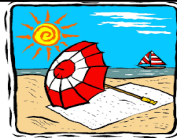


**AN INVITATION:** On behalf of the Holiday at Home Team I would like to invite you and all the local church leaders to come for a coffee (or tea etc) and cake on **Wednesday 27th February 10.30 to 11.30.** Holiday at Home has been operating under Churches Together in Harborough since around 2008. Often, as new church leaders have come into the town they have not been aware of this significant ministry which might have appeared to be operating "under the radar"! With almost one person in four in Market Harborough over the age of 65, this is a really important aspect of our churches' ministry and mission. Holiday at Home has been a significant and successful aspect of the churches' response to this need and challenge. The aim behind our invitation to coffee is to enable us to present briefly something of our history and experiences, what we do and why, and our plans for 2019. We would also like to explain how people in your church could help us maintain this important outreach event. There is no commitment we just want to meet, talk, and invite your questions and suggestions. This invitation is specifically for church leaders, but if you really cannot make this occasion would you please arrange for someone in leadership in your church to deputise for you. But please come if you can. We have asked if we can use the Baptist Church for this event, but await confirmation. New Horizons will supply coffee, tea, and cakes. Our treat! In what is almost certain to be a busy life I do hope you will find this hour to help us explore this important outreach to this significant section of our local population. **Will you be our rep at that meeting? See Maureen Douglas or Fr Owen.**



**ECUMENICAL FRIDAY LUNCHTIME SERVICES:** Fridays of Lent as per previous years. The host church this year will be the Congregational Church. Each Friday service will be lay led (Peter Green and Maureen Douglas are our reps.) starting at 12.30pm sharp and finishing after 20minutes at 12.50pm. This timing gives lunchtime workers an opportunity to attend and get back to work on time. The service each Friday will be followed by a "Hunger Lunch" in which our third World Group are gracious soup makers and servers. I strongly support and recommend this Lenten services to all who possibly can.

**FR JIM'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** - 28th June - 5th July. Flying from Stansted and staying at Hosanna House. £733 includes coach from Market Harborough; flight; 7 nights with Full Board at Hosanna House; travel into Lourdes and insurance. For more details contact Fr Jim Cahill on 01530 832326

**24th February 2019**

**Readers: 6.30pm:** C Baldham      **10.00am:** C Sellechia M Lane  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm:** A Hall S Jones w Kwacz J Lowe S McGlone  
**10.00am:** J Shellard C McInnes J O'Leary B O'Malley M O'Malley (Weekday B)  
**Counters:** A Wade V English  
**Welcomers: 6.30pm:** D Bennett J Southern J Southern  
**10.00am:** K Shiers Y Shiers E Ventriglia  
**Bidding Prayers:** T Davis.

**3rd March 2019**

**Readers: 6.30pm:** J Rowland      **10.00am:** M Lewin R Lewin  
**Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm:** B Phillips P Pelos D Quinn A Hall T Ruane  
**10.00am:** T Page J Shellard J Snaith B Spicknell B Stewart (Weekday A)  
**Counters:** F Goodman B Goodman A Brisley  
**Welcomers: 6.30pm:** E Brown M Naef J Rowland  
**10.00am:** V Winter J Matthews J Davies  
**Bidding Prayers:** E Hall



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

24th February 2019  
 Week 7 of Ordinary Time  
 Psalter Week 3

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 Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

**OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the faith community of Our Lady of Victories Parish, with our values rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, accept our mission: to come together to worship God, to welcome everybody, to work with and in our local community as Christians in the Catholic tradition, in openness and fellowship with Christians in Churches Together in Market Harborough, to love, learn from, and support each other, in our spiritual growth, to witness to our faith in words, actions and compassionate service to others.**

Times of Services

**Sunday: 7th of Ordinary Time**  
 Sat.6.30pm Mass - The Parishioners  
 8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Personal Intention  
 10.00am Mass - Will Brown R.I.P. (1st Anniv.)  
**Monday: Feria**  
 9.45am Morning Prayer  
 10.00am Mass - For a person's wellbeing  
 2.0pm - Funeral Service for Mary Owens  
**Tuesday: Feria**  
 9.00am Mass - John Darcy R.I.P. (4th Anniv.)  
 Rosary after Mass  
**Wednesday: Feria**  
 9.45am Morning Prayer  
 10.00am Mass - Malcolm Wallace R.I.P. (birthday memento)  
**Thursday: Feria**  
**9.30 am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 10.00am Mass - Carlo Ventriglia R.I.P. (birthday memento)  
**Friday: St David, Patron of Wales**  
 9.45am Morning Prayer of the Church  
 10.00am Mass - Helen O'Connor R.I.P.  
 11.00am - Women's World Day of Prayer service at St Mary's Catholic Church, Husbands Bosworth  
 2.00pm - Women's World Day of Prayer service at he Baptist Church  
**Saturday: Feria**  
 NO MORNING MASS (Mass in the Prison)  
 6.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday 3rd March - The Parishioners  
**Sunday: 8th of Ordinary Time**  
 8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Personal Intention  
 10.00am Mass - Kate Corrigan R.I.P.  
 12.noon - Baptism of Sophia Leigh Freda Eunice Watson



*Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.*

**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.

**OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCE** are offered to Mary Rogers and her family on the death of Mary's husband, Frank. May God be merciful in welcoming Frank to eternal peace and rest. Mary and Frank had been married for 62 years. What a wonderful blessing that was. What beautiful blessings and treasures of love they shared together, over those 62 years. Mary, those blessings and treasures will help you to keep going, and live your life now, as Frank would wish you to continue. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

**FURTHER CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS** are offered to the 3 sons and their families of Mary Foley who died in Great Oxendon Care Home on Tuesday last. May she be given a merciful welcome to her new way of life in her eternal home. Mary lived in Market Harborough for many years and was a faithful and loyal member of our parish family. She voluntarily looked after our Repository for many years. She was also our Hall Cleaner and Caretaker for a number of years. Some 5 years ago, Dementia took hold of her and also having suffered a stroke and being unable to look after herself, Oxendon Care Home became her home, where she has been well cared for over her time there. In the end, death was a welcome release as her quality of life had virtually ceased. I'm sure the Lord has a special place of rest prepared for Mary. **Mary's funeral Mass will be on Monday 4th March at 1pm.**

**THIS VERY WEEKEND AT THE VATICAN:** The following letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and senior Bishop of the England and Welsh Hierarchy is self explanatory:

"Tomorrow, Wednesday, I travel to Rome to take part in the meeting called by Pope Francis to address the protection of minors within the Catholic Church worldwide in the light of the abuse suffered by them within the communities of the Church. I write to ask for your prayers and those of your people, for the positive outcome of this meeting and for all survivors of such abuse who will find these days particularly difficult as so much public attention is given to this reality.

The broad themes of the meeting are those of responsibility - knowing what is to be done; accountability - the ways in which we are responsible to each other; and transparency - the determination that there are no hiding places in these matters. These are the virtues, the qualities of our life together, that need to be renewed and strengthened.

An excellent website provides detailed information about this event: [www.pbc2019.org](http://www.pbc2019.org).

On Saturday evening there will be a Penitential Liturgy. I ask that at Mass on Saturday evening, you add a prayer or a comment uniting your parish to Pope Francis and all taking part in that liturgy so that together we ask the Lord's pardon for our failings. On Sunday morning, at 8.30 UK time, we will gather in Rome for the celebration of Holy Mass, seeking the Lord's blessings on the work accomplished and for the challenges ahead. Please do unite your parish celebration of Mass with this intention. I am sure you will know the best ways in which to respond to these requests. Finally, at a very personal level, please do keep me in your own prayers. These will be difficult and painful days and I need your prayers.

With my best wishes and prayers,

Yours devotedly,

Cardinal Vincent Nichols,  
Archbishop of Westminster."



**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** The World Day of Prayer is an international Ecumenical Christian laywoman's initiative. It is run under the motto "**Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action**", and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. Fr Owen now understands that men will be made very welcome to these services of Prayer. Fr Owen also encourages all who can, to support these ecumenical services, thus showing our desire, to build a closer and stronger Christian community in Harborough.

**HUSBANDS BOSWORTH**  
at 11.00am, this Friday  
at St Mary's Catholic Church

**MARKET HARBOROUGH**  
at 2.00pm, this Friday  
at the Baptist Church

**"CELEBRATION OF LIGHT":** Today, during the 10.00am Mass, our children being prepared for their First Holy Communion, will celebrate a little ceremony of **LIGHT**. During Mass, they will be invited on to the Sanctuary for a brief period, holding their Baptismal Candle and proclaiming their faith in "**CHRIST - THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.**" Their parents will be encouraged to keep "the flame of faith" alive in their hearts and to lead by their example in ways of faith as in all other ways.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH ECUMENICAL LENT GROUPS 2019:** This year, CTH will once again be holding Lent groups across the area. We will be following the York Course - '**Daring to see God now**'. Lent groups leaders will be from across the churches following a fully formed, well described leaders booklet. Please indicate on the sign up form if you are happy to carry out this role. Additionally, we will be looking for people to host in their homes. Again, if you are willing to sign up for this, please indicate on the form. It is expected that hosts and leader will be different people! Please sign up by 31st January. Group info will be communicated mid February. Any queries, please contact CTH LENT Group co-ordinator, Di Evans by email: [di.evans13@sky.com](mailto:di.evans13@sky.com) or answer phone on 01858 466088. Churches Together in Harborough invites you to fill in a form from <https://goo.gl/nOqFnNyQNV9aZQT2>. These can be returned either by email or by taking to the Baptist Church or contact on the above telephone number.

**PLASTIC PLEDGE:** Eco Church Harborough are asking people to sign the Plastic Pledge Forms in the cloister showing your support to help reduce plastic in the environment. Please put a copy of the pledge in the box at St Dionysius Church or at the Refill Revolution Stall in the food hall at Harborough Market. Thank you for your support.

**LADIES LUNCH:**  
June 13th at Marston Trussell Hall. £30 a ticket. Money raised goes to our School - St Joseph's: More information from Kate Crawford on 01858 446873.



**FRIENDSHIP LUNCH:** The Royalist, 29 Western Avenue. LE16 9PL. Second Wednesday of the month - 13th March; 10th April. 12noon - 3pm Lunch and good company, Charity raffle. £7 home cooked 2 course lunch includes activities. To book call: 01858 438080.