

Across the world, countless men, women and children suffer simply because of the faith they hold dear. In their need, they look to us to be their voice. **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** has launched its first-ever **global petition** on religious freedom, calling on governments and the United Nations to do more to defend the right to believe, and to ensure that those responsible for persecution are held to account. You are warmly invited to stand in solidarity with the persecuted Church by signing this petition and giving witness to the importance of religious freedom for all. Please consider putting your faith into action and adding your voice by scanning the QR code.



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 is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament is 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 time during the hour?*



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>June 2026</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
20/21 June	B Mugoni		T Page	A Randle
27/28 June	B O'Malley		M Douglas	J Shellard

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
20/21 June	M. Mihovilovic	C. McHugh	S. McGlone
27/28 June	C Baldam	C Goddard	C Reed
	P. Green	B. Tyrrell	D. Chappell
	M. Atkins	M. Douglas	M. Blake
	J. Rowland	C. Sellechia	R. van der Liet
	B. O'Malley	R. Lewin	M. Lewin



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

21st June 2026
12th Week of the Year p93
Preface V p67
EP III
Psalter Week 4

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

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 12th Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Personal Int

10.00am Mass: Peter Quintiliani RIP (Keith & Maureen)

MONDAY: Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

TUESDAY: Feria

9.00am Mass: Bishop Thomas McMahon RIP

WEDNESDAY: THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

9.30am Mass in School Y2 & 3: Jean Riley Ints (Cates) - *All welcome*

THURSDAY: Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am: Phil Danks Anniv (Mary)

Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Feria

5.30pm First Communion Practice

10.00am Mass: Pat Rea

SATURDAY: Feria

11.00am: First Holy Communion Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish

SUNDAY: STS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

10.00am Mass: Libero & Caterina Sellecchia 60th Anniv

Coffee after Mass



*Do not be afraid
of those who kill
the body.*

CONFESSIONS

Sat 11 am
5.15am

Day for Life 2nd Collection today

FR CHRIS WRITES: We pray for our children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday at Mass at 11.00am. Repository: **Our Church repository has various gifts** etc for First Communion. **Please pray for all our Children who will make their first communion on Saturday 27th June and some on Sunday 5th July.**

This **Sunday, 21st June**, we mark the **DAY FOR LIFE** under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

The Holy father spoke to the Spanish Parliament this week: *In this sense, if life ceases to be recognized as a fundamental value, what future can our societies have? Can a community that casts into the shadows the unborn child, the elderly, the sick, those who suffer in silence, or those who depend entirely on the care of others be called fully just? The defence of human life is neither a partisan issue nor a confessional interest: it is a goal of civilization. Every human life must be recognized and safeguarded from conception to its natural end, in every circumstance of its existence. When this certainty is obscured, the most vulnerable are the first victims, and the law loses its deepest meaning: to serve and protect every person. For this reason, the moral greatness of a nation is manifested, above all, in its capacity to accompany, protect and love those lives that are most fragile. It is worth reading the whole thing!* <https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

Next Sunday is the **FEAST OF ST PETER & PAUL**. The traditional collection of Peter's Pence is taken to support the work of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV. It expresses the sense of belonging to the Church and **love and trust for the Holy Father**. Peter's Pence sustains the universal mission of the Holy Father, by supporting the numerous activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, entities and bodies of the Holy See and funding many initiatives of charity and solidarity.

The Society for the Protection Children of Unborn will be holding a **TINY FEET COFFEE AND CAKE SALE**, with a Celebration of Life Exhibition, in Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, 1 Fairfield Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9QQ, on **Saturday 4th July**, from 10.00am until 4.00pm. All are very welcome.



Many thanks to all who came to our meeting on Thursday. It was very uplifting and inspiring. The little group helping me will reflect on all that has been said. Please keep praying! Please take a summary of the Plan and Prayer card or see all the resources at <https://gomakedisciples.uk/>
Please pray for the Good of our Parish



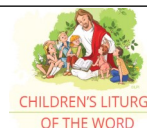
Young people aged 14-18 are invited to the ASCENT's **ALPHA HOLY SPIRIT DAY** on Saturday 11th July, from 12.30pm until 6.30pm, at The Briars Retreat Centre, Matlock, DE4 5BW. The cost of the Day is £3, and more details are available from esther@theascentuk.co.uk

Low-income countries are being pushed into a deepening debt crisis, forced to pay ever higher interest rates to wealthy lenders. Money that should be spent on healthcare and education is flowing out of countries that can least afford it. In 2027, the UK will host the G20, a crucial gathering of the world's 20 most powerful economies. These leaders have the power to fix the global debt system. Please sign **CAFOD's Debt Justice Petition** today and strengthen the call for action from the UK Government: . Please sign on line by visiting CAFOD: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/189582/petition>

WEBELIEVE | Festival of Catholic Life Friday 24–Monday 27 July 2026 | St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham

WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24–27 July 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. **Book your tickets at webelievefestival.com**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY continues this weekend. In future the back door from the car park will be closed once the Liturgy children are in the Kavanagh Room for safeguarding reasons. Please remember that all parents of children attending Liturgy need to have filled out a registration form before they start. If you need one or have one to return please see Father Chris or a member of the Liturgy team.



Respond to Our Lady's invitation, and join Bishop Patrick, in the **NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026**. Places are still available, departing from East Midlands airport on **Monday 13th July**, to enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. Those with additional needs will be cared for by our health team and helpers' team. Mary invites us all to come to this holy place. More details from the tour operator: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham/>

NDCYS ~ Be a member of "THE TEAM" at the Briars, Crich for 2026/2027: Calling all young people/young adults aged 18 – 25. A great and amazing opportunity is open now for you to live in the community at The Briars Retreat Centre as part of our new team. Being a practising Catholic, take this time to grow in your faith and be open to a year of formation. Leading retreats for the thousands of young people who come through the centre each year you will receive monthly external supervision. Experience regular spiritual direction and training, plus qualifications in facilitation, safeguarding and mental health first aid. Your accommodation, meals and a weekly stipend will be covered. Contact Erin Doughty, Director of NDCYS at director@ndcys.com . We are looking forward to hearing from you!

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