

Between **Saturday 16th and Saturday 23rd May** the Jesuit Institute is holding a 6-day online **RETREAT IN THE LEAD UP TO PENTECOST**, offering an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God is at work in the everyday lives of those taking part. For details, and to book, visit:

www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---pentecost

Come away with your spouse and pray ... Get away from the bustle of everyday life. Give your spouse the gift of time – to deepen your love in Christ. A **RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES** is being held at the Carmelite Priory, Oxford, between **Friday 19th and Sunday 21st June**. You and your spouse will learn about Saint John Paul II's Rule for Married Couples and experience the deep spiritual union, available in sacramental marriage! To book, visit: www.wojtylaci.com/marriage-retreats-events/marriage-retreat-at-boars-hill-carmelite-priory-outside-oxford

RED BOXES and ADC: Hello Everyone. Just to thank you so much yet again for supporting our efforts to help the poor in our world through Missio and ADC. Yet another reminder that it is time for your **Red Box to be emptied**. It is amazing that you are still able to find loose change to fill your boxes!! So many thanks for doing so. Please leave your box in the Sacristy or hand it to Fr Chris or to Bob and Chris Shepherd and it will be returned shortly afterwards to the table in the Cloister

ADC: We continue to donate money to Father Ed, Father John, Aid for Chad, Water for Kids and the Philippines School Project because of your generosity - either through our White Envelope Scheme - or by donating goods for us to sell. We are still being asked for children's clothes and toys to send to the Gambia and to the Philippines so if you are clearing out your wardrobes and have surplus or out grown baby/children's items, please remember ADC and leave your unwanted items in our box under the table on the Cloister, It means so very much to those who have so very little. Most sincere thanks again for enabling us to support those in greatest need.

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – **Retrouvaille** could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more, visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or telephone 07973 380443

<u>May 2026</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
16/17 May	J Mugoni	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes
23/24 May	M O'Malley		A Randle	T Page

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
16/17 May	M Atkins	C Reed	C Goddard
23/24 May	J Rowland	R Van Der Liet	C Sellechia



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

17th May 2026
7th Week of Eastertide
Preface no1p74
Eucharistic Prayer III p28
Psalter Week 3

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board
Charity Number: 1134449

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 7th of Eastertide

6.00pm Mass: David Wade Int (Angela)

10.00am Mass: Wellbeing of PP (Jo)

MONDAY: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: Wladek & Mila (Janina)

TUESDAY: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: Father Emile NkumuRP

WEDNESDAY: Easter Feria

9.30am Mass: November Dead List – Mass in School
with Foundation and year 1

THURSDAY: Easter Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am: Bogush Nowakowski RIP

Coffee in Hall

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Easter Feria

10.00am: Francis Wilson 1st Anniv (Celia)

SATURDAY: Easter Feria

6.00pm: Ethan & Luke Jackson RIP (Watson)

SUNDAY: PENTECOST

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass



*Father,
glorify your
Son.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

2nd Collection for Catholic Communications today

FR CHRIS WRITES: This weekend we celebrate Communications Sunday: 2nd Collection today. On World Communications Day, we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication - through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd/>
Pope Leo to journalists: **Fostering peace** The newly-elected Pope began his remarks with a call for communication to foster peace by caring for how people and events are presented. He invited media professionals to promote a different kind of communication, one that "does not seek consensus at all costs, does not use aggressive words, does not follow the culture of competition, and never separates the search for truth from the love with which we must humbly seek it." "The way we communicate is of fundamental importance," he said. "We must say 'no' to the war of words and images; we must reject the paradigm of war."

NINE DAYS. ONE DIOCESE. UNITED PRAYER.: Bishop Patrick invites the whole Diocese to pray a Novena to the Holy Spirit, from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Sunday. See <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/> From Ascension Thursday to the day of Pentecost, the Diocese of Nottingham is being invited to do something very simple: to pray, together, as one diocesan family. Every parish, every chaplaincy, every school, every Religious community, every household, every housebound parishioner and every retired priest. One diocese, nine days, united prayer.



