

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIEST FUND:** I have become aware that there is a 10 year impact report on the Sick & retired Priest fund on our Diocesan website which I find difficult to navigate!! But it is at <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/sick-and-retired-priests-fund> I have done a few copies for those not on the internet.

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHTS** On Good Friday this year (Friday 18th April), 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:

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #2 Sunday 2nd March, 6pm St Dionysius Anglican Church Square Market Harborough LE16 7NB Parking at the Commons Car Park (free on Sunday).**

The Catholic Union is holding a **WEBINAR ON THE TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (End of Life) BILL** on **Thursday 3rd April** at 6.30pm. Chaired by Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, it will give members and supporters the chance to unpick the Bill guided by three experts: Dr Matthew Doré; Dr Philip Howard and Professor Julian Hughes, before the Bill returns to the Commons' Chamber for Third Reading on 25th April. To sign up for the webinar register at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** is an internationally coordinated 40 day campaign that seeks to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil close to places where abortions are carried out. There has been a campaign in Nottingham since 2016. Abortion hurts women as well as ending the lives of innocent unborn children, and since the introduction of 'pills by post' the number of abortions in our communities has risen to record levels. If you would like to do something to end this terrible injustice, join in prayer and witness during Lent 2025. To learn more come to the launch event on **Wednesday 19th February** at 7.00pm in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AE; or email [pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

| <u>JANUARY</u> | <u>EUCCHARISTIC</u> | <u>MINISTERS</u> |           |           |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                | 6 p.m.              | 10 a.m.          |           |           |
| 15/16 February | B Mugoni            | K Crawford       | P Green   | W Kwacz   |
| 22/23 February | J Lowe              | S McGlone        | C McInnes | J O'Leary |

| <u>READERS</u> |                    |               |                |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                | <b>Sat. 6.00pm</b> | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>10.00am</b> |
| 22/23 February | M Atkins           | C McHugh      | S McGlone      |
| 1/2 March      | J Rowland          | B Tyrell      | D Chappell     |



# Our Lady of Victories

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23th February 2025  
7th Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 3  
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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### Sunday: 7th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Betty Ruane RIP Anniv

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass

### Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Anthony Kirke RIP (Blamires)

### Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Patricia McDermott RIP (Cates)

### Wednesday: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Catenian Mass for Vocations

11.30am Funeral of Cath Furlong at Great Glenn

### Thursday: Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Carol Bretherick - Good Health (Friends)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### Friday: Feria

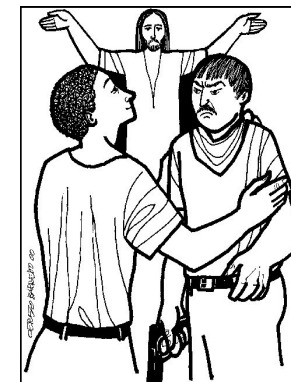
7.00pm Mass: Bill Reed RIP (Christine)

### Saturday: ST DAVID, PATRON OF WALES

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

### Sunday: 8th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Vera Murphy RIP (Keith & Rose)



*Be compassionate  
as your Father is  
compassionate.*

## CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am &  
5.15pm

**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 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicea from which came our Creed..



#### THE JUBILEE YEAR

Our parish will undertake three initiatives in response to this special Year focusing on the theme of Pilgrimage:

- 1) Pilgrimage of Prayer: the availability of eight beautifully produced booklets during the Year.
- 2) Pilgrimage to the Passion: Fr. John Farrell, OP to lead four consecutive Saturday morning Retreats in Lent: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, preparing us to hear St John's Passion story on Good Friday.
- 3) Pilgrimage of Faith: a informal 'Refresher Course' in our Catholic Faith for everyone and also for those wanting to enquire about the Faith with a view to being received into the Church. Further information from: Peter Green, 01858 414964, email:

[green853@btinternet.com](mailto:green853@btinternet.com)

**More of the prayer books and Jubilee books are available**

**ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN:** 'Thank you to everyone that has come along to learn more about the **Enabling Our Mission** Campaign that is happening in our parish so far. Many of you have expressed an interest in seeing further details of the projects that have been funded by the Mission Enabling Fund to date and further details can be found below: <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/mission-enabling-fund>

In addition to this, the first edition of the **Enabling Our Mission** Impact Report will be published later this month so please do keep an eye out for copies in our parish.'

### BINGO - BINGO - BINGO!

OCTAGONAL HALL - THURSDAY EVENING - MARCH 6th  
DOORS OPEN 6.45pm. BINGO STARTS 7.30pm prompt.

*Eights games - £1.25 per game*

*Come and join us for a 'Loads a Fun' social evening.*

*Meet up with other parishioners & friends.*

*For more details phone your Bingo caller:*

*Alan Sear (07850-252064*

*(Bring your own drinks / refreshments)*

**UPDATE ON FR OWEN'S WINDOW:** Our Window Andrew Brepi designer and installer has promised to install the window in March. He apologises for the Delay.

The funeral of **Cath Furlong** will be at Great Glen Crematorium on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am..May she rest in peace.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** We are looking for new volunteers to help on the rota. Please contact Celia Wilson or Fr Chris.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, Friday 7th March 2025 @ 2pm.** Congregational Church, High St. The service has been written by the Christian women from the Cook Islands. **Theme:** I made you wonderful. All welcome. Refreshments after service.

**QUIZ & CHIPS NIGHT at St Josephs School Hall** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm -7.30pm start. See Poster for details.

**SOUP MAKERS WANTED.** The Lent ecumenical Friday lunchtime services start this year on Friday 14th March, continuing for the following four weeks. For many years members of Aid to Developing Countries (previously known as OLV Third World Group) have provided the soups for the lunch after this service, but our numbers have dwindled and we can no longer cope with making a total of 10 soups (2 different flavours per week) on our own. Could you make one soup, please? All expenses are reimbursed. You don't have to attend on the day. We can arrange collection. For more information (with no commitment at this stage) please contact Margaret Atkins, 01858 446369 or [margaretatkins52@gmail.com](mailto:margaretatkins52@gmail.com).

**HELP NEEDED WITH OUR TRAVELLERS COMMUNITY:** We no longer have Sister Helen with us who organised and prepared traveller basis for Holy Communion and Confirmation. Often they do not read. Sister Bernadette who was in the Convent will help with some training. She is the Diocesan Chaplain for travellers. A DBS children for the Sacraments. We are looking for Volunteers to help with this. It tends to be on an adhoc check is need for this role.

**THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH** in support of Saint Joseph school MHET will be on Thursday the 12th of June 2025 at Marston Trussell hall at 12:30 tickets are £40. For tickets ease contact Kate Crawford 01858 446873 / 07814629927

A **PRACTICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP** for beginner, amateur, and professional photographers alike in the Diocese of Nottingham, with a focus on capturing liturgical settings and events, is being held between 11.00am-1.00pm on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March** at Nottingham Cathedral (Saint Barnabas), NG1 5AE. Preregistration is essential as spaces are limited. For more information and to book visit [dioceseofnottingham/events](https://dioceseofnottingham/events) or email Naomi at [communications@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:communications@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**PARENT'S RETREAT:** The Diocese of Nottingham is organising a day retreat for parents on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at Our Lady of Lincoln Parish (LN2 2HE), 10.00am-3.30pm. The day will be led by Mike and Alicia Hernon, international Catholic speakers and hosts of the successful podcast: 'The Messy Family Project'. The day will include Sunday Mass, talks, activities for Children, Eucharistic Adoration and more. Booking is essential. The cost is £25 per couple, please also bring a packed lunch. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/parentsretreat25>