

Our Lady of Victories



Market Harborough

21st July 2019
Week 16 of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4

NEWS RELEASE FROM JUBILEE FOODBANK, Friday 12 July 2019:

Summer holidays have now started for Leicestershire schools. Good news for children and teachers but for parents who are struggling to make ends meet it can be a worrying time. Those whose children have free school meals during term time now have the prospect of six weeks when they have to provide more meals for their children. The Jubilee Foodbank found that requests for help increased significantly for families with children under 16 during August last year, and expect a similar rise this year.

The Jubilee Foodbank was set up in 2012 to support families and individuals in Market Harborough who are in food crisis and has found the need has grown over the years. Referrals come through various sources in the town including Citizens Advice, Harborough District Council, Homestart and local doctors. Several charities have supported the foodbank's increasing demands on its service and its need to move premises. Recently, the Howard Watson Symington Memorial Charity, and the Market Harborough and Bowden's Charity have given significant support to help the foodbank. Now, non-perishable food will help Jubilee Foodbank to meet the summer holiday demands. Liz Mills, Chair of Jubilee Foodbank Committee, said: "We are asking the people of Market Harborough to support the Foodbank at this difficult time for families. If everyone bought something extra to donate when they are shopping we would have enough to cover the expected requests for help. Check out our website jubileefoodbank.info or our Facebook page for current shortages."

Items needed include cereals, UHT milk, tinned food such as meat, vegetables, potatoes, fruit, rice pudding; jars of jam, marmalade or fish paste. No fresh or frozen foods. Collection points for donated food are at Sainsbury's, Co-op, Waitrose, B & M, Halifax Building Society, Nationwide Building Society and Congregational Church Office.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

August 31st: LACY sponsored Funday at Rutland Water for all family members.

September 8th: CONFIRMATION CLASS, 5.00 - 6.30pm.

September 20th: "Musical Showtime" sponsored by our Third World Group.

21st July 2019

Readers: 6.30pm: C Baldham **10.00am:** M Wells M Crook

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm: ---- Mike Hall S Jones W Kwacz J Lowe

10.00am: ---- S McGlone C McInnes J O'Leary B Phillips (Weekday A)

Counters: F Wilson C Wilson N Williamson

Welcomers: 6.30pm: P Hamer M Hiron B Phillips

10.00am: B Shepherd C Shepherd C Reed

Bidding Prayers: E Hall

28th July 2019

Readers: 6.30pm: J Rowland **10.00am:** D Chappell B Tyrell

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm: ---- M O'Malley T Page P Pelos B Phillips

10.00am: ---- D Quinn T Ruane J Shellard J Snaith (Weekday B)

Counters: E Green C Reed P Waring M Monk

Welcomers: 6.30pm: J Southern D Bennett A Simpson

10.00am: J McManus C Brown J Matthews

Bidding Prayers: M Hollier

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Times of Services

Sunday: 16th of Ordinary Time

Sat.6.30pm Mass - Bill Rochford R.I.P.
8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Personal Intention

10.00am Mass - The Parishioners

12noon - Baptism of Darcy Frances & Charlie Isaac O'Flynn
Monday: St Mary Magdalene

9.45am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass - Anne Jones R.I.P.
11.00am - The burial of ashes of a loved one

Tuesday: St Bridget of Sweden

9.00am Mass - Maisie McDonagh R.I.P.
Rosary after Mass

Wednesday: Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass - John Foote R.I.P. (birthday memento)

Thursday: St James, Apostle

9.43am Rosary
10.00am Mass - Donor's intention in Thanksgiving

Friday: Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady

NO SERVICES IN CHURCH

Saturday: Feria

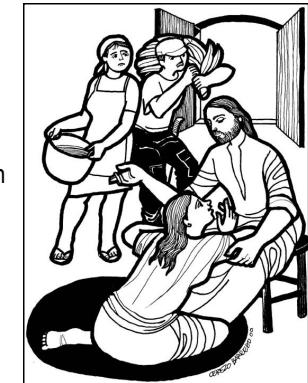
NO MORNING MASS (Service in the Prison)
1.00pm Wedding of Jason Stafford & Sian Frowen - Prayerful Congratulations

6.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday 28th - Margaret Cotter R.I.P.

Sunday: 17th of Ordinary Time

8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Fr John's Intentions
10.00am Mass - The Parishioners

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING THE HOLIDAYS,
THERE WILL BE NO PERIODS OF EXPOSITIONS,
EITHER ON WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS BE-
FORE MASS, OR ANY OTHER TIMES**



Martha welcomed
Jesus into her home.
Mary has chosen the
better part.

Confessions Saturday

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

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCE are offered to Brenda Woodhouse and her family on the death of her sister, Veronica Smith, who died recently after a short illness. May all our departed loved ones be welcomed with mercy and love to their eternal home, as we in faith believe that our departed loved ones, through death, return to God, to their eternal home, remembering and recalling the words of Jesus Himself who said to His apostles and disciples "Where I am going, you too will follow." We pray that all our departed loved ones are now in the presence of the Risen Lord, in the company of the angels and saints.

YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO AFTERNOON TEA : The Third World Group would like to invite you to 46 Roman Way in Market Harborough on the 27th July, between 2.00 and 4 p.m. for tea (or coffee), served with a scone with cream and jam, or a piece of cake, for just £4. There will also be a raffle and tombola. Come and relax in the garden, just 4 minutes walk from the town centre, and make sure to bring your friends.



