

Saint Mary's Parish, Loughborough (LE11 3AB), is hosting a **GREGORIAN CHANT DAY** on Saturday 14th February, from 10.00am until 4.00pm, concluding with the singing of Vespers. Greg Treloar, previously Diocesan Director of Music, will be leading the day, for which there is a suggested donation of £10. For more information, or to register for the day, please contact Martins: martinsobi@gmail.com.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Ladies Midsummer Lunch supporting St Joseph's Academy Thursday 18th June 2026.

ST JOSEPH'S PTFA is excited to launch our very first online auction, and we would be grateful for your support. The auction runs from **Friday 30 January to Sunday 08 February 2026 at 9:00pm**. To take part, simply **scan the QR code** in this newsletter to view and bid on the items. We have a fantastic range of prizes, including **signed sports memorabilia**, family days out, experiences, vouchers, and unique treats. **Full details of all auction lots are included in the attached catalogue**. Every bid helps raise valuable funds for our children and school community — thank you for your support.



THE DIOCESAN CHOIR will reconvene under the baton of the newly appointed Director of Music at Nottingham Cathedral, Peter Siepmann. An initial singing morning is scheduled for **Saturday 31st January**, 11am - 1pm in Cathedral Hall. Singers should register their intention to attend via email to cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk. There will be a second session, devoted to preparing for the annual Chrism Mass, on **Saturday 28th March**.

<u>Jan/Feb 2026</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
24/25 January	B O'Malley	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary
31/1 Feb	B Phillips	T Ruane	T Page	A Randle
7/8 Feb	S Jones		J Shellard	M Douglas
14/15 Feb	J Lowe	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
21/22 Feb	B Mugoni	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
24/25 Jan	P Green	M Blake	M Douglas
31/1 Feb	N Williamson	R van der Liet	C Sellechia
7/8 Feb	C Baldham	M Lewin	R Lewin



Our Lady of Victories

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25th January 2026
3rd Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 3
Year A

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 3rd of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
10.00am Mass: Joan McCabe (Doreen & Maggie)
Coffee after Mass

MONDAY: Sts Timothy & Titus

9.00am: Private Int

TUESDAY: Feria

9.00am Mass: Mary Marston RIP (Tom)

WEDNESDAY: St Thomas Aquinas

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00am: Bogush, Jan & Mirek Nowakowski RIP

THURSDAY: Feria

9.40am: Rosary
10.00am Mass: Sue Burton RIP (Cyprian)
Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Feria

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

SATURDAY: St John Bosco

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

SUNDAY: 4th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Connor Calleja (Mary McHugh)
Coffee after Mass



*He went and
settled in
Capernaum; in
this way the
prophecy of
Isaiah was to be
fulfilled.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

FR CHRIS WRITES: Today we have a Pastoral letter from our Bishop Patrick to launch the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for the next 5 years. It will be published on Sunday on the website and some copies and summaries will be available very soon. It is entitled, "Go, make disciples" and it is both a spiritual and a practical mission plan to help us all to respond more and more to those challenging words of Christ Jesus to his disciples, and so to each of us: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 19-20) It is themed around encountering discipleship and mission sharing our faith.

We keep in our prayers Conor Calleja, a young man of 20 years who died in Lincoln. He was a pupil of St Joseph's and a member of our Parish. We pray for his family. May he rest in peace.

ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL & RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SPUC: Many thanks for your support we raised a total of £757.23 from our collection and the Coffee and Cakes. Well done all. If you missed the collection you can still give through the Card Machine



Giving in Market Harborough:

Many thanks to all who continue giving to the Parish. For anyone who is new there are Gift Aid Form in the cloister near the wall. Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough RCP** Sort Code: **30 - 95- 47** Account: **00068953**. Just put a note to say it is church donation. If You are a Tax payer you can pick up a gift Aid Form (if you have not completed one) at the Church or email Fr Chris parishpriest@olvic.com and I can send you one by email. We can claim an extra 25% on top of anything you give if you are tax payer. **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

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Continues Tuesday 16th January 7.30pm, **TUESDAY: This week. Baptism & Confirmation;** Times: Assemble 7.30pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.45pm (prompt): Finish 9.00pm (prompt). **All welcome.**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING COFFEE AFTER MASS on a Thursday & Sunday all proceeds go to supporting charitable causes - Bower House Christian Counselling Centre, Third World Group, The Cube Youth Club, Loros and ProLife. This last year we have made donations of £400 to Loros, £200 to The Bower House, £400 to Aid to Developing Countries (3rd world Group) and £60 for Pro Life work.



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 opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament 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 a time during the hour?.*

ECUMENICAL EVENTS: Worship and Prayer nights.

In preparation for the Good Friday Event on the Square. **Sunday 1st February at 5pm to 6pm**, Living Rock Church, Meadowdale School and **Sunday 29th March at 5pm**, Harborough Community Church. All welcome.

Churches Together Forum Thursday 5th February @ 7.30pm at the Methodist Church. All welcome.

World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March at Harborough Community Church at 2pm. Service written by the Christian Woman from Nigeria. Theme, I will give you rest, come. All welcome.

FAITH & FOOTPRINT: Caring for Creation Wednesday 28 January at 7.00 pm. Join the next online diocesan workshop to help you turn your faith into environmental action in the home and parish. We'll explore opportunities to help your church become carbon neutral, and connect with other faith initiatives to care for Creation. Email cari-tas@dioceseofnottingham.uk for the Zoom link.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The first session for children will take place on Sunday 25th January 2026 from 9.20am - 10.20am and the children will join their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word. Pray for them



CHILDREN'S LITURGY will resume this weekend. For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris Or Children's Liturgy team.



LEICESTER 40 DAYS FOR LIFE LAUNCH EVENING is being held at Saint Edward's Parish Hall, 633 Aylestone Road, Leicester LE2 6TF, on **Monday 2nd February** at 7.30pm. Refreshments are included. This evening is especially for those who would like to find out more about the 40 days for Life Prayer Vigil from 18th February - 29th March. For more information contact Maureen at leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester

I HAVE MY MISSION – Each of us has a mission from God. Each of us has been chosen to bring the love of God to others. On **Saturday 31st January**, at Saint Mary's Church, Derby, the Diocese has organised a Day to help you live this mission, your mission. Could you represent our parish at this day? Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am with the Conference starting at 11.00am. The keynote speaker is Abbot Hugh Allan o.praem, Mission Director for the Bishops' Conference. To book your place visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Holy Family Parish, Leicester is seeking to appoint a friendly and organised part-time **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR** to support the day-to-day running of the parish. The role will be for 10 hours per week at Band £13.09 per hour. The successful applicant will undertake duties including parish administration, answering enquiries, keeping records, and organising rotas and newsletters. To request an application form, email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk The closing date is Friday 6th February.