

CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS WEEKEND. For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris.



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 Taxpayer you can pick up a gift Aid Form (if you have not completed one) at the Church or email Fr Chris parish-priest@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.



MEN'S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES, Monday 31st March – Saturday 5th April A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

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</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
18/19 January	B O'Malley	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford
25/26 January	A Hall	C McInnes	J O'Leary	S McGlone

<u>READERS</u>			
	<u>Sat. 6.00pm</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
18/19 January	J Rowland	D Chappell	B Tyrell
25/26 January	P Green	M Blake	M Douglas



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19th January 2025
2nd Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2
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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday:

6.00pm Mass: Private Int (Izabella)
10.00am Mass: Bernadette Spicknell
Coffee after Mass

3.00pm: Service for Christian Unity at Methodist Church Northampton Rd

Monday:

9.00am: Mirek Nowakowski RIP 1st Anniv
7.00pm: Ecumenical prayers Kavanagh Room

Tuesday:

9.00am Mass: David Flood RIP (Cyprian)

Wednesday:

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass: Gerard Hardy RIP (Jopling)

Thursday:

9.40am: Rosary
10.00am Mass: Patricia McDermott RIP (Cates)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday:

12.30pm: Ecumenical Prayers at Baptist Cafe
7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Saturday:

6.00pm Mass: Keith Spreadbury RIP (Abbott)

Sunday:

10.00am Mass: Mary Muray RIP (McGlone)

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee.



CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am & 5.15pm

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18-25th January
Sunday 19th January – United service at Methodist Church at 3.00pm

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, Sunday 19th January – United Service at Methodist Church at 3.00pm followed by refreshments. **Monday 20th January** – prayer meeting at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Victories - Kavanagh Room

Wednesday 22nd January – Harborough Anglican Team Zoom prayer meeting. Zoom details here: Adrian Trotter is inviting you to join Prayer Walk via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 889 0737 4180 Passcode: Prayer **Friday 24th January 2025** – lunchtime prayer meeting at the Baptist Church in the Café Space at 12.30 p.m.

THE JUBILEE YEAR ~ Pilgrims of Hope, Jubilee Prayer Cards have been printed and are available. A Jubilee year is celebrated every 25 years. It is a year of favour of the Lord. (Luke 4;18-19) and intended as a time of conversion and emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins. We will be having various events during the year to emphasise prayer, the Passion of Christ and our Christian faith as these years also marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea from which came our Creed.



Our prayer will come soon in a series of aids to prayer over the coming Months. We will be having some days of recollection on Some Saturdays during Lent: MARCH 15, 22, 29 APRIL 5 with Fr John Farrell OP. More details to follow.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The first meeting for parents will take place on **Tuesday 21st January 2025 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 26th January 2023 from 9.20am- 10.20am and the children will join their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word .

ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN A copy of Bishop Patrick's letter which was read out inviting our parish to take part in a fundraising initiative aimed at raising funds to help our Diocese in becoming more outward looking and missionary is now available in the cloister. As explained, it is **important that our parish has up to date parishioner contact details**. There will be an opportunity for you to do so this Saturday and Sunday if you were away from the parish last weekend. Please pick up a census form.

'Do you feel hungry to grow closer to God?' Please try our '**GOING DEEPER**' group meeting on the **third Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm** in the Kavanagh Room. We say the Evening Prayer of the Church, we study a text by the beloved spiritual guide St Therese of Lisieux, and we enjoy silent prayer together.' Next **meeting 21 January**. For more information phone 07714 651756 or email cpblamires@aol.com

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL & RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SPUC on Sunday 16th February and Coffee and cake Sale after 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.

CAN YOU DO CALLIGRAPHY? We are looking for someone to do the entries for the remembrance book in church. See Fr Chris.

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: December was the last ever draw, many thanks for the support over the years.

A reminder that all direct debit or standing orders should be cancelled by now. All monies received from 1st January 2025 will be paid into the Church Funds.

February 2nd is the traditionally the day when we pray for those living the **CONSECRATED LIFE**. If you would like to explore what Consecrated Life means, you are invited to join the Sisters in Matlock for a cup of tea and informal chat on **Sunday 2nd February** between 2.30pm and 4.30pm, at the Presentation Convent, Matlock, DE4 3FT. Just turn up.

Bishop Patrick warmly invites all married couples to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on **Sunday 16th February** when we will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm to mark the **JUBILEE OF MARRIAGES**. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION – what happens next? Bishop John Sherrington writes regarding an update on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill*, that the next stage is evidence-gathering by the committee examining the Bill, and Bishop John will submit written evidence to that. *This committee will examine the Bill in detail, after which it will then return to the floor of the House of Commons for a further substantive vote. This vote will probably take place in late April or early May. The Bill could be defeated in that important division. Individuals and interested organisations can submit written evidence to the committee, and further details can be found at www.parliament.uk/business/news/2025/january/terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill-call-for-evidence/*

On **Saturday 25th January**, any young adults (18-35) are warmly invited to join **JOEL'S BAR FOR A DAY RETREAT** at Holy Trinity Church, Newark. The day starts at 3.00pm with Mass, followed by a time of worship, supper, a talk and ending in worship. To buy a ticket for just £10, visit: <https://linktr.ee/yaminthedon>

If you would like to deepen your faith, grow in community with other 18-35 years olds as well as engage more fully in your parish then the brand-new **YOUNG ADULT FORMATION COURSE** run by the Diocese of Nottingham is the course for you. For more information contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk or sign up at: <https://forms.office.com/e/9qvH5SjRHh>

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE: – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom, **Thursday 27th February – Sunday 2nd March** please email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk, telephone 07887 296983, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk