


A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fourth Sunday of Advent: There is no better way to pray than to place oneself like Mary in an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God: "Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want". That is, a heart open to God's will. And God always responds. To read the full reflection and find more resources www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS (Reception Year) - The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15th January 2025**. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a **faith criterion** you **should also complete a supplementary information form**, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You **MUST** also include the supporting **evidence*** as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. *If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

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

 **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.

NOV/DECEMBER	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
21/22 Dec	A Hall	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
28/29Dec	S Jones	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes.

FINANCE	15/12/24	READERS			
Envelopes	£392.83		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
Loose	£299.87	7/8 Dec	N Williamson	C Reed	----
Total	£692.70	14/15 Dec	C Baldham	C Sellechia	R van der Liet



Our Lady of Victories

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22nd December 2024
 4th Week of Advent &
 Christmastide.
 Psalter Week 3

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

6.00pm Mass: Phil Danks
 10.00am Mass: People of the Parish
 Coffee after Mass
 3.30pm: Rosary at Church

Monday: Advent Feria

10.00am: Funeral Margaret Knowles
 6.30pm: Confessions

Tuesday: Advent Feria

9.00am Mass: Ellen Kelly RIP (Mackle)
 Confessions after Mass

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Vigil Mass: Heston & Gaughan family Int
 9.30pm Carols & readings
 10.00pm Night Mass: People of the Parish

Wednesday: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10.00am Morning Mass: Doreen Kimberlin RIP

Thursday: St Stephen

10.00am Mass: Dorothy Springer RIP (Birthday)

Friday: St John, Apostle & Evangelist

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Saturday: THE HOLY INNOCENTS

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Sunday: THE HOLY FAMILY

10.00am Mass: Teresa Friar RIP (Randle)



Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?



Monday 30th: 6th within the Octave of Christmas

9.00am Mass: Mary Marston RIP (Davis)

Tuesday 31st: 7th within the Octave of Christmas

10.00am Mass: Father Olindo Cramaro RIP

Wednesday 1st January 2025: MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Thursday 2nd: Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Sheila, Richard & Nick Bartlette

Coffee after mass

Friday 3rd: Christmas Feria

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Saturday 4th: Christmas Feria

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday 5th: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10.00am Mass: Sarah Jane Toseland (Lisa)

29th December 2024
2nd Week of Christmastide
Psalter Week 1



Jesus is found by his parents among the doctors.

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am & 5.15pm

FR CHRIS WRITES: As is traditional this Newsletter covers the 2 weeks of the Christmas Period. As you will see there are various times for you to come to Mass over this Christmas period. I remind people that Christmas is celebrated over 8 days finishing with Mary the Mother of God January 1st. Why not come to Mass during the Christmas period?

May I take this opportunity of wishing you and all your families a very Happy Christmas and blessings for the New Year. May I thank everyone who helps in the Parish in the various areas of our Parish Life: Church, Hall, House, our School. There are so many involved in our Parish Life here! And may I say, personally, thank you for the help and prayers you give me.

Fr. Chris PP

May Christ who was born for you at Christmas Be with you and yours this Christmas and throughout the coming year. Wishing you a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and the New Year be rich in Blessings.

ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN: A copy of Bishop Patrick's letter which was read out at last weekend's Masses 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 last weekend, 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.

We have the funeral of **Margaret Knowles**. Her funeral will be Monday 23rd December at 10.00am. May she all rest in peace

THE JUBILEE YEAR ~ Pilgrims of Hope: In anticipation of the Jubilee Year, which will be opened in our Diocese by Bishop Patrick Sunday 29th December, Jubilee Prayer Cards have been printed and will soon be available. The Bishop is writing a Pastoral letter for Sunday 29th December. 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. Jubilees begin with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica and then in each diocese. The 2025 Jubilee, which has the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope" will be a year of hope and trust for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increased threats to the climate. 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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION . We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion in 2025. Application forms are now available from Fr Chris after any of the Masses. Please return the form by **12 January 2025**. It is for children in year 3 and above, 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

REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards dairies and so on are available in the Repository.

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: Final Draw December 2024 Winners: 1st Prize £90 J Masding ticket number 107; 2nd Prize £50M Joplin ticket number 14; 3rd Prize £30 G Cottrell ticket number 221 This 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.

COLLECTION AT ALL OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES will be your Christmas gift to Fr Chris. Envelopes available as you come into Church. Thank you in anticipation

Join **CAFOD** online on **Saturday 18th January 2025** from 10.30am until 12.00 noon for **Get Jubilee Ready**, a general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years are all about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church, and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is on recess for the Holidays and will resume next term. For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris.

