

The Diocesan Education Service is hosting a Day looking at **GENDER AND FAITH**: Accompanying Young People Well on **Thursday 23rd April** at the Diocesan Centre, Mackworth DE22 4BD. Dr Julia Sadusky will lead the Day, between 11.30am and 2.00pm, which is open to all, especially those accompanying young people at the intersection of questions of embodiment and spirituality. The cost of the Day is £25, and bookings can be made by contacting gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk

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.mydona.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

<u>April 2026</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
18/19 April	B Mugoni	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary
25/26 April	B O'Malley		T Page	A Randle

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
18/19 April	M. Furlong	D. Stonestreet	R. Williams
25/26 April	M. Mihovilovic	S. McGlone	C. McHugh
2/3 April	C. Baldam	M. Blake	M. Douglas



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 Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

19th April 2026
 3rd Week of Eastertide
 Psalter Week 3

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 3rd of Easter

6.00pm Mass: Ruby Anniv Jim & Margaret Griffin
 10.00am Mass: Gabriel & Gosia, Marisol & family Int
 4.30pm: Holy Hour for Life

MONDAY: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: Jozef & Stefania RIP
 7.30pm: Pastoral Plan meeting for Group Reps & PPC

TUESDAY: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: Stefania & Jozef RIP

WEDNESDAY: Easter Feria

9.40am: Morning Prayer
 10.00am: People of the Parish

THURSDAY: ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND

9.40am: Rosary
 10.00am: Chris Potter RIP (Maley)
 Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Easter Feria

10.00am: Bogush RIP 15th Anniv

SATURDAY: ST MARK, EVANGELIST

6.00pm: Phil Danks RIP (Mary)

SUNDAY: 4th of Easter

10.00am Mass: May Moroney RIP (Goddard)
 Coffee after Mass



*They recognised
 him at the
 breaking
 of bread.*

CONFESSIONS
 Sat 11 am
 5.15am

2nd Collection next week for the Clergy Formation Fund

FR CHRIS WRITES: A Message from the Bishop for Good Shepherd Sunday next weekend and an invitation: Dear Friends in Christ, Today I am announcing a special campaign for Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese. The 'Called by Name' Campaign is based on a project run by the Archdiocese of Denver. The aim is to identify faithful young men in our Diocese who, through God's providence, may have a vocation to the Priesthood. The campaign will take place next Sunday – Good Shepherd Sunday.

Our Diocese has been blessed with many good priests, but we still have a need for 'more workers for the harvest'. In the past our Diocese has benefited from priests from Ireland and, in recent years, from Africa and Asia. It is my belief that we have future priests in our own parishes and schools, but we need the entire Church to identify them, so that we can accompany them as they discern their vocations. I invite all Catholics to submit the names of young men, 18 years and older, that you would like to honour for having a love for Christ and his Church, and who exhibit a strong faith, and have a heart for service and leadership. I will send each one of these young men a letter of congratulations and encouragement and arrange a meeting with them. In addition, our Vocations Director, Father Neil Peoples, will offer support as they discern their vocations, especially inviting them to join regional get-togethers to consider the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. The Diocese values all vocations but, at this present time, we have an urgent need to nurture vocations to the priesthood. So, I ask that you participate in this campaign and join me in praying that the Lord will raise up many new Shepherds for our Diocese! With prayers for you all Rt Rev Patrick McKinney Bishop of Nottingham.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE: Sunday 19th April at 4:30 pm, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a **Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands**. Parishes and Catholic communities across England and Wales are asked to hold a Holy Hour on that day, and even at the same time if possible, so as to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law.

Diocesan Pastoral plan 2026 to 2030 called “GO MAKE DISCIPLES.”

Encounter discipleship and Mission

We hope to begin our response after Easter!

A presentation of the Plan at masses on 18 & 19 April 2026

A Beginning: Where are we as a Parish? Where would we like be?

An initial meeting: Monday 20th April 7.30pm with **representatives from**

Parish groups & PPC.

For all Parishioners 6 May 2026 7.30pm in Octagonal Hall;

Please take a summary of the Plan or see all the resources at <https://gomakedisciples.uk/>

Please pray for the Good of our Parish



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

THE PRESENTATION SISTERS are celebrating 250 years since their foundation. A service is being held in the convent cemetery Chesterfield Rd Matlock **on Sunday 26th of April at 2:30 PM**. This will be followed by afternoon tea in the conference. There is a list to show interest in this in the cloister. Maybe people could share cars and some other transports may be arranged.

Tuesday 21st April is third Tuesday of the month when we meet to “**Tune into Prayer**” at 130 Burnmill Rd, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. **Encounter** (growth in prayer) is an element of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Why not come along. All are welcome. If you are interested and would like more information, phone 07714 651756 or email cpblamires@aol.com

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.

Encountering Jesus in the Gospels: how to lead groups in reflective prayer. On Tuesday evenings between April and June join the Jesuit Institute online for a short online formation course building the skills and confidence needed to hold and guide groups of those who wish to deepen their relationship with Jesus, in conversation with others, through reflectively praying with gospel texts.

www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/encountering-jesus-in-the-gospels

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH. All tickets are now sold. And thank you to all those who have supported M H E T.