

**THIRD WORLD GROUP:** Due to the ongoing limitations on social events for fund-raising, our main source of income at the moment is selling items on eBay, but our stock is dwindling. If we are to keep our promises to our beneficiaries we must maintain this activity. Please look through your cupboards, drawers, lofts, even sheds and garages, for good quality items that you no longer need. Clothing is the most popular but anything as long as it is in good condition and still has some value. Our box is under the table opposite the noticeboard in the cloister.

#### **FR CHRIS' THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY**

Martha is wonderful: She is wonderful in her service in her thoughtfulness in wanting to give honour to her guest and indeed guests. It is a great thing to be hospitable especially in Middle Eastern cultures, as we see from the First reading. Abraham rushes to welcome some guests in the heat of the day and as Martha with Jesus, he prepares a meal for them. On a straightforward level, we should be welcoming to all at home. Our families should be ready to share their blessings especially with those who do not have a family. The family is called the domestic Church whose doors should be open. It is wonderful to hear about people who do this, but particularly those who have welcomed refugees from the Ukraine this year. There is greater joy we are told in giving than receiving and also we have the saying that probably comes from today's first reading of entertaining angels unaware. Of course in this case it is the Lord whom Abraham is welcoming who is mysteriously one person and three persons in the account. Perhaps a hint at the trinity.

Spiritually speaking, God is the guest waiting to be invited in. He is standing by the door of our tent as it were, and we need to welcome him and very simply as we would do a guest, we invite him in. How often I wonder is the Lord standing there or passing by and we failed to invite him in. Abraham and Martha both invite in him. This is good. Martha is delighted but forgets the one thing needed. Rightly she wants to show her love for Jesus. It is wonderful to do that especially in serving others. Jesus words are clear about that. But she forgets the right order of things and that is of course what Jesus wants to do for us. This is the first thing and is necessary. Because without God we cannot do the serving and loving. Jesus gently and lovingly chides her. He understands her mindset and knows that her desire to serve is ultimately also an expression of love for him, even if misguided. But in her good will she is losing the communion she needs with Jesus. Mary seems to understand this, as she sits at Jesus' feet.

As the summer holidays begin perhaps Jesus is reminding us of our need to sit at his feet. We are busy about so many things in our lives that can take up so much time and attention. Not least of course for parents with children to look after and jobs to keep up. Holiday time as well as a time for rest is also a time to sit at the feet of Jesus to recharge our spiritual batteries. In this time of the year, suffering from tiredness we can often end up angry, anxious, and worried. Hence, we need to put aside the work we do for the Lord in serving others and just spend some time being with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him, fully aware of His holy presence in our souls. We can read a bit more of the Scriptures in a meditative way with some spiritual reading. An easy read is always found in the lives of the Saints. Also it can be a time for family prayer such as the Rosary. It can also be an opportunity for those who work to pop in to a weekday Mass. The Mass is most profoundly what God does for us. He is the one who serves us and is the perfect way of renewing the communion with him which has suffered as we have been busy and fretting about many things. And of course so closely linked is prayer before the Blessed Sacrament when we can sit at the feet of Jesus. May we remember this summer that Jesus is the one thing necessary for the peace and joy of our lives. Our Church is always open!! To de-stress there is nothing better than prayer. I wish you all a blessed holiday time.



# Our Lady of Victories

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17th July 2022  
16th Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 4

#### Times of Services

##### **Sunday: 16th of Ordinary Time**

Sat. 6.00pm: Geoffrey Tiney  
9.00am Mass: John & Bridget Ruane RIP  
11.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
4.30pm Rosary outside Church

##### **Monday: Feria**

9.00am Mass: Greg O'Connor RIP

##### **Tuesday: Feria**

10.00am Mass: Fr Owen O'Neill RIP

##### **Wednesday: Feria**

10.00am Mass: Int Fr Stephen Dye

##### **Thursday: Feria**

10.00am Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Marlis & John)  
5.00pm Reception of the Body of Helena Ditchett

##### **Friday: St Mary Magdalene**

10.30am Funeral of Helena Ditchett

##### **Saturday: St Bridget of Sweden**

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

##### **Sunday: 17th Week of Ordinary Time**

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Personal Intention



*Martha welcomed  
Jesus into her house.*

#### **CONFESSIONS**

11am &  
5.15 -5.45pm  
Saturdays

***PLEASE NOTE: . 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:** Last year the Pope established World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, 24th July close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

**SPUC: A Coffee Day** at 56 Granville Street for the Protection of the Unborn Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July from 10.00am – 5.00pm with Coffee and Strawberry cake . All are welcome to Bill & Eileen's home.

**PETER AND HELEN GREEN** invite you for Tea and Cake at their home, 17, Rhodes Close, M.H. LE16 9FB on Sunday July 31st between 2pm and 5pm to celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Everyone welcome to pop in.

**Victory Prize Draw July Winners:** 1st Prize £70 A Whelan ticket number 51; 2nd Prize £30 P Hamer ticket number 78; 3rd Prize £20 E Kendall ticket number 173

**NEW DAWN 2022 (The New Dawn in the Church)** a Catholic Family Pilgrimage Conference (charismatic), is taking place from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. More information can be found in the video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BHK2b6mqel](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BHK2b6mqel) or at [www.newdawn.org.uk](http://www.newdawn.org.uk)



**CATHOLIC VOICES and WORD ON FIRE** are hosting a conference called **Sharing the Church's Story**. Join Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK, and a host of dynamic speakers including Bishop Robert Barron. This conference is for all: volunteers, parents, catechists, clergy, and religious. The Conference is being held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am – 6.00pm, at Friends House, Euston Road, London; more details at: [www.sharingthechurchsstory.com](http://www.sharingthechurchsstory.com)

**FOR CATHOLIC IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE: New Resources from the Anscombe Bioethics Centre:** *The Anscombe Bioethics Centre is an organisation which does research on behalf of our Bishops and education for the Catholic community on moral matters in medicine. They have a new website which has resources which will benefit parishioners who are doctors, nurses, or others who work or study in fields related to health and social care. You can access and benefit from their work through their website and social media: [www.bioethics.org.uk](http://www.bioethics.org.uk) You can also sign up to their monthly digest for the latest news, events, and accessible briefings on moral matters in medicine, here: <https://bit.ly/ABC-Subscribe> . Please forward this information on to others whom you think would be blessed by this important set of resources.*

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY - New admissions 2023:** We are delighted to be holding an Open Morning on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September to welcome parents / guardians and children who are looking for school places for August 2023. Please come along to see our wonderful school. Refreshments 9 - 9:30am, Welcome from Mrs. Dabbs, Headteacher 9:30, Tours of school 9:45 - 11am No bookings are necessary; please contact Mrs Liddle at the school office if you have any questions or would like to arrange an alternative time. 01858 465359 [office@stjosephs.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@stjosephs.leics.sch.uk)

Please pray for Tom & Rosie Mochan who lost their 2 year old baby William this week, Also Patricia Fisher died . Her funeral will be on the 5th August 2022 at 2.00pm

**Helena Ditchett:** Lena's funeral will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.30am. her body will be received into Church at 5.00pm on Thursday. May she rest in peace.

As the war in Ukraine continues there is still a need to extend a welcome to refugees. Would you like to help develop support locally? Are you waiting to host a family - or do you have experience you'd like to exchange with fellow hosts? Caritas invite you to a third **Parishes of Welcome** workshop, at 7.00pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July by Zoom. Hear about initiatives underway around the diocese and explore plans with other parishioners. Book at [www.bit.ly/CaritasUkraine3](http://www.bit.ly/CaritasUkraine3) or email [caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**SEA SUNDAY:** Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Our parish raised £260. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris Chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk)



**NEW WALSINGHAM ASSOCIATION CELL IN LEICESTERSHIRE:** Many of us will have been a pilgrim to Walsingham for a variety of reasons, whether it is to the Catholic Shrine or the Anglican shrine. We will have prayed there, shared Mass together, opened our hearts to Our Lady and sought Christ's Peace. For those who visit it holds special memories and those who visit for the first time are taken by the sense of the presence of God.

The Walsingham Association exists primarily to spread devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham and encourage pilgrimage to her Shrine. Founded in 1933, the Association now has some 50 branches throughout the country. St Mary's Ordinariate will be establishing a Walsingham Association Cell in July. The intention will be to meet once a month for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and once a month to share Mass together. We shall pray for the life and witness of the Catholic Parishes around us, and praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek to develop our sense of God's presence, encourage retreats and pilgrimages to the Shrine, and to help spread devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham. We will be meeting at St Mary's Church, Husbands Bosworth for the first Exposition on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July beginning at 10.30am, with prayers. Fr Matthew will say Mass on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July again at 10.30am. Our meetings will be Exposition on the first Saturday of each month and Mass on the third Thursday of each month. All are welcome.

**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 Coop supermarkets, B&M, Nationwide, Coop, Great Glen of <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/>



**Shopping List: MOST NEEDED--URGENT:** Tomatoes (tinned), Rice pudding (tinned) Jam Chicken in white sauce (tinned) Hot dogs Beans with sausage (tinned) Packets of rice, 500g Sweetcorn (tinned) Custard Other beans: chickpeas, red kidney beans...Spam/Ham (tinned) Corned Beef (tinned) **We are also short of:** Tinned red meat such as bolognese or stewed beef Carrots (tinned) Fruit (tinned) Coffee Crackers Sugar (small bags--500g) Smash/powdered mashed potato Sandwich paste in small jars Fray Bentos pies Tinned Ham Tinned peas Pasta sauce UHT juice or bottles of squash Baked beans: after a long time saying we have too many, we now need a few more. Thank you for checking our lists. Jars of curry sauce to go with rice UHT Semi-Skimmed milk UHT Whole milk Tinned potatoes Tinned meatballs . Used, clean and strong carrier bags/Bags for life.

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
<b>Readers</b>	16/17 July	J. Rowland	C. Goddard	S. McGlone
	23/24 July	C. Baldam	C. Reed	M. Douglas