



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

23rd June 2024
12th Week of Ordinary Time.
Psalter Week 4

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A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, on the Twelfth

Sunday of the Year: Three parables in Luke's Gospel emphasise how we need to be constant in our prayer. In the first a man asks for help from a friend in the middle of the night and does not give up until his friend responds; in the second a widow persists in asking the unrighteous judge for justice; in the third a publican and a Pharisee pray in the Temple. We see these three attitudes – insistence, patience and humility – reflected in the saints who persevered in prayer; may we persevere in prayer conscious that we never pray alone, but with Christ himself, in the power of the Holy Spirit.. To read the full reflection and find more resources www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available.

Mrs. Pelos, the beloved Chaplain at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, will embark on her well-deserved retirement at the end of this academic year. Mrs. Pelos has been an integral part of the school's fabric, having attended as a student herself, then as a parent, a grandparent and a devoted member of the staff for over 34 years. In honour of her invaluable contributions, the school would like to invite all members of the community, past and present, to join them in a mass of thanksgiving on **Thursday 4th July, at 2 pm**, followed by tea and cake in the Octagonal Hall.

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@victimssupport.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

JUNE	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS	ROTA	
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
22/23 June	S Jones	T Ruane	J Shellard	T Page
29/30 June	J Lowe		V Winter	F Wilson

FINANCE	16/06/24	READERS			
Envelopes	£189.15		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
Loose	£251.69	22/23 June	N Williamson	K Lilley	C Reed
Total	£440.84	29/30 June	C Baldham	R van der Liet	C Sellechia

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 12th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)
10.00am Mass: Norman Phillips RIP (Phillips)
Coffee after Mass

4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

Monday: THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

8.00am Mass: Douglas Fam, M. Tear, Cockrell

Tuesday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Phil Danks RIP anniv (Mary)

Wednesday: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass: Mike Preen RIP

Thursday: Feria

9.40am: Rosary
10.00am Mass: Isabelo Pasig RIP (Carol)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: St Irenaeus

10.00am Mass: Mary Warrender RIP & Family (Peter & Doreen)

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Vigil Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday: SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

10.00am Mass: Mary Cunniffe RIP anniv (Jim)

*Who can this be?
Even the wind and
sea obey him.*



CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am &
5.15pm

Day for Life raised £301.10

FR CHRIS WRITES: It was a lovely celebration of Holy Communion last weekend which reminded me of the inestimable gift of the Eucharist. Each one is so precious. Thank you to all who prepared it, especially our Catechists. This is a lovely ministry for all who would like to help. Many thanks to all.

Next week we have **the annual Collection for Peter's Pence**: Peter's Pence aims at supporting two main areas of the Pope's Universal Mission: funding the activities of service carried out by the Holy See's Dicasteries, Entities and Bodies and promoting charity initiatives in favour of those most in need. See www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html
Our condolences go to the family of **Ricky Varela** from Hallaton. His funeral will take place at great Glen crematorium on 3 July 10.30am. Also **Aldona Velickiene** died this week in Lenthall house.

ST MARY'S HUSBANDS BOSWORTH: "Booksale and pop up Cafe, 29th June 10-4 in The Old Hall at Husbands Bosworth. A rare opportunity to go into the Old Hall. 1000s of books for sale. In aid of St Mary's restoration fund. Cash only."

CHILDREN'S LITURGY continues this week
Registration forms are available from Fr Chris



RED BOXES and ADC: Many thanks to everyone for your continued support for the Missio Red Boxes and for our ADC group. It is now time once again **for the Red Boxes** to be emptied so we would be most grateful if you could leave your box on the table in the Cloister and then collect it the following week (or two!).

Our **ADC** group is rapidly decreasing in numbers and capability so our fundraising efforts are now minimal. We do however still try to raise money for our various groups around the world by selling your unwanted clothes etc. so if you are discarding your winter wardrobe or offloading last year's summer clothes to make more space, please remember our box under the table in the Cloister and help to fill it at your convenience so that we can help those in need. Your giving in this way has been absolutely invaluable over the past few years and has enabled us to keep sending donations to our very needy causes. Again we offer our most sincere thanks to all who are supporting the poor and underprivileged in our world through the above agencies.

If you would like to help by taking a Red Box (or the White Envelopes for ADC) or need any further information about Missio or ADC, please see Father Chris or Bob and Chris Shepherd. Thank you so very much.

GENERALELECTION HUSTING: An opportunity to meet the parliamentary candidates for our constituency* and ask the questions that matter to you. Market Harborough Methodist Church Northampton Road, LE16 9HE Wed 26 June at 7.00pm FREE ENTRY limited seating doors open at 6.30pm Questions will be invited from audience on a range of topics. *All six candidates for the Harborough, Oadby & Wigston Constituency have been invited. Find out more about our candidates at www.whocanivotefor.co.uk . Organised and hosted by Churches Together in Harborough.

CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: A virtual information session about being a foundation governor in one of our Catholic schools is taking place on **Thursday 27th June** from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. See the poster on the parish notice board, or contact: Julie Sweeney at julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk

GENERAL ELECTION 2024: Consider how to vote at the **General Election** (4th July): some thoughts from the Bishops of England and Wales about **Life Issues**. Despite advances in healthcare over the last few decades, increasing threats have developed to the life of the unborn and those who are suffering or close to the end of life. Each year there are over 200,000 abortions in the UK; it remains the case that both disability and sex are deemed as legitimate reasons for abortion. Some disabled children can be aborted up to birth. It is possible that, in the next parliament, there will be further moves to liberalise abortion up to birth for all babies. Debates are also ongoing regarding the legalisation of assisted suicide (often called assisted dying), which, in practice, could put the sick and vulnerable at risk. Our faith offers us a more hopeful and positive view of human life – that everyone has an intrinsic value from conception to natural death and beyond to eternal life. We are called to love, care for and cherish all life as a gift from God, especially the lives of the most vulnerable. It is important that we work together to promote a society where everyone can flourish. Jesus came that we may have life and have it abundantly (see John 10:10b) and this applies to every member of society. For more information visit: [General Election 2024 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://General Election 2024 - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk))

YOUTH 2000 provides retreats, formation and opportunities for young adults aged 18-35 to encounter Jesus in the Heart of the Catholic Church. The **Youth 2000 Summer Festival** will take place this year in the beautiful grounds of Ampleforth Abbey from **Friday 23rd until (bank holiday) Monday 26th August**. More information on this gathering and all of Youth 2000 events are available at www.youth2000.org/events Do consider whether you think you might benefit from participating.

This year's **NEW DAWN PILGRIMAGE** will take place from **Monday 5th to Friday 9th August** at the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. New Dawn is a family event with a programme of Liturgy, Sacraments, praise and worship, keynote speakers, workshops, children/youth ministries and more. Further information can be found at www.newdawn.org.uk

CONFIRMATION 2024: We are due to prepare our children for Confirmation. We aim to do this every three years . I am hoping that Bishop Patrick will come in the Autumn in October. I would like to a get a group together who might be Interested in helping with catechesis, If you would like to help please contact or email Fr Chris. We are also looking for an organiser for this. Parishpriest@olvic.com As for all these roles we need to do a DBS



THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH: Tickets are now Sold out Many thanks for your support. (MHET)