

Leicester Council of Faith is holding a series of **CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CANCER** events where we can come together, in an informal and supportive environment, to talk about cancer, and help Macmillan Cancer Support to work with people affected by cancer. For the first Conversations about Cancer event members from the Christian faith are invited to Sacred Heart Guild Hall, 25 Mere Road, Leicester, LE5 3HS on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** from 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Bookings are via [projectofficer@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk](mailto:projectofficer@leicestercounciloffaiths.org.uk)

Jesus Youth is organising a **YOUNG ADULT'S RETREAT** for those aged 18-23 at The Briars, Matlock (DE4 5BW) on the **weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> February**. Come join us for this Catholic Youth Weekend, where we'll explore deeper into aspects of Gender and Identity through the core theme for the weekend, the reality that we are 'Created For Love'. To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/2JCX9JWCQRBdi21g7>

As part of **NOTTINGHAM ANNUAL LIGHT NIGHT TRAIL**, come and experience the Cathedral like never before. Its breath-taking gothic revival architecture will be illuminated, there will be live choral and organ performances throughout the evening, and the opportunity for families to make lanterns thanks to a new collaboration with Nottingham Playhouse. All are welcome on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**, 5.30 – 10.00pm.

**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 [parishpriest@olvic.com](mailto:parishpriest@olvic.com) **PS Just one form is necessary for all your roles in the parish.**

It's called **DDPY FITNESS CLASS**. Suitable for all ages and is a combination of body weight exercises, callisthenics, stretching and strengthening. No equipment required. All ages and abilities welcome and it will be open to parishioners with a donation to the church for each class. Wednesdays 6-7pm. Starting 10 January. Contact Sean Downey for more details: 07766054754 [Seangdowney@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Seangdowney@hotmail.co.uk)

**RED BOXES:** Many thanks to everyone who continues to find coins to put into their Red Boxes (increasing difficult in post Covid / card only times) to help the poor and needy in our world. Your support is so much needed and very greatly appreciated. As always, please leave your box on the table in the Cloister and it will be returned after emptying, to the same place. Should anyone wish to help by taking a box, please speak to Father Chris or to Bob and Chris Shepherd. Thank you very much once more.

READERS			
	<b>Sat. 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
27/28 Jan	J Snaith	P Green	J Thayaseelan
3/4 Feb	M Atkins	S McGlone	C McHugh
10/11 Feb	M Mihovilovic	M Crook	C Goddard
17/18 Feb	N Williamson	D Chappell	B Tyrell

FINANCE	21 January
Envelopes	£288.92
Loose	£272.85
Standing Order	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£561.77</b>



# Our Lady of Victories

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28th January 2024  
 4th Week of Ordinary Time  
 Psalter Week 4

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### Sunday: 4th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish  
 10.00am Mass: Eugene Gatens RIP (Taylor)  
 Coffee after Mass

### Monday: Feria

11.30am Mass: Theresa Daly funeral

### Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

### Wednesday: St John Bosco

9.45pm: Morning Prayer  
 10.00am Mass: Elaine Jameson RIP (Cates)  
 5.00pm Reception of the Body Dora Mack

### Thursday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary  
 11.00am Funeral Dora Mack RIP  
 7.30pm: No Holy Hour CTH meeting Community church

### Friday: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

### Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish  
**Sunday: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 10.00am Mass: Douglas and Eileen Reed RIP



*He taught  
 them with  
 authority*

### CONFESSIONS

**Sat: 11.00am  
 5.15pm**

**FR CHRIS WRITES: 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](mailto:Parishpriest@olvic.com) As for all these roles we need to do a DBS check.



**SPUC White Flower appeal 2023:** the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is holding its annual appeal on 11th of February and there will be a speaker at the end of mass. There will be coffee and cake sale after Mass. Any cakes would be gratefully received. Parish SPUC group.

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](mailto:leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com) You can also directly sign up for hours at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester> The 40 Days for Life Launch Evening is being held on Monday 5th February @ 7.30pm St Edward's Catholic Church 633 Aylestone Rd, Aylestone, Leicester LE2 8TF the speaker is Dr John Edwards.



Also we have very good news that we will begin **our children's liturgy** on the 25th of February at the end of half term. 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. Many thanks to all our catechists. We will be giving out details so that your children can take part. They will be a registration form for that.



We have **the following funerals:** Theresa "Tess" Daly on 29th January at 11.30am and **Dora Mack** on Thursday 1st January at 11.00am. Her body will be received into Church at 5.00pm on Wednesday 31st January. May they rest in peace.

**VICTORY PRIZE DRAW:** May I remind you all that those that pay annually your payment is now due cheques made payable to **THE VICTORY PRIZE DRAW and sent to Keith Shiers 23 Fairfax Road Market Harborough LE16 9JT.**

#### **St Joseph's PTFA Bingo Night - Friday 9th February 2024**

St Joseph's PTFA warmly invites the Parish Community to join in with our FIRST bingo night. It will be held in the Octagonal Hall. Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 7:30pm. Cash prizes to be won, with a TOP PRIZE of £100. Entry is £10 and includes all of your bingo games for the evening. You can pay on the door or buy your tickets from the School Office. Bring your own drinks and snacks. We hope to see you there.

**HOMES FOR UKRAINE GATHERING on Friday 2nd February, 2.30-4.00pm** at the Frassati Centre, Holy Cross, Leicester LE1 6HW. Nearly two years on from the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the need for refuge in the UK is still high. Join this afternoon hosted by Caritas Social Action Network and Saint John of God Hospital Services, where you can find out about the current situation, eligibility for sponsoring refugees, and key considerations for hosting. Visit [bit.ly/ukraine2feb](http://bit.ly/ukraine2feb) for more details & See poster

**YEAR OF PRAYER PODCAST:** This month's episode of Encounter Prayer is now available. We explore a type of Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of the scriptures) with Sean Jinks and Sophie Rimac of the Seven Steps Scripture Sharing Group in Leicester. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

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**A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, Fourth Sunday of the Year:** All human suffering is sacred to God. So pray the prayer of Psalm 56: "You have kept an account of my wanderings; you have kept a record of my tears! Are they not written in your book?" (v. 8). Before God we are not strangers, or numbers. We are faces and hearts, known one by one, by name. *To read the full reflection and find more resources at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer) A prayer sheet is available*

#### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH EASTER EVENT 2024 WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHTS:**

On Good Friday 2024, 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. Your support and participation in these nights will have a real impact for the Gospel in our town, so please put these dates in the diary and please do all you can to be there and be involved in this exciting work for the Gospel. Thank you. Revd Christopher Brown (Pastor, MHBC).



**WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #2: Sunday 18th February, 6pm; Location TBC.**  
**WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #3: Sunday 24th March, 6pm. Market Harborough Community Church 121 Bath Street, Market Harborough, LE16 9JL**  
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