

English Martyrs, Anstey Lane, Leicester, is hiring a **Teacher of Religious Education**, here is the link: [Teacher of Religious Education | St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust \(aquinas-cmat.org\)](https://www.aquinas-cmat.org) If you have any questions or would like to visit our school, please contact Mrs O'Connor, The Principal's PA at the school on 0116 242 8880 to arrange.

**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](mailto:parishpriest@olvic.com) **PS Just one form is necessary for all your roles in the parish.**

**Homes for Ukraine Gathering on Friday 2nd February, 2.30-4.00pm** at the Frassati Centre, Holy Cross, Leicester LE1 6HW. Nearly two years on from the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the need for refuge in the UK is still high. Join this afternoon hosted by Caritas Social Action Network and Saint John of God Hospitaller Services, where you can find out about the current situation, eligibility for sponsoring refugees, and key considerations for hosting. Visit [bit.ly/ukraine2feb](http://bit.ly/ukraine2feb) for more details & See poster

**RED BOXES:** Many thanks to everyone who continues to find coins to put into their Red Boxes (increasing difficult in post Covid / card only times) to help the poor and needy in our world. Your support is so much needed and very greatly appreciated. As always, please leave your box on the table in the Cloister and it will be returned after emptying, to the same place. Should anyone wish to help by taking a box, please speak to Father Chris or to Bob and Chris Shepherd. Thank you very much once more.

**JUBILEE FOOD BANK:** You are asked to leave food bank items in the trolleys at various supermarkets when you shop. Henderson Connellan on the High Street, Spar on Coventry Road, Eco Village, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Both Coop supermarkets, B&M, Everyone's Active: leisure centre cf <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/> **Shopping List: WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR: (In order of how urgent they are.), UHT milk (semi-skimmed or whole), Tinned Peas, Dried Potato (like Smash), Tinned meat: ham, chicken meals, bolognese, chilli, mild curry, mined meat, Spam, , Sugar (small packets if possible). Other Suggested Food Donations Tinned Custard, Tinned Ham, Corned Beef, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned/Jarred Hot Dogs, Crackers, Jars of Coffee, Sandwich Paste (small jars), Jam, Tinned Fruit, Snacks such as small bags of nuts, cereal bars, chocolate bars, dried fruit for lunch boxes and homeless. Mayonnaise, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned red meat (bolognese, mince, stewed, chilli), Tins of beans (red kidney beans, chickpeas... etc.), Porridge oats, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shower gel, Feminine products--sanitary towels and tampons, Used, clean, strong 'bags for life', strong carrier bags, Jars or pouches of baby food, Packets of Rice (500g if possible), Cereal, Jars of curry sauce to go with rice, Tinned potatoes, Tinned meatballs, Hot chocolate, Angel Delight, Microwave Sponge Puddings, Packets of dried custard, Packet Rice, Tinned Carrots, Marmalade, Cordial / Juice Drinks, Biscuits, Sweetcorn, Fray Bentos Pies.**

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
6/7 Jan	N Williamson	C. Reed	K. Lilley
13/14 Jan	C. Baldam	C. Sellechia	R. van der Liet
20/21 Jan	J Rowland	R Lewin	M Lewin
27/28 Jan	J Snaith	P Green	J Thayaseelan

FINANCE	14 January
Envelopes	£288.92
Loose	£204.81
Standing Order	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£493.73</b>



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

21st January 2024  
3rd Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 3

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### Sunday: 3rd of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

10.00am Mass: Frank Criss Anniv RIP

Coffee after Mass

3.30pm Rosary

### Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Tobias Gatens RIP (Taylor)

7.00pm: Ecumenical Prayer meeting Kavanagh Room

### Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

### Wednesday: St Francis de Sales

9.45pm: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mathew Mackle RIP

### Thursday: The Conversion of St Paul

9.45am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: John Rignall RIP (Cates)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### Friday: Sts Timothy & Titus

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

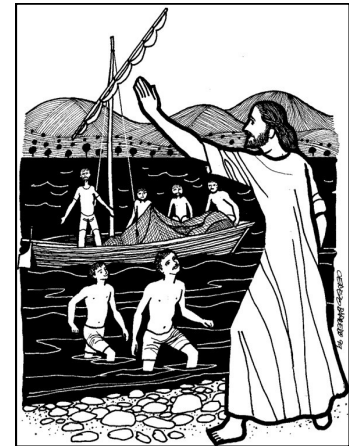
### Saturday: Feria

12.00noon: Baptism Ella Sophia Lehmann

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

### Sunday: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Eugene Gatens RIP (Taylor)



*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

**CONFESSIONS**  
Sat: 11.00am  
5.15pm

**Sick & retired Priest Collection: £315.72 Many, Many thanks.**

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** We begin this weekend our first communion preparation which is taking place on the Sunday morning before mass and the children will join us after the literature of the word. We have about 17 children and we ask you to pray for them and their families as they prepare to receive our Lord for the first time. And also for our catechist's, Sean Maureen and Maggie. First communion will be the Saturday 15th June.