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is making an appeal in our parish next weekend. **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** is a Catholic charity providing spiritual and practical support for Christians, especially those who are persecuted for their faith. Working through local Church partners, ACN supports priests, Sisters, and catechists; helps build churches; provides transport and training for seminarians; and supplies religious literature and emergency aid to those in need. ACN also advocates on behalf of oppressed Christians worldwide. Through prayer, information, and action, ACN helps to keep the Faith alive in a troubled world. ACN will be visiting our parish on the weekend of 23-24 May and appealing for support.

FIRST COMMUNION: Tuesday 16th June at 2.30pm in St Joseph's School there will be an opportunity for the **Prayer Sponsors in the parish** to meet the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this year on the 27th June. Please can you let Maureen Douglas know if you would like to attend. Thank you. Maureen 07966515115.



Many thanks to all who came to our meeting on Thursday. It was very uplifting and inspiring. The little group helping me will reflect on all that has been said. Please keep praying! Please take a summary of the Plan and Prayer card or see all the resources at <https://gomakedisciples.uk/>



Please pray for the Good of our Parish

FUNERAL: Susan Siodmok died. Her funeral Mass will be Wednesday 27th May 10.00am. She has been part of the Parish for quite a few years in residential care. May she rest in peace.

The **DIOCESAN WALSLINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** is taking place on **Saturday 20th June** led by Bishop Patrick. Departing here at 7.45am Arrivals are from 11.30am, with Mass at the Catholic Shrine at 3.45pm. For more details see the poster. **Could we get a coach/ minibus together? Please sign up if you would like to come speak to Robert Van der Liet 07977531236 for any further information.**



The next Dominican Young Adults Study Day, under the title **HUMAN ORIGINS - Creation and Evolution** is being held on **Saturday 23rd May**, from 10.00am until 4.00pm, in the Frasati Centre, Leicester LE1 6HW. How do we reconcile the claims of modern science with the teaching of the Catholic Church? Are human beings nothing more than products of an aimless evolutionary process? Join the Dominican Young Adult Study Day led by Father Robert Verrill OP on 'theistic evolution': how to make sense of modern science's theory of evolution in light of Catholic teaching on God, creation, and the human person. The day will include talks, workshops, prayer, fellowship, and discussion, and lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend, but booking is essential, at dya@english.op.org

Celebrate Trust is excited to announce two **WEBINARS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF TEENAGERS**. Bringing up young people in today's world can be both a joyful and challenging experience, so the Celebrate Trust has booked some experts to share their wisdom in two webinars, to help parents and carers gain confidence and provide some practical ideas to support at home. **Raising teenagers in a Catholic family** Tuesday 2nd June, 8.00pm To book a place, visit www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting

See also **CELEBRATE FESTIVAL: "let there be light": Worth School, West Sussex, 15-19 August 2026** You are invited to a relaxed, fun, faith time away as an individual, a family or a Parish community! We would love to recommend the CELEBRATE festival to you this summer, in the beautiful West Sussex countryside. It's going to be a fun, family and faith-led event with a Festival Big Top! There will be 8 children's and youth groups for all ages from babies in the creche to the Joel's Bar youth (18- 24 years). There's on-site full board accommodation OR camping on the festival field. Come individually, as a family, OR as a parish group! Amazing speakers, to include Fr Roberto Pasolini, the Papal Preacher! Johannes Hartl, Catholic theologian and David Wells. See For more information and to book www.celebratetrust.org/festival



HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION: We continue our holy Hour on Thursdays: With Exposition from 7.00pm: There will be some meditations and finishing with Benediction about 7.50pm. The Eucharist and the Real presence of our Lord is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed is a source of special graces for our Parish and families. *For families with Children Why not one of the parents come and pray for the whole family for time during the hour?*

