompt): Finish 9.00pm (prompt)

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST:** The Catholic Tradition of praying for the Holy Souls, particularly our own departed family and friends, takes on a special focus in November. During this month and during the rest of the year Masses will be offered with this intention in mind. If you would like to make a list of your deceased loved ones, it will be placed near the Altar during our November Masses. An offering is given and a series of Masses are offered for all our dead Loved ones in November and throughout the year. **Forms & Envelopes are available as you leave Church.**



**RED BOXES:** How time flies by! It is time once again for the emptying of the Missio Red Boxes. We are so grateful for your continuing support for the Missions. It really is true that if you look after the pennies, the pounds will look after themselves! Our Parish has continued to do this in a very generous way. Could you please leave your box in the Sacristy or hand it to Father Chris or Bob and Chris Shepherd and we will return it to the table in the cloister shortly afterwards.

All **Young Adults** are warmly invited to meet across the diocese in **NOVEMBER FOR REQUIEM MASSES** celebrated in remembrance of those who have died. Please bring with you the names of anyone you wish to pray for this month which will be added to our Mass intentions. Arrivals from 6pm, Mass and social time finishing for 8pm: **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Church, Leicester; Mass at 6.10pm.**

**A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT with Fr John Farrell OP** Using the daily lectionary readings at mass to guide us through the Advent Season. Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup>. 9.30am (coffee) to 12.30pm (when we share a light lunch together.) There are no charges, but voluntary donations to defer expenses may be given. The meetings will be held in the Catholic Church Hall in Market Harborough.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

*Saturday 29th November, Church Rooms & Octagonal Hall*

Happy weekend from us all on the Bazaar Exec Committee. Well, in just two weeks time of Church's 2025 Bazaar will either be coming to an end or have just finished, depending on when you are reading this newsletter. In the final two weeks run up to the Bazaar we continue to ask for your help and support. We would love to be able to have new families into the parish help us on the day. We have a number of roles that we would love your help with. Contact details will be listed below.

We reach out to you all and are appealing for the following - **Bottles of all shapes and sizes are requested for the Bottle Stall.** Currently we have only received approx. two dozen bottles. Please help by leaving your bottle donations on the donations table in the cloister or hand them into Fr Chris.

**Our Chocolate tombola** stall is in need of donations too. In particular we are requesting adult chocolate bars. We are grateful for donations so far, but chocolate bars for a more mature palate would also be welcomed.

Donations for our three **"Vintage at Victories"** stalls are also being requested. Remember our request is simple, we would love to receive donations from yourselves that are pre-loved (used), fancy goods that you'd feel comfortable buying yourself to re-gift to a friend or family member. Items that can be placed and displayed on-top of one of our three stalls. No electrical goods and no clothes.

**Our book stall** has asked not to be donated anymore CD's or coffee table books, however there is still a need for more modern fiction books. Donations for books as with all other donations can be left on the designated table in the cloister.

A reminder too that we are still in need of **two more teams to decorate a Christmas Tree** on the day. This fun event will take place at 12noon on the day and last no more than 20mins.

Should you have **any questions or queries** or would just like more information on anything Bazaar 2025 related please feel free to text message, WhatsApp or call - Alan - 07850252064; Steve - 07912345352; Antonio - 07939080006. Thank you all in advance and God bless you and your families.



**Giving in Market Harborough:** Many thanks to all who continue giving to the Parish. For anyone who is new there are Gift Aid Forms 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](mailto: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 a 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.