

**JUBILEE FOOD BANK:** You are asked to leave food bank items in the trolleys at various supermarkets when you shop. Henderson Connellan on the High Street, Spar on Coventry Road, Eco Village, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Both Coop supermarkets, B&M, Everyone's Active: leisure centre of <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/> **Shopping List:**



**WE HAVE MOST URGENT NEED FOR:** Tinned Fruit; Tinned Sweetcorn; Baked Beans with Sausages; Cereal; Tinned Ham; Crackers; We also need: UHT milk (whole or semi skimmed); Tinned Red Meat; Tinned Chicken; Hot Dogs (tins or jars); Corned Beef; Tinned Carrots; Dried Potatoes (Smash); Tinned Meatballs; Chicken in Sauce; Small packs of sugar; Microwave puddings; Marmalade; Jam; Tinned Potatoes; Coffee (small jars); Biscuits; Crisps; Tinned Tomatoes; Tinned chickpeas, mixed chilli beans, lentils; Custard; Tinned Rice Pudding; Sachet Meals (pan or microwave); Cordial; Pasta sauce; Fray Bentos pies; Microwave Rice; Tinned Soup; Cup a Soup; Sugar (500g if possible); Tinned Sausages with beans; Tinned Peas; Tinned Vegetarian Meals, such as veggie chilli; Snacks and Cereal Bars; Robinsons minis or similar for families (small squash concentrates); ALPRO yoghurts (long-life, for the shelf not fridge); Tinned red meat, such as tinned mince, Bolognese, stew and chilli. Microwave puddings; Pasta sauce; Peanut Butter; Chicken in sauce; Small cartons of long life milk (for homeless people or someone without a fridge); Meals that do not need cooking (for example John West Fish and rice meals); Sweets, snacks & crisps; Chicken in Sauce; Tinned Pasta; Teabags; Tuna; Where possible and available, consider giving tins with a ring-pull as these can also be used for homeless people where the food is appropriate. (E.g., fish, tinned fruit...) **We ask for smaller size items as many people do not have a car and it reduces the weight of the parcel.** **Other Suggested Food Donations:** Mayonnaise; Porridge; Oats; UHT fruit juice; Microwave rice; Veggie meals (tinned); Tinned meals; Packets of Rice (500g if possible); Packets of pasta; Jars of curry sauce to go with rice; Teabags; Sponge Puddings; Dried fruit; Angel Delight; Small sachets of herbs; Shampoo; Toothpaste; Toothbrushes; Deodorant; Sunscreen (for homeless people in the summer); Shower gel, soap; Feminine products—sanitary towels and tampons. **We don't currently need, please do not donate:** Baked beans

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
29/30 November	B Phillips	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes
6/7 December	S Jones	A Randle	T Ruane	T Page
13/14 December	J Lowe	M Douglas	V Winter	J Shellard
20/21 December	B Mugoni	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford
27/28 December	M O'Malley	C McInnes	J O' Leary	S Mc Glone

READERS			
	<b>Sat. 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
29/30 November	P Green	B Tyrell	D Chappell
6/7 December	M Mihovilovic	M Douglas	M Blake
13/14 December	M Atkins	C Sellechia	R van der Liet
20/21 December	J Rowland	R Lewin	M Lewin
27/28 December	J Rowland	P Green	J Thayaseelan



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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30th November 2025  
1st Week of Advent  
Psalter Week 1  
Year A

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY: 1st of Advent

6.00pm Mass: Trudi Blamires RIP

10.00am Mass: Holy Souls (Jo Davies)

Coffee after Mass

NO ROSARY

### MONDAY: Advent FERIA

9.30am Mass: November Dead List (School to join us)

### TUESDAY: Advent FERIA

9.00am Mass: Savio Gilbert Pereira (Atkins)

### WEDNESDAY: St Francis Xavier

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

### THURSDAY: Advent FERIA

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am: Bill Kerr RIP (Catenians)

Coffee

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### FRIDAY: Advent FERIA

7.00pm Mass: Winifreda Williams RIP Anniv (Ellen Wallace)

### SATURDAY: Advent FERIA

10.30am: First Advent Journey Retreat Day

6.00pm Mass: Joan McCabe 100th (Barbara & Ian)

### SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday of Advent

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass



Stay awake  
so that you  
may be ready.



**CONFESSIONS**  
Sat 11 am  
5.15am

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** We begin Advent this weekend and indeed the Church's Year. Advent is a time of hope and expectation and above all encounter with Christ. Advent is a spiritual season to grow closer to Christ and prepare for his coming to us in a new or deeper way. The words of John the Baptist ring true for this time: *prepare away for the Lord. Can we make space and time for him in these coming weeks?*

**Nest Sunday: 2nd Collection for Poor and Needy Parishes**

Our Parish **CAROL SERVICE** organised by the Catenians is scheduled for **Sunday 14th December at 3.00PM** followed by refreshments. St Joseph's children will also be taking part. Come along to take part and listen to the Christmas readings and the wonderful words of the carols.



**THE REPOSITORY** has Diaries, Christmas cards and so on. Buy something Holy as a Christmas Present!

**A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT with Fr John Farrell OP** Using the daily lectionary readings at mass to guide us through the Advent Season. **Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>** (Advent is for Adults. John the Baptist's Call to Repent and Turn Around; Isaiah of Jerusalem), December 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>.

**10.30am (coffee) to 12.30pm** (when some share a light lunch together.) There are no charges, but voluntary donations to defer expenses may be given. The meetings will be held in the Catholic Church Hall in Market Harborough.



**WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS** for adults and also children's booklets & calendars are available at church. They have a meditation for each day based on the readings for Mass each day including the Christmas period. They are a great resource to help us pray in Advent.

**WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Continues Tuesday 2nd December 7.30pm TUESDAY: This week. The Church;** Times: Assemble 7.30pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.45pm (prompt): Finish 9.00pm (prompt). **All welcome**

**ST JOSEPH'S FOUNDATION STAGE NATIVITY** will be in Church again this year: Wednesday 3rd December 2.00pm and Thursday at 2.00pm this week. Parishioners are warmly Invited.

**CHURCH FLOWER ROTA:** We are hoping to find someone who would be willing to organise the rota of volunteers who arrange flowers in church. If you can help please contact Pauline Bebb (07715624012) or Mary Penney (07790883361).

**RED BOXES:** How time flies by! It is time once again for the emptying of the Missio Red Boxes. We are so grateful for your continuing support for the Missions. It really is true that if you look after the pennies, the pounds will look after themselves! Our Parish has continued to do this in a very generous way. Could you please leave your box in the Sacristy or hand it to Father Chris or Bob and Chris Shepherd and we will return it to the table in the cloister shortly afterwards.

**STAND UP FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!** Consider signing Aid to the Church in Needs' global petition supporting persecuted Christians. Your voice matters. By signing this petition, you can help us urge world leaders to act on behalf of those who suffer simply for practicing their faith. Follow the link or use the QR code. [www.acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege](http://www.acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege)



### SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMIES

**(Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022.** The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school).* You must also include the supporting evidence\* as required with this form, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

### HELPING YOUNG CATHOLICS TO HELP OTHERS:

The Catenian Association Bursary Fund gives financial support to young Catholics volunteering to do something wonderful by helping those less fortunate than themselves. Whether this is an individual project, or with others, in a developing country; or travelling to Lourdes to help an assisted pilgrim, we would like to help you to achieve your aim of helping others. If you know someone planning to volunteer in such ways, take a look at <https://catenianbursary.com/> where further information and an application form can be found.



**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](mailto: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 Code.



### 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@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.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](http://www.spiritualabuse.com)

**Action on Elder Abuse Helpline** – 0808 808 8141