BACK IN TOWN - THE CRETION SINGERS : The Cretion Singers, who gave a concert in our Hall some 4/5 years ago, to raise funds for Fr. John Mensah's mission in Ghana, are organising **another fund raising concert for Fr. John on August 24th**. Do put the date and event in your diary now, and make sure you will be free to come and have a lovely evening's entertainment. **All for a worthy cause.**

HOLIDAYS AT HOME: Rev. Barry Osborne, Holidays at Home team writes "I am emailing you and other local church secretaries/administrators with the latest news. This email also complements an email sent to church leaders.

Firstly, I am glad to tell you that we have almost the entire programme planned with an interesting range of activities and speakers. We anticipate finalising everything by the end of this week. Those who have offered a hospitality team will be receiving confirmation. You will receive another communication next week with flyers also coming your way.

Secondly, I have to confess to deep disappointment that we have only attracted two new team members and no potential coordinators despite the advertising and emails to churches. As we explained at the outset, this is the last year I think I can be involved because of my responsibilities caring for Doreen. I have no other family to support. It was therefore important to have new people shadowing this year so that I can hand over next year. With so many retired people in our churches it is amazing that no one is offering. We have made this a major issue for prayer and encouraged prayer in the churches. I'm sure that God has the right people to keep this important ministry going". Anyone enquiring about joining the team will receive further information and the opportunity to explore what is involved without any obligation.

THE DIOCESAN DAY WITH DAVID WELLS: Last Saturday, David Wells, a 'son' of Market Harborough, a National and International Speaker, Lecturer and Author, on Catechesis, Liturgy, the Church in our times and many more faith based issues and church teachings, addressed some 200 Catechists and parish helpers in general from all parishes in our diocese, on Saturday, 13th July at Trinity School in Nottingham. Sr. Helen from our Convent here in Harborough was one of the attendees and has given me the following summary of David's talks. Read them now for yourself and reflect on their reality, depth and guidance:

NOTES FROM CATECHISTS DAY WITH DAVID WELLS:: To be Catechists:

Fall in love with Christ's message; Grow in love with the Faith; Become ever more disciples of Christ Pope Paul VI said: '**People listen to witnesses more than teachers.**' We must be both witnesses and teachers. Teach what you want to receive 'Give and it shall be given to you'.

Not just today is the Church in chaos/dying/being persecuted. Therefore, let us not give the message: 'It's going to get worse'. Let us not tell anyone under 25 'These are the best days of your life'. Let us put down the anxiety > Live in the Spirit > If God wanted, He could make disciples out of stones.

Pope Francis' Gestures teach us how to behave. Notice how Pope Francis structures his communications. He begins by helping to unlearn what is unhelpful from the past. He often begins with a challenge. Notice that there are appeals and exhortations. Most of his five exhortations are about JOY.

We notice that first we **Learn**, next we **Unlearn** and then we **Relearn**.

This follows the pattern of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke: in the early chapters Jesus says, for example: 'It was said to you from of old..... but I say to you'. The Jews had to unlearn 'An eye for an eye....' They had the wrong idea of who God was.

Do we know that people out there think they are not good enough to come to Church? If someone thinks they are the untidiest thing in your house they will not come back. What are Parish meetings for? We need to Reflect: 'Is it working?' If it isn't, avoid repeating it. Why do young people leave? Most commonly cited reason in a recent survey was the behaviour of parents and second came the behaviour of the Community. This is not to blame the parents. For example, a young person knows from science that the world wasn't created in seven days. But if he asks his parent if the Bible is true, the parent may feel that he is supposed to say that yes, the world was created in seven days. If you want to remain yourself, you must have a friend in your life who will disagree with you, who is unlike you. Keep out of Holy Huddles! Our Pentecostal friends may ask: 'Are you saved?' We have to remember that Conversion is both a moment and a lifetime..... The Church teaches the we are on a Pilgrimage with Jesus to the Father and it will end with our Death / our passing into eternity..

Learning and Unlearning > A number of years ago, everyone was going on Assertiveness Courses.

Now, people are going on courses to learn how to cope with assertive people.

A Missionary Catechist recognises an opportunity instead of a threat. Develop the skills to know what you are dealing with

The theology of accompaniment is important for the Catechist:

- We must walk with people and stop being focussed on the destination only
- Look for green shoots
- Concentrate on the next step
- Be careful with people

Pope Francis said 'A Church on the defences loses its humility and stops listening, turns into a Museum (frozen in time, held in a glass box).

Let us not be impeded by rigidity. Question what you're doing: ask 'Is there another way?'. Present the truth, enjoy it, don't be a champion of the familiar.

'Sadness can be a sign of ingratitude'; Christian joy is accompanied by a sense of humour.

When Pope Francis says 'Go out', he means 'go out from yourself'. (NB When they discover the centre of the Universe, a lot of people will be disappointed).

Two Heresies: Gnosticism and Plagiarism – are all about yourself: what you know and what you do. Pope Francis says we must be a Church on the move... His Encyclical 'Gaudete et Exultate' can be translated as 'CHEER UP'. Let us remember that the Gospels call us to be faithful.

Avoid Institutionalism: Open the doors / Go out (its not about people coming in). The Church doesn't want to be a decoration.

The Pope has said: 'Please don't put the Holy Spirit in a cage'. He also said 'Don't be a photocopier!

NB, AUTHENTICITY IS YOUR SANCTITY.