



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

18th February 2024
1st Week Lent
Psalter Week 1

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH EASTER EVENT 2024 WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHTS On Good Friday 2024, we will be sharing the full Easter story of Jesus with our community on Good Friday, in ways that are accessible, relevant and fruitful, utilising the creative gifts, skills and talents of the church body in Harborough. To support this event there will be a series of worship and prayer nights, where brothers and sisters in Christ from across the churches in the town gather together to seek the Lord together, to intercede and pray over the town together, and to ask God to move in power at the event itself. Your support and participation in these nights will have a real impact for the Gospel in our town.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #2: Sunday 18th February, 6pm; Location Baptist Church, Coventry Rd.

Jesus Youth is organising a **YOUNG ADULT'S RETREAT** for those aged 18-23 at The Briars, Matlock (DE4 5BW) on the **weekend of 23rd -25th February**. Come join us for this Catholic Youth Weekend, where we'll explore deeper into aspects of Gender and Identity through the core theme for the weekend, the reality that we are 'Created For Love'. To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/2JCX9JWCQRBdi21q7>

SEARCH FOR THE LIGHT IS BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR! Search for the Light is back again this year! Take some time out this Easter to come to The Briars for an amazing retreat experience. You can come by yourself or with your friends, no parents or teachers needed, and take part in fun activities and opportunities to learn more about and deepen your faith alongside other like-minded young people. This retreat is open to all in years 10 to 13, between **Thursday 28th – Sunday 31st March**, and costs £55 per person (with bursaries through the St Francis of Assisi fund). Get in contact on our Instagram (@NDCYS) or Facebook (NDCYS – The Briars) or call (01773 852044).

A REGISTER OF CHURCH VOLUNTEERS: Many thanks to all who have completed their forms. Any last volunteers to fill out your details? Registration forms are now available in the Narthex or by email. Who does this apply to? Really anyone who helps in any way in the Parish! From Church Cleaner, flower arranger reader, Coffee volunteer, church collection Bazaar Offertory PPC, welcomer and so on.. You can also receive the form by email from parishpriest@olvic.com **PS Just one form is necessary for all your roles in the parish.**

SPUC White Flower appeal 2023: we collected £278.82. and also £150 from Sunday Coffee. Thank you

READERS				FINANCE	January
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am	Envelopes	£1295.27
17/18 Feb	N Williamson	D Chappell	B Tyrell	Loose	£888.33
24/25 Feb	C Baldam	M Blake	M Douglas	Standing Order	£3924.50
2/3 Mar	J. Rowland	K. Lilley	C. Reed	Total	£6108.10

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

6.00pm Mass: Paul Sefton RIP (Julie O'Brien)

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass

6.00pm: Worship & Prayer Baptist church

Monday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: For Christine & Bill

Tuesday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: Lenten Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Betty Ruane RIP 1st Anniv

Thursday: THE CHAIR OF ST PETER

10.30am: Ann Johnson Funeral

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Lenten Feria

12.30pm: Ecumenical prayer & Lunch at Methodist church

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Mass: People of the Parish

Saturday: Lenten Feria

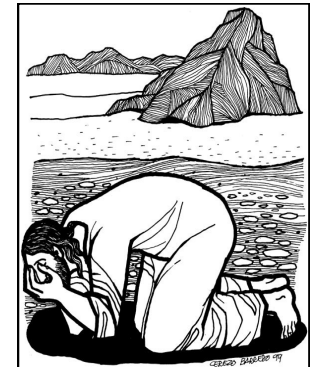
6.00pm Mass: Paul Sefton (O'Brien)

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

10.00am Mass: Mass for Vocations (Catenians)

This Sunday we will be enrolling Bevina and Emily into the Guild of St. Stephen. with Bronze Medals in recognition of their learning and service to the Church. Mike will receive his Silver Medal recognising 10 years as a Guild member. Please join me in thanking them for their support and dedication.

Ad multos annos.



Jesus was tempted by Satan and the angels looked after him.

CONFESSIONS

**Sat: 11.00am
5.15pm**

Walk with me booklets: These have a meditation for each day to bolster your prayer. Also available are Activity booklets and a calendar for children.

Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass

Holy Hour with Benediction: Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm with a meditation on next Sunday readings. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration. Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

CAFOD Lent Fast day is on 23rd February

OUR ECUMENICAL LENT FRIDAY LUNCH TIME SERVICE at the Methodist

Church Northampton Rd on the Fridays of Lent, 30-minute services (12.30pm)

followed by the famous Soup etc, prepared by our Third World Group. (1.00pm)

at the Methodist Church. Services prepared and led by the different churches



A message from Christine Allen, Executive Director of CAFOD: **CAFOD's Family Fast Day falls on this Friday 23rd February.** This Lent, we are sharing the story of our work with a fishing community in Liberia with parishes and schools in England and Wales. This is one example of CAFOD's work around the world. By remembering our sisters and brothers like James and supporting them through CAFOD's Lent appeal, Catholics in England and Wales engage in encounters that show the face of Christ. Thank you in advance for your generosity, in prayer and in practical ways, of supporting once again CAFOD's appeal in Lent. We will then have the Collection next Sunday.



'Do you want to **GO DEEPER** into the treasures of our Catholic faith? Join us on the third Tuesday (**this month that's 20 February**) in the Kavanagh Room 6.30pm to 8pm where we will say Evening Prayer together, discuss a text from St Teresa of Avila (a great teacher of prayer) and share a period of silent prayer together. For more info phone 07714 651756 or email cpblamires@aol.com'

The Diocese of Nottingham is delighted to **offer THREE RETREATS** this Lent. As we celebrate the Year of Prayer and all of us look for ways to grow in our prayer life, a retreat can be a fantastic way. The theme of all three retreats is the **Year of Prayer and Deepening your Prayer Life.** Each retreat day will run from 10am-4pm: **Saturday 2nd March** – Young Adults' Retreat (18-35) with Word on Fire – Holy Cross Leicester (Free); **Saturday 9th March** – Women's Retreat (18+) – Holy Trinity, Newark (£12); **Saturday 23rd March** – Men's Retreat (18+) – Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire (£12). Please see the posters for more information, visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

SUNG LITURGY: Recently we have been singing the Missal tone (in the Mass books) at the Saturday evening mass. Margaret Griffin has arranged a get-together with James Atkins to go through singing it **on Tuesday 27th February 6.30pm** as we did for the German Mass to gain confidence. We also hope to go through the Missa de Angelis.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: Friday 1st March 2pm St Dionysius Church. Prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. Theme: "I beg you, bear with one another in love". Refreshments after service. All are welcome.

WOMEN IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD: A

special Lenten event on Saturday 9 March 2024 at St Mary's University and online. Join us for a special hybrid event this Lent, hosted by St Mary's Twickenham and CAFOD to examine how our Church can recognise and value the active contribution of women and enhance the pastoral leadership of women in all areas of the Catholic Church's life and mission, all over the world. **Date:** Saturday 9 March 2024 ;**Time:** 11am to 3pm (with light lunch included) **Venue:** St Mary's University, Twickenham **or on Zoom;** **Tickets:** In person £10/online free of charge Further details from Mary Mihovilovic - mary.mihovilovic@stmarys.ac.uk

Also **40 Days for Life** will have a prayerful witness outside the BPAS abortion centre in Aylestone, Leicester from Wednesday 14th February to Sunday 24th March, and we welcome you to join us, to be part of God's work in stopping abortion in our city. You will never be on your own and you can sign up for one hour or two, whenever you are available (even weekends and evenings). Prayer outside an abortion centre can close it down. If you feel called to this special work call Francisca Martinez in confidence on 07943 711549 for an informal chat, or email leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com You can also directly sign up for hours at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester>

Also we have very good news that we will begin our **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** on the 25th of February at the end of half term. This will be for children who are at school but have not made their first Holy Communion. They will go out from church at the beginning of mass and then come back in when we begin the liturgy of the Eucharist. **There is a form to fill in giving your children's details and your consent from Fr Chris.**



We have **the following funerals:** **Ann Johnson's** funeral will take place on 22nd February at 10.30am. **Eva Reilly** whose funeral will be on Mon 26th February at 10.00am. May they rest in peace.

YEAR OF PRAYER PODCAST – the latest episode of the Diocese of Nottingham's Podcast *Encounter Prayer* is now live. *Sister Susan Richert, a Presentation Sister working in our diocese, leads us in meditative prayer. You can download or stream it from Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts and more or by visiting www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer*

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, First Sunday of Lent: The saints recognize that prayer is not always easy, for our human nature is frequently distracted or tempted by seemingly more important priorities. Many of the saints experienced long periods of spiritual dryness and even darkness. They teach us that the only response to these temptations is greater perseverance. In our daily efforts to persevere in prayer may we trust that our own spiritual combat, like that of Jacob and the angel (Genesis 28:16), will bear fruit in a deeper and more mature relationship with the Lord. *To read the full reflection and find more resources at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available.*