



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

25th February 2024
2nd Week Lent
Psalter Week 2

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYERS: Second Sunday of Lent: Contemplative prayer is an act of the heart by which we fix our gaze in faith upon Jesus, quietly pondering his word and his saving mysteries. In praying before the Tabernacle, "I look at him and he looks at me". By gazing on our Lord in this way, we come to feel his loving gaze upon us and our hearts are purified. This in turn enables us to see others in the light of that truth and compassion which Jesus brings to all. *To read the full reflection and find more resources at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available.*

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SEARCH FOR THE LIGHT IS BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR! Search for the Light is back again this year! Take some time out this Easter to come to The Briars for an amazing retreat experience. You can come by yourself or with your friends, no parents or teachers needed, and take part in fun activities and opportunities to learn more about and deepen your faith alongside other like-minded young people. This retreat is open to all in years 10 to 13, between **Thursday 28th – Sunday 31st March**. Get teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on **Monday 4 March** from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information and to reserve your place, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk) and costs £55 per person (with bursaries through the St Francis of Assisi fund). Get in contact on our Instagram (@NDCYS) or Facebook (NDCYS – The Briars) or call (01773 852044).

The latest edition of the **Diocesan E-Magazine** was published on Ash Wednesday, featuring reflections, articles, and news from across the diocese, including NDCYS, CAFOD and Caritas. Read and subscribe to receive it directly via email at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news

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 parish-priest@olvic.com PS Just one form is necessary for all your roles in the parish.

	Eucharistic	Ministers	Rota	
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
3rd March	P Bebb	J Shellard	T Page	----
10th March	A Hall	V Winter	J Snaith	----

READERS				FINANCE	18/02/24
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am	Envelopes	£189.40
24/25 Feb	C Baldam	M Blake	M Douglas	Loose	£224.00
2/3 Mar	J. Rowland	K. Lilley	C. Reed	Total	£413.40

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

6.00pm Mass: Paul Sefton (O'Brien)

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

- 1st Children's Liturgy today

Coffee after Mass

Monday: Lenten Feria

10.00am: Eva Reilly Funeral

Tuesday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: Ann Johnson RIP (Wendy)

6.30pm: Practice for singing the Mass

Wednesday: Lenten Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Mass for Vocations (Catenians)

Thursday: Lenten Feria

9.45am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Patrick Bishop RIP (Doreen & Peter)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: St David, Patron of Wales

12.30pm: Ecumenical prayer & Lunch at Methodist Church

2.00pm: World Day of Prayer Service

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Mass: Keith Skilling RIP (Blamires)

Saturday: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: Christopher Roberts Anniv

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

10.00am Mass: Mrs Elelyn Parry RIP (Downey)

CAFOD Collection this weekend



*This is my Son,
the Beloved.*

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 11.00am
5.15pm

Walk with me booklets: These have a meditation for each day to bolster your prayer. Also available are Activity booklets and a calendar for children.

Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass

Holy Hour with Benediction: Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm with a meditation on next Sunday readings. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration. Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

OUR ECUMENICAL LENT FRIDAY LUNCH TIME SERVICE at the Methodist Church Northampton Rd on the Fridays of Lent, 30-minute services (12.30pm) followed by the famous Soup etc, prepared by our Third World Group. (1.00pm) at the Methodist Church. Services prepared and led by the different churches



This Lent, your donations to **CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal** will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at www.cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.



2nd Collection Today

Can you help to improve the Forest School at St Joseph's School? -

Friday 15th March at 2pm We are looking for volunteers to help us to improve our Forest School area. If you can help us with any of the following, or can join us on the day, please let us know via the school office. Do you have carpentry skills? Could you help make... a bench to use as a mud kitchen, a simple structure to use as a log store? (We do have pallets for this.) Would you be able to donate larger logs we could use for balancing / see saw? Would you be able to volunteer on the day to litter pick and carry larger items to a skip, put up our slack line or bring your own creative ideas!! Thank you for your support.



The Diocese of Nottingham is delighted to **offer THREE RETREATS** this Lent. As we celebrate the Year of Prayer and all of us look for ways to grow in our prayer life, a retreat can be a fantastic way. The theme of all three retreats is the **Year of Prayer and Deepening your Prayer Life**. Each retreat day will run from 10am-4pm: **Saturday 2nd March** – Young Adults' Retreat (18-35) with Word on Fire – Holy Cross Leicester (Free); **Saturday 9th March** – Women's Retreat (18+) – Holy Trinity, Newark (£12); **Saturday 23rd March** – Men's Retreat (18+) – Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire (£12). Please see the posters for more information, visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

World Day of Prayer Service Friday: 1st March 2pm St Dionysius Church. Prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. Theme: "I beg you, bear with one another in love". Refreshments after service. All welcome.

WOMEN IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD: A special Lenten event on Saturday 9 March 2024 at St Mary's University and online. Join us for a special hybrid event this Lent, hosted by St Mary's Twickenham and CAFOD to examine how our Church can recognise and value the active contribution of women and enhance the pastoral leadership of women in all areas of the Catholic Church's life and mission, all over the world. **Date:** Saturday 9 March 2024 ;**Time:** 11am to 3pm (with light lunch included) **Venue:** St Mary's University, Twickenham **or on Zoom;** **Tickets:** In person £10/online free of charge Further details from Mary Mihovilovic - mary.mihovilovic@stmarys.ac.uk

SUNG LITURGY: Recently we have been singing the Missal tone (in the Mass books) at the Saturday evening mass. Margaret Griffin has arranged a get-together with James Atkins to go through singing it **on Tuesday 27th February 6.30pm** as we did for the German Mass to gain confidence. We also hope to go through the Missa de Angelis.

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 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 check.

Also **40 Days for Life** will have a prayerful witness outside the BPAS abortion centre in Aylestone, Leicester from Wednesday 14th February to Sunday 24th March, and we welcome you to join us, to be part of God's work in stopping abortion in our city. You will never be on your own and you can sign up for one hour or two, whenever you are available (even weekends and evenings). Prayer outside an abortion centre can close it down. If you feel called to this special work call Francisca Martinez in confidence on 07943 711549 for an informal chat, or email leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com You can also directly sign up for hours at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester>

We have now begun **our children's liturgy each week during termtime.** 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. **There is a form to fill in giving your children's details and your consent from Fr Chris**



We have **the following funerals:** **Eva Reilly** whose funeral will be on Mon 26th February at 10.00am. **Patrick "Mike" Lynch** on **Wednesday 13th March 1.00pm** at **Kettering Crematorium.** May they rest in peace.

YEAR OF PRAYER PODCAST – the latest episode of the Diocese of Nottingham's Podcast *Encounter Prayer is now live.* *Sister Susan Richert, a Presentation Sister working in our diocese, leads us in meditative prayer. You can download or stream it from Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts and more or by visiting www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer*