

THIRD WORLD GROUP CHRISTMAS CARD BOARD: Every year the Third World Group create a Christmas Card Board opposite the notice boards in The Cloisters. You are invited to put one card on the board extending your Christmas greetings to Fr Owen and all your friends in the parish. The money you save by only using the one card we kindly ask you to donate to the charities we support. A box will be placed on the table to the right of the board for your donations. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness



THIRD WORLD GROUP APPEAL: So has it finally happened? Has winter arrived? The nights are drawing in and we will soon be into the Post B Era (Post Bazaar). Time to put away the celebrated and much worn summer/autumn clothes and hang the winter woollies firmly in the wardrobe. Should you have any clothes, for any season, in good condition, that you no longer require TWG would be most grateful for them. Please place them in the TWG box under the table in the cloisters. They will be sold on eBay and ALL proceeds will go **DIRECTLY** to the charities in the Third World that we support. Thank you for your generosity.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: With the approval of our Parish Pastoral Council members our Christmas Masses will be as follows:

Christmas Eve at 6.30pm - A FAMILY MASS
9.30pm - A CAROL SERVICE
10.00pm - MASS - remembering that is 12 midnight
in Bethlehem. So NO Midnight Mass here
Christmas Morning - 8.30am at Husbands Bosworth
10.00am Mass here



FURTHER INFORMATION: Following the recent Eucharist Congress in Liverpool and it's great focus and call to all of us for a deeper appreciation of the Lord Himself really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and also responding to our Bishop's Pastoral letter of last week and his call for a deeper ENCOUNTER with the Lord, and more opportunities for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, our Parish Pastoral Council have approved our intent to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before each of our Masses here in Harborough for half an hour on the 3 last Saturday evenings, and Sunday mornings of December 8th/9th; 15th/16th; 22nd/23rd. One of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will expose the Blessed Sacrament, and give some input by way of a Scripture reading and some prayers. It is hoped that all of you will enter the Church in silence and respectfully and reverently spend the time encountering the Lord in Adoration, and for your own spiritual wellbeing. More on this over the coming weeks.



2nd December 2018

Readers: 6.30pm: P Danks
10.00am: M Lane C Sellechia
Eucharistic Ministers:
6.30pm: B O'Malley M O'Malley T page P Pelos
 B Phillips
10.00am: D Quinn K Quinn T Ruane J Shellard
 J Snaith (Weekday B)
Counters: E Green C Reed M Monk
Welcomers: 6.30pm: E, P and O Cioch
10.00am: J Matthews M Cullum J Shellard
Bidding Prayers: A Burgess

9th December 2018

Readers: 6.30pm: J Rowlands
10.00am: M Crook M Wells
Eucharistic Ministers:
6.30pm: B Spicknell B Stewart S Tacey N Tiney
 F Wilson
10.00am: V Winter D Bebb P Bebb R Blagburn
 A Brown (Weekday A)
Counters: A Wade V English
Welcomers: 6.30pm: J Lowe W Kwacz M Furlong
10.00am: J Clarke E Ventriglia V Winter
Bidding Prayers: M Naeef



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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 Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

2nd December 2018
 First Week of Advent
 Psalter Week, 1
 Sundays Year C
 Weekdays Year 1

Times of Services

Sunday: 1st of Advent

Sat.6.30pm Mass - In Thanksgiving for family support & love
 8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - In Reparation for the sins of the Church
 10.00am Mass - Rudy Clements R.I.P.

Stay awake, praying at all times

Monday: St Francis Xavier

9.45am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Mass - In Thanksgiving for blessings received & asking God's continuous blessings

Tuesday: Advent Feria

9.00am Mass - Maria Doyle R.I.P.
 Rosary after Mass

Wednesday: Advent Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Mass - Dorothy Springer R.I.P.

Thursday: Advent Feria

9.43am Rosary
 10.00am Mass - 52nd birthday gift for Richard Clarke

Friday: St Ambrose

N.B. 9.45am Morning Prayer of the church
10.00am Mass -

Saturday: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY
 NO MORNING MASS (Mass in the Prison)

6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass
 6.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday 9th December - Jim McCabe R.I.P. (birthday memento)

Sunday: 2nd of Advent

8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Hilda Mann R.I.P.
9.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass
 10.00am Mass - The Parishioners
 3.00pm - Catenian Carol Service at Husbands Bosworth
 3.00pm - Carol service at the Prison (public not permitted)



Confessions Saturday

11.00 - 11.30 am
 5.30 - 6.00 pm.
 & on request

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday
 10.30—11.00 a.m.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: (Anniversary 1st - 31st December): Frank Wilson 1970; John O'Neill 1978; Annie Measures 1987; Elizabeth Barwick 1987; Dorothy Violet Bergin 1987; Florence Matthews 1988; Carmela Vials 1988; Philip Hugh Kenny 1988; Mary Ann Spillane 1989; Nicholas J. Bartlette 1989; Arthur Collins 1990; Annie Byrne 1990; Arthur Skelham 1991; Norah St. Clare Roberts 1991; Dennis Henry McCarthy 1991; Anne Preston 1992; Waclaw Kucinski 1992; John Joseph O'Brien 1992; Trevor Anthony Humphreys 1992; George Alfred West 1992; Lilly Elizabeth Englefield 1993; Dennis Joseph McKenna 1993; Albert John Pearson 1993; Christine Dorothy Shaw 1994; Edward George Tallett 1995; Valentina Emilia DiCicco 1995; Ellen Cotter 1996; Ellen Violet Coping 1996; Peter Hyde Williamson 1997; Mary Anne Cheyne 1997; Camille Guerriero 1997; Clara Elsie McKeague 1997; Elizabeth May Hopkins 1997; John Joseph Westley 1999; Jennifer Ellen Coe 2002; Joyce Kendrick 2002; James William Marsden 2003; Ilsa Veronika Berta 2003; Rudolph Edward Clements 2004; Mark Thomas Jelly 2004; Peter Keaveney 2005; Doris Hardwick 2005; Alice Maria Withers 2005; Alan Atkins 2005; Lee Francis Scampton 2006; James Fitzpatrick 2007; David Burns 2007; Doreen Percival 2008; Raymond Cunningham 2009; Maria Colotta 2009; Gordon Cyril Mayes 2010; John Geaney 2010; Mike Atkin 2010; Peter McMahon 2010; Anthony George Butlin 2011; Kevin Andrew O'Brien 2011; John Walter William Foote 2011; Edith Garner 2001; Marjorie Shuttleworth 2012; Michael Fitzgerald 2013; Elizabeth Mary (Lily) Mutton 2014; Clare Yvonne Duffus 2014; Catherine Christina Sweeney 2015; Elaine Rosaline Cave 2015; Catherine Christina Sweeney 2015; Elaine Rosaline Cave 2015; Graham Joseph Towers Grocock 2016; Paul Mulkerrin 2016; Rosa Stiffanelli 2016; Malcolm Arthur Wallace 2016; Leo James Whittaker 2016; George Gowing 2017; Ernest Piggin 2017; Spencer Farrell 2017; John McKay 2017; Fr James Coyne 1959; Canon Bowman Short 1960; Fr John Weaver SJ 1971; Mgr Bernard George 1978; Fr Charles Coleman 1979; Fr Douglas Walford 1979; Fr Con Dolan 1981; Bishop William Grasar 1982; Canon Edward Neary 1985; Canon John Newsham 1986; Canon Joseph Murdock 1988; Fr Joseph Savickis 1990; Fr Francis Murray SCJ 1994; Fr Martin Finneran 1996; Canon Patrick Balfe 2000; Fr Robert Sharp OP 2001; Canon David Ryan 2002; Fr Anthony Kenny CSS p 2005; *Eternal give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace* **Only the names of those recorded in our Death Register, or were connected with the parish in any way, are published in the monthly Requiescant in pace lists.**

THE HARBOROUGH BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT: It is with joyful anticipation that we await what is now our annual Christmas Concert with the Harborough Brass Band on Saturday evening December 15th. Entrance to the Church for this event will be from 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. Tickets available from Celia Wilson. An evening of truly great entertainment is guaranteed with guest stars Tracey Holderness and Siobhan Moore. This years concert in our Church will be the 10th consecutive year and what a wonderful annual entertainment they have been. If you haven't attended a concert in previous years, give yourself an early Christmas treat. You will love it.



THIS SUNDAY all priests have been asked to offer a Mass in Reparation for the Sins of the Church, and how the church has been betrayed by clericalism, sexual abuse and other deviations by so many of her Bishops and priests. God forgive us for that betrayal, that destruction, the pain and hurt caused, for the scandal to so many people of faith and love. Fr Owen will be offering the 8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth in reparation for the sins of the Church.



Deacons
Called
To Serve

**DOOR
HANGERS
AND
WREATHES**
The lists are
now up for the
above at a
cost of £8.

**RETIRING
COLLECTION**
Next Sunday
for flowers to
decorate the
church for
Christmas and
beyond. Your
customary
generosity
is really
appreciated.



PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS are offered to John Owens who is being ordained a Deacon this coming Saturday evening at Oscott Seminary. Birmingham. John now lives in our parish with his wife and 3 little sons. As I wrote in a newsletter some months ago, John was originally studying for the Anglican priesthood, but after being ordained a Deacon for the Anglican Church, he felt unable to continue studying for the Anglican Ministry. Fr Owen received John and his wife, Megan, into full union and communion with the Catholic Church in December 2013. For 3 years after his reception John and his family lived near Uppingham and attended Mass in Oakham. It was his great prayer and hope to be ordained a priest in the Catholic church. John and family moved back to Harborough last year, but because of his involvement in the Church in Oakham, continued to go to Mass there. Pope Francis has granted permission for John to be ordained to the Catholic priesthood. For the past 2 years, John has attended the seminary at Oscott for 3 days every week. For a few weeks after his ordination as a Deacon, he will continue to attend Oakham. However, from mid January Bishop Patrick has appointed John, or Deacon John as he will be then, to exercise his ministry in our parish until his Ordination to the priesthood in July 2019. So whilst offering prayerful congratulations to John, we look forward to welcoming him as an ordained Deacon, fulfilling his ministry in our parish alongside Fr Owen. The great joy and blessing is that John, as a married man, is being ordained a Deacon, towards, and before Ordination to the Catholic priesthood. More on this in a future newsletter.

FURTHER GOOD NEWS: Many of you will remember Liam Carpenter who was with us for a month on his pastoral placement nearly 3 years ago. The good news is that Liam will be ordained a Deacon on Friday 18th January 2019 at 7pm. in St Bernadette's Church, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, where he has been on pastoral placement for the past 6 months. Hopefully Liam will be ordained to the priesthood next summer, God willing.

NEW YOUCAT FOR KIDS: In child-friendly language, accompanied by talking points for parents and teachers, YOUCAT for Kids explores: Creation; The Creed; The Sacraments; The Ten Commandments; Prayer; The Life of Jesus. It has all the much-loved characteristics of the bestselling YOUCAT series - including fun graphics, quotes from Saints, and thought-provoking images - which have been adapted to suit a younger audience. Designed in consultation with parents and families, YOUCAT for Kids is an essential addition to every family bookshelf to help children and parents discover their Catholic faith together. The book can be previewed and ordered online from CTS: <http://www.ctsbooks.org/youcatforkids-1>

THE BISHOP ASKS: During Advent/Christmastide 2018/19, I have asked that we look at the theme of ENCOUNTER'. I would like to ensure that people of all ages in our parishes, schools and chaplaincies are helped to discover, or discover more deeply, the importance of a personal ENCOUNTER with Christ; so that they can become more convinced that they are each loved by God and are invited to grow in their relationship with him.

BACON BUTTIES: The KSC will be selling lovely Bacon Butties after the 10 a.m. Mass to-day. There are many less fortunate than ourselves who have fallen on hard times and have nowhere to go at Christmas. All monies raised goes to Hosanna House who help those people. So come along, have coffee, Bacon Butty and chat with fellow parishioners. Remember Jesus said "I was hungry and you gave me food" "A Stranger and you took me in".

