



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

26th January 2025  
3rd Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 3  
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**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 Taxpayer you can pick up a gift Aid Form (if you have not completed one) at the Church or email Fr Chris [parish-priest@olvic.com](mailto:parish-priest@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.

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**MEN'S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES, Monday 31st March – Saturday 5th April** A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

**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 Eucharist and the Real presence of our Lord in is so important for us. 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?.*

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
25/26 January	A Hall	C McInnes	J O'Leary	S McGlone
1/2 February	S Jones	T Page	T Ruane	A Randle
8/9 February	B Phillips	V Winter	J Shellard	F Wilson
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>			
	<u>Sat. 6.00pm</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
25/26 January	P Green	M Blake	M Douglas
1/2 February	N Williamson	R van der Liet	C Sellechia
8/9 February	C Baldham	M Lewin	R Lewin
15/16 February	M Mihovilovic	J Thayaseelan	P Green
22/23 February	M Atkins	C McHugh	S McGlone

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### Sunday: 3rd of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Keith Spreadbury RIP (Abbott)

10.00am Mass: Mary Muray RIP (McGlone)

Coffee after Mass

### Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Edgar Fairhurst RIP

### Tuesday: St Thomas Aquinas

9.00am Mass: Lloyd Fitzhugh RIP (Cyprian)

### Wednesday: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Michael Bishop Ints (Cates)

### Thursday: Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Pamela Vines RIP

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### Friday: St John Bosco

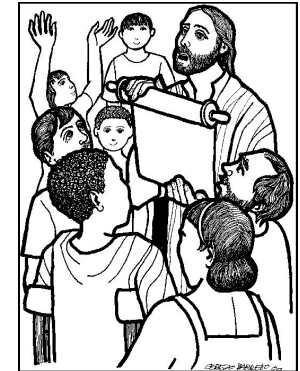
7.00pm Mass: Kevin Gallagher RIP

### Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: Kazimierz & Maria RIP (Izabella)

### Sunday: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish



*This text is being fulfilled today.*

### CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am & 5.15pm

*This Sunday we celebrate  
Word of God Sunday*

**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)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please pray for our First Communion children who begin their preparation this Sunday and will join us after the Liturgy of the word.

**HELP NEEDED WITH OUR TRAVELLERS COMMUNITY:** We no longer have Sister Helen with us who organised and prepared traveller children for the Sacraments. We are looking for Volunteers to help with this. It tends to be on an adhoc 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 check is need for this ministry.

**ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN** A copy of Bishop Patrick's letter which was read out 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, 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.

**ECUMENICAL:** Churches Together Forum meeting Methodist Church Northampton Rd. Thursday 6th February 7.15pm refreshments 7.30pm start. All welcome.

**PROLIFE MEETING:** Saturday 1st February 10.30am 56 Granville St, Market Harborough. All welcome.

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL & RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SPUC on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February and Coffee and cake Sale after Mass.** Eileen Hill asks could you please bring a cake to Mass on this day and to buy a cake to take home for your tea! Also in aid of saving the lives of little babies in the womb.

Prayers are asked for all the Sick and especially for **Don Hackett** who is in his last days of life

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the traditionally the day when we pray for those living the **CONSECRATED LIFE**. If you would like to explore what Consecrated Life means, you are invited to join the Sisters in Matlock for a cup of tea and informal chat on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** between 2.30pm and a4.30pm, at the Presentation Convent, Matlock, DE4 3FT. Just turn up.

Bishop Patrick warmly invites all married couples to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (NG1 5AE) on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February** when we will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm to mark the **JUBILEE OF MARRIAGES**. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION – what happens next?** Bishop John Sherrington writes regarding an update on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill*, that the next stage is evidence-gathering by the committee examining the Bill, and Bishop John will submit written evidence to that. This committee will examine the Bill in detail, after which it will then return to the floor of the House of Commons for a further substantive vote. This vote will probably take place in late April or early May. The Bill could be defeated in that important division. Individuals and interested organisations can submit written evidence to the committee, and further details can be found at [www.parliament.uk/business/news/2025/january/terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill-call-for-evidence/](http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2025/january/terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill-call-for-evidence/)

If you would like to deepen your faith, grow in community with other 18-35 years olds as well as engage more fully in your parish then the brand-new **YOUNG ADULT FORMATION COURSE** run by the Diocese of Nottingham is the course for you. For more information contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or sign up at: <https://forms.office.com/e/9qvH5SjRHh>

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE:** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom, **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** please email: [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk), telephone 07887 296983, or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS WEEKEND.** For Safety and good safeguarding Parents need to fill out a registration form, Registration forms are available from Fr Chris.



**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.myдона.com/our-lady-of-victories-church> or QR Code.

