

**FROM OUR BISHOP PATRICK:** My dear sister/brother in Christ, We now begin to prepare ourselves spiritually in the diocese for the National Eucharistic Congress being held in Liverpool from 7th - 9th September 2018. I very much appreciate the power of prayer, and I would be grateful for yours. I invite you to say the following short prayer every time you now receive Holy communion:

*Dear Jesus, as I receive you today in Holy Communion,  
I pray for everyone in my family, my parish,  
and across our diocese.  
May they, and I, grow steadily in our love of you,  
and in our understanding of your  
wonderful gift of yourself to us in the Eucharist. Amen*

**Our parish will say this lovely prayer together after Holy Communion, beginning next weekend, in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress.**

**ST GEORGE** was born in the 3rd century. According to legend, was a Roman soldier of Greek and Palestinian origin and officer in the Guard of Roman emperor Diocletian, who was sentenced to death for refusing to recant his Christian faith. As a Christian martyr, he later became one of the most venerated saints in Christianity, and was especially venerated by the Crusaders. He is immortalised in the myth of Saint George and the Dragon. His memorial, Saint George's Day, is traditionally celebrated on 23 April. Numerous countries, cities, professions and organisations claim Saint George as their patron. In the General Roman Calendar, the feast of Saint George is on 23 April.

In the Tridentine Calendar of 1568, it was given the rank of "Semidouble". In Pope Pius XII's 1955 calendar this rank was reduced to "Simple", and in Pope John XXIII's 1960 calendar to a "Commemoration". Since Pope Paul VI's 1969 revision, it appears as an optional "Memorial". In some countries, such as England, the rank is higher. In England, it is a Solemnity (Roman Catholic) or Feast (Church of England): if it falls between Palm Sunday and the Second Sunday of Easter inclusive, it is transferred to the Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter. Saint George is the patron saint of England. His cross forms the national flag of England, and features within the Union Flag of the United Kingdom, and other national flags containing the Union Flag, such as those of Australia and New Zealand. By the 14th century, the saint had been declared both the patron saint and the protector of the royal family.

An interesting piece of trivia – Shakespeare was born on St. George's Day 1564, and if the story is to be believed, died on St. George's Day 1616. An appropriate end perhaps for the man who helped to immortalise the Saint in English tradition.



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

22nd April 2018  
Fourth Week of Easter  
Psalter Week 4

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## Times of Services

### Sunday: 4th of Easter

Sat.6.30pm Mass - The Parishioners  
8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Personal Intention  
10.00am Mass - Pip Monk R.I.P. (2nd Anniv.)

### Monday: St George, Patron of England

9.45am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Mass - wellbeing of Maureen McGeorge

### 2.15 p.m. Funeral service for Maria Wojdat

### Tuesday: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass - Bogush Nowakowski R.I.P. (7th Anniv.)  
Rosary after Mass  
7.00pm - Reception of mortal remains of Ken Purdy into Church

### Wednesday: St Mark, Evangelist

### 10.00am Funeral Mass for Ken Purdy

### Thursday: Easter Feria

9.43am Rosary  
10.00am Mass - Joe Concannon R.I.P. (birthday memento)  
Reception of mortal remains of Helena Nowakowski into Church

### Friday: Easter Feria

### 10. 00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Helena Nowakowski

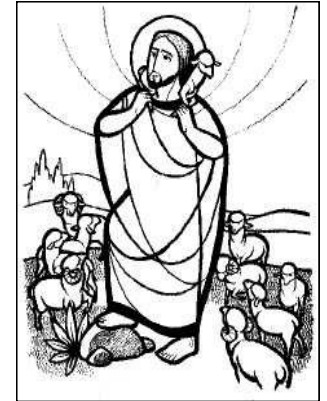
N.B. No evening Mass

### Saturday: Easter Feria

NO MORNING MASS (Mass in the Prison)  
12noon - Renewal of marriage vows  
6.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday 29th - The Parishioners

### Sunday: 5th of Easter

8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Personal Intention  
10.00am Mass - Vincent Reilly (14th Anniv.)



*The good shepherd is  
one who lays down  
his life for his sheep.*

### 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.



**WELCOME TO FR JOHN COLLINS**, a Columban Priest, who as I wrote in **last weeks newsletter**, will be making an appeal at all our Masses on behalf of the Columban Missionary Society. I know you will respond to his appeal with great generosity via the retiring collection.

WELCOME

**OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCE** are offered to Christopher Nowakowski, to Bozena Bates and her husband Richard and their family, on the death on Tuesday last, of their dear mother and grandmother, Helena Nowakowski. For the last few years, I had the great privilege of taking Holy Communion, on a weekly basis, to Helena, at her home. Her great faith and belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacred Host in Holy Communion was a real inspiration to my own faith. Yet another member of the older Polish community has been called to her eternal home. We entrust her to the Lord's eternal care and mercy as we hold all who mourn her passing, in our prayers and our love.