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. Many thanks to all our catechist's. We will be giving out details so that your children can take part. They will be a registration form for that.



We have **the following funerals:** Theresa "Tess" Daly on 29<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am and **Dora Mack** on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January at 11.00am. Her body will be received into Church at 5.00pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. May they rest in peace.

**VICTORY PRIZE DRAW:** Winners January 2024 Draw: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £60 A Brisley ticket number 19; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £25 T Connolly ticket number 253; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £15 A Burgess ticket number 41. May I remind you all that those that pay annually your payment is now due cheques made payable to **THE VICTORY PRIZE DRAW and sent to Keith Shiers 23 Fairfax Road Market Harborough LE16 9JT.**

**YEAR OF PRAYER PODCAST:** This month's episode of Encounter Prayer is now available. We explore a type of Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of the scriptures) with Sean Jinks and Sophie Rimac of the Seven Steps Scripture Sharing Group in Leicester. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER., Third Sunday of the Year:** If during prayer we feel sluggish and empty, we must at that moment beg that Jesus' prayer also become our own. "I cannot pray today, I don't know what to do: I don't feel like it, I am unworthy". In this moment Jesus is before the Father, praying for us; let us trust in this! If we are trustful, we will then hear a voice from heaven, "You are God's beloved, you are a child, you are the joy of the Father in heaven". *To read the full reflection and find more resources at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer) A prayer sheet is available*

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Arrangements for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

**Monday 22nd January** – Prayer Meeting at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Parish Room (Kavanagh).

**Wednesday 24th January** – Zoom prayer meeting led by Harborough Anglican Team at 7.00pm.

**THE WEEKLY ROSARY GROUP** meets every Sunday 3.30-4pm outside in front of the statue of Our Lady praying especially for Peace & Reconciliation in Society. Contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115.

#### **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, so please put these dates in the diary and please do all you can to be there and be involved in this exciting work for the Gospel. Thank you. Revd Christopher Brown (Pastor, MHBC).



**WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #1 Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 6pm Market Harborough Baptist Church** 25 Coventry Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9BX [www.mhbaptistchurch.org](http://www.mhbaptistchurch.org); [admin@mhbaptistchurch.org](mailto:admin@mhbaptistchurch.org); 07415 005775

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #2: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 6pm; Location TBC.**

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #3: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm. Market Harborough Community Church** 121 Bath Street, Market Harborough, LE16 9JL

[www.harboroughcommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.harboroughcommunitychurch.org.uk) [officehcc121@gmail.com](mailto:officehcc121@gmail.com); 01858 434906

Leicester Council of Faith is holding a series of **CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CANCER** events where we can come together, in an informal and supportive environment, to talk about cancer, and help Macmillan Cancer Support to work with people affected by cancer. For the first Conversations about Cancer event members from the Christian faith are invited to Sacred Heart Guild Hall, 25 Mere Road, Leicester, LE5 3HS on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** from 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Bookings are via [projectofficer@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk](mailto:projectofficer@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk)

**A HEALING RETREAT DAY AND EVENING** is being held on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January**, 9.30am to 9.30pm, with Father Gladson Dabre OSA, at Our Lady of Lincoln Catholic Church, Laughton Way, Lincoln LN2 2HE There will be Mass, engaging talks on healing a Healing Service, praise and worship, Adoration, Reconciliation, testimonies, times for sharing and opportunities for individual prayer ministry. This is a free event, and all are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information contact Susan Walsh on 07818 805847.

It's called **DDPY FITNESS CLASS**. Suitable for all ages and is a combination of body weight exercises, callisthenics, stretching and strengthening. No equipment required. All ages and abilities welcome and it will be open to parishioners with a donation to the church for each class. Wednesdays 6-7pm. Starting 10 January. Contact Sean Downey for more details: 07766054754 [Seangdowney@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Seangdowney@hotmail.co.uk)