

THE DIOCESAN CHOIR will reconvene under the baton of the newly appointed Director of Music at Nottingham Cathedral, Peter Siepmann. An initial singing morning is scheduled for **Saturday 31st January**, 11am - 1pm in Cathedral Hall. Singers should register their intention to attend via email to cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk. There will be a second session, devoted to preparing for the annual Chrism Mass, on **Saturday 28th March**.

GIVING IN MARKET HARBOROUGH: Many thanks to all who continue giving to the Parish. For anyone who is new there are Gift Aid Form 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 and I can send you one by email. We can claim an extra 25% on top of anything you give if you are 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.myдона.com/our-lady-of-victories-church> or QR Code.



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
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
Action on Elder Abuse Helpline – 0808 808 8141

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 in is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament exposed is a source of special graces. *For families with Children Why not one of the parents come and pray for the whole family for a time during the hour?*

<u>January 2026</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
17/18 January	J Mugoni	K Crawford	P Green	K Kwacz
24/25 January	B O'Malley	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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 Parish Gift Aid Organiser: giftaid@olvic.com
 Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

18th January 2026
2nd Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2
Year A

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 2nd of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Our Beloved Theresa RIP
 10.00am Mass: Richard Parker (Crawford)
 Coffee after Mass

3.00pm: Ecumenical Service at Our Lady's

MONDAY: Feria

9.00am: Bernadette Spicknell

TUESDAY: Feria

9.00am Mass: Mirek & Bogush RIP
 6.00pm: Reception of the Body of Joan McCabe

WEDNESDAY: St Agnes

11.00am: Funeral Joan McCabe RIP

THURSDAY: Feria

9.40am: Rosary
 10.00am Mass: Alfreda McHale RIP (Anderson)
 Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Feria

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

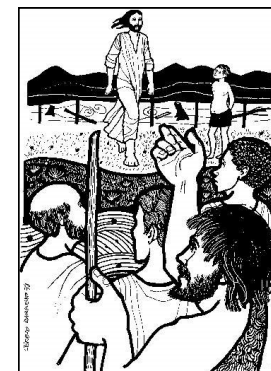
SATURDAY: St Francis de Sales

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

SUNDAY: 3rd of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Joan McCabe (Doreen & Maggie)
 Coffee after Mass

Christian Unity Service at Our Lady's 3.00pm



*Look, there the
 lamb of God that
 takes away the
 sin of the world.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

FR CHRIS WRITES: Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th January – 25th January: **We are hosting the Christian Unity service on 18th January AT 3.00PM here at our Lady's.** It is when we gather to pray for our Christian Unity to be a reality Please come on that Sunday to pray with our brother & Sister Christians.

Sadly **Joan McCabe** died last week. Her funeral will be on 21st January 11.00am. May she rest in peace.

ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL & RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SPUC on Saturday & Sunday 17/18th January and Coffee and cake Sale after 10.00am Mass. Eileen Hill asks could you please bring a cake to Mass on this day and to buy a cake to take home for your tea! Also in aid of saving the lives of little babies in the womb.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN: The bishop has been consulting about his Plan for the diocese which he is launching in January & February which will form the basis going forward for all our mission going forward and will be built around his three aims of encounter of Christ, discipleship of Christ and mission or evangelisation. But I understand this as well as the PPC he would like each Parish to have a group to engage and have a vision for the Plan. The heart of the Pastoral Plan is about the spiritual renewal of our parishes, chaplaincies and schools, so that we might encourage and make best use of the gifts and talents of more and more people in our attempts over the next five years to become ever more outward-looking and missionary as a diocese. So we are asked to have 4 representatives from our Parish for the Presentation. One from the PPC and 3 others. It will be on Monday 26th January Mother of God Parish Hall, Leicester, for Leicester and Loughborough Deaneries at 7.00pm. If you would like to come and represent the Parish please speak to Fr Chris.

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Continues Tuesday 16th January 7.30pm, TUESDAY: This week. Scripture & Tradition; Times: Assemble 7.30pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.45pm (prompt): Finish 9.00pm (prompt). **All welcome.**

Would you like to **GO DEEPER** to explore the riches of our faith. Each third Tuesday of the month, we meet, 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Come along this week, **Tuesday 20th January.** Together, we will say evening prayer, then discuss a text and finish with a period of silent prayer.' Our venue is 130, Burnmill Road. If you are interested and would like more information, phone [07714 651756](tel:07714651756) or email cpblamires@aol.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The first meeting for parents will take place on **Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7.00pm in the Octagonal Hall** when we will introduce the course and give out the plan. The first session for children will take place on Sunday 25th January 2026 from 9.20am - 10.20am and the children will join their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word .



CHILDREN'S LITURGY will resume this weekend. For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris Or Children's Liturgy team.



LEICESTER 40 DAYS FOR LIFE LAUNCH EVENING is being held at Saint Edward's Parish Hall, 633 Aylestone Road, Leicester LE2 6TF, on **Monday 2nd February** at 7.30pm. Refreshments are included. This evening is especially for those who would like to find out more about the 40 days for Life Prayer Vigil from 18th February - 29th March. For more information contact Maureen at leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester

I HAVE MY MISSION – Each of us has a mission from God. Each of us has been chosen to bring the love of God to others. On **Saturday 31st January**, at Saint Mary's Church, Derby, the Diocese has organised a Day to help you live this mission, your mission. Could you represent our parish at this day? Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am with the Conference starting at 11.00am. The keynote speaker is Abbot Hugh Allan o.praem, Mission Director for the Bishops' Conference. To book your place visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Saint Mary's Parish, Loughborough (LE11 3AB), is hosting a **GREGORIAN CHANT DAY** on Saturday 14th February, from 10.00am until 4.00pm, concluding with the singing of Vespers. Greg Treloar, previously Diocesan Director of Music, will be leading the day, for which there is a suggested donation of £10. For more information, or to register for the day, please contact Martins: martinsobi@gmail.com.

Holy Family Parish, Leicester is seeking to appoint a friendly and organised part-time **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR** to support the day-to-day running of the parish. The role will be for 10 hours per week at Band £13.09 per hour. The successful applicant will undertake duties including parish administration, answering enquiries, keeping records, and organising rotas and newsletters. To request an application form, email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk The closing date is Friday 6th February.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Ladies Midsummer Lunch supporting St Joseph's Academy Thursday 18th June 2026.

ST JOSEPH'S PTFA is excited to launch our very first online auction, and we would be grateful for your support. The auction runs from **Friday 30 January to Sunday 08 February 2026 at 9:00pm.** To take part, simply **scan the QR code** in this newsletter to view and bid on the items. We have a fantastic range of prizes, including **signed sports memorabilia**, family days out, experiences, vouchers, and unique treats. **Full details of all auction lots are included in the attached catalogue.** Every bid helps raise valuable funds for our children and school community — thank you for your support.