**FORTHCOMING EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN LIVERPOOL** in September. Our Bishop Patrick is very anxious that all in our Diocese are made aware of this very important forthcoming event and that each and every parish in the diocese plays its part in spiritual preparation through prayer, through preaching, through a greater understanding and appreciation of the Mass and the Eucharist for all of us, on our onward journey in faith. In addition to Bishop Patrick's prayer which will be printed each week on the back page of our newsletter, Bishop Patrick has requested that 4 Sundays during this Easter season should be given to sermons on the Mass and the Eucharist. Fr David Palmer and Deacon Jonathan Whitby-Smith of our Diocese, have prepared possible homilies to help the clergy in their presentation and preaching. Instead of preaching and adapting their homilies, I will be offering them as they have come, on a separate sheet attached to our weekly newsletter. The homilies will need reflective reading, study and prayer to grasp their full message, history and scriptural background. Where, when and how he can, Fr Owen will try to answer any questions, or confusions you might have as a result. Peter Green and Judith Snaith will be our representatives at the Congress in September. **The "Second homily" is now available for you from the table in the Cloister entrance where it says "Please take one"**.



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting will now be on Monday evening, April 30th at 7.30pm in the De Trafford Room. Any items for the agenda please give to Beattie Tyrell.

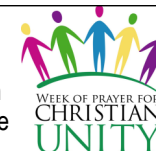
**THE PURPLE HULLS IN CONCERT** supported by the Rocky Road Pilgrims Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 7pm Methodist Church, Northampton Road. Come and hear some excellent Bluegrass music played by Twins Katy Lou & Penny Lea Clark from Texas. The concert is being promoted through Churches Together tickets £10 adult, £5 under 16 from Maureen Douglas 07966 515115 or at the door. [www.thepurplehulls.com](http://www.thepurplehulls.com)



**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** The Gala evening at the theatre raised £1,014; everyone enjoyed "The Ghost Train". Afterwards there was the fantastic buffet and conversation of appreciation of the superb acting. A really great evening out and the Knights are so pleased with the financial outcome; the money will go to the various charities they support. Our great thanks to all who came and participated. We also want to thank the ladies of the Parish who came armed with food to provide the buffet, the raffle and those who helped the clearing up. The theatre was also very helpful printing the tickets and posters. I must thank those who helped me sell the tickets and of course the actors and the director of the play, which was deservedly sold out two weeks before. Thank you everyone for such a successful evening.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF RUMMAGE SALE:** Thank you to all who supported the Rummage Sale which raise £350 for the Church Building Fund.

**A PRAYER AND WORSHIP TIME TOGETHER:** Because the Methodist, Anglican and Catholic Church members in Husbands Bosworth were unable, for practical reasons, to meet together during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the end of January (the 3 ministers did in fact meet together for Coffee and Prayer), it was decided, because of its importance to do so, to meet at a later date. That date and place is now at the Methodist Chapel in Husbands Bosworth on Sunday 29th April at 4.30pm. This is an open invitation to all who possibly can, to attend. The service will be led by Rev. Andy Murphy, the Methodist Minister. Rev. Liz Bickley, the Anglican Minister will lead the prayers. Fr Owen will deliver the homily. Hope our parish will be well represented.



**TO LOURDES WITH FR JIM CAHILL:** Would you like to join our group in LOURDES in July? We will be staying in Hosanna House from 13th - 20th July. The cost for 7 nights is £733. This includes travel to Stansted Airport, flight to Lourdes, FULL BOARD at Hosanna House, daily Mass and visits to Lourdes. More details From Fr Jim Cahill (our pilgrimage leader) Tel. 01530 832326.



**22nd April 2018**

**Readers:** 6.30pm: J Rowlands 10.00am: M Lane C Sellechia  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6.30pm: J O'Leary B O'Malley M O'Malley T Page P Pelos  
10.00am: B Phillips D Quinn K Quinn R Blagburn T Ruane (Weekday B)  
**Counters:** A Wade V English  
**Welcomers:** 6.30pm: B O'Malley M O'Malley E Brown 10.00am: J Clarke J Shellard E Ventriglia  
**Bidding Prayers:** P Green

**29th April 2018**

**Readers:** 6.30pm: A Williamson 10.00am: M Crook M Wells  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6.30pm: J Shellard J Snaith B Spicknell B Stewart S Tacey  
10.00am: N Tiney F Wilson V Winter D Bebb P Bebb (Weekday A)  
**Counters:** F Goodman B Goodman A Brisley  
**Welcomers:** 6.30pm: A Simpson W Kwacz J Lowe 10.00am: B Shepherd C Shepherd J Matthews  
**Bidding Prayers:** B O'Malley