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**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2023-24:** Envelopes for the next financial year beginning 2nd April 2023 have been given out. If you would like some please speak to Fr. Chris. Anyone who would like to give through Standing Order or is new to the parish please pick up a form in the Narthex .

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 [parish-priest@olvic.com](mailto:parish-priest@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.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH:** We are managing to take collections in Church once again. Thank you to those who have begun to do it. We had a few volunteers for collections, sadly the list I had put out disappeared during the time of the Bazaar. My fault. Apologies! Could I ask people to sign up again. There is a list in the Cloister for you to sign up with name Mass and contact details. Many thanks.

*Sister Catherine has fallen and broken her shoulder. She will be at Matlock for a few weeks recuperating. Please remember her in your prayers.*

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**THE WEEKLY ROSARY GROUP**  
meets outside in front of Our Lady's Statue Sunday 3.30-4pm. For more information contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115 ([UKPrays.org](http://UKPrays.org))



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### Sunday: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sat. 6.00pm: O'Malley & Steele families

9.00am Mass: Gurman Sari Agatha

11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

4.30pm: Rosary

### Monday: Lenten Feria

9.00am: Mass: November Dead List

12.30pm: Funeral Service for Patricia D'Almeida at Great Glen

6.30pm: Confessions

### Tuesday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: Piotr Kulik RIP

### Wednesday: Lenten Feria

6.30pm: Confessions

7.00pm Mass: Francis Wilson Good health

### Thursday: MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper - Betty Ruane RIP (McGlone)

Followed by watching until 11pm

### Friday: GOOD FRIDAY

3.00pm: Liturgy of the Passion

7.00pm: Stations of the cross

7.30pm: Confessions

### Saturday: HOLY SATURDAY

11.00am: Confessions

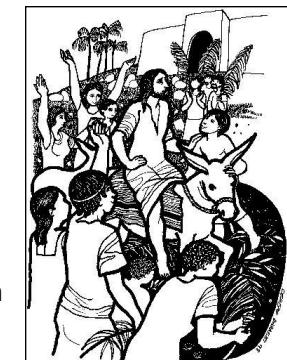
12.00noon: Blessing of Easter Food

8.00pm: Easter Vigil Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

### Sunday: EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP



*Blessings on him  
who comes in the  
name of the Lord.*



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**FR CHRIS WRITES:**

This weekend we begin Holy Week or the Great week as it is often called. Simply put with Jesus we enter Jerusalem. We seek to take part in the events of our Salvation through our Liturgies in Church and our devotions at home such as a family Stations of the Cross and the rosary. If we are watching television perhaps we could view more religious films on TV or You Tube.. We also try to live the Spirit of the Triduum. These are the three days of Maundy Thursday Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

We can also give witness this week by placing some branches in our windows or on our door and a cross or crucifix in our window in Holy week and then maybe flowers or white cloth on Easter Sunday or the children could do some drawings!

One of the things I remember from being a child was the sombre solemnity of Good Friday, then the sense of silence and waiting on Holy Saturday looking forward to the joy of the resurrection. We sit by the tomb waiting with Mary, Mother of the Lord. For our family, it was a day of preparation and quiet with no television or radio! Then the great joy of Easter broke forth with the village bells ringing again, the Liturgy and Easter egg hunts in the Garden!

**COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY:** Through the funds traditionally collected on Good Friday, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land is able to carry out the important mission to which it is called: preserving the Sacred Places, the stones of memory, and promoting the Christian presence, the living stones, through its many pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social facilities. The territories which benefit from the Collection are Jerusalem, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Turkey, Iran and Iraq. As a rule, the Custody of the Holy Land receives 65% of the Collection, while the remaining 35% goes to the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, which is used for the formation of candidates to priesthood, the support of clergy, educational activities, cultural formation and for subsidies to the several ecclesiastical Circumscriptions in the Middle East. I have a 23 page report! Cf [Appeal for the Collection for Christians in the Holy Land \(vatican.va\)](http://Appeal for the Collection for Christians in the Holy Land (vatican.va))

All are welcome to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (Derby Road, Nottingham NG15AE) for **Stations of the Cross for Families and Young People** at 10.30am. Reflections will be provided by students from local schools, and music from the Cathedral Boys' Choir and Girls' Choir. Live Streamed at <https://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/>

**READERS FOR HOLY WEEK:** Would any reader who would like to assist at any of the Holy Week services, (see announcement of days and times on this page), please either email Margaret or sign the list on the noticeboard in the cloister."

**EASTER OFFERING:** Traditionally the Easter Offering goes to the Priest of the Parish and forms a major part of his income for the year. Envelopes for the Offering can be found at the back of the Church.

**FUNERALS:** The funeral of Patricia D'Almeida will take place at Great Glen crematorium on Monday T 12.30PM. May. She was a parishioner at Oadby but had been in The Knoll Care home Kibworth for the last 10 years. May she rest in peace.

**TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK:**

**Palm Sunday** times as normal. However the 11.00am will have the procession with Palms starting outside hopefully!

**Monday** Confessions: 6.30pm

**Wednesday:** Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 11.30am  
Confessions 6.30pm Mass 7.00pm

**Maundy Thursday** 7.00pm

**Good Friday:** Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm  
Stations of the Cross 7.00pm followed by confessions

**Holy Saturday:** 11.00am Confessions

12 noon Blessing of Easter Food

**Easter Vigil:** 8.00pm – First Mass of Easter: Mother of all Masses

**Easter Sunday:** 9.00 & 11.00am

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**VICTORY PRIZE DRAW - APRIL 2023**  
**WINNERS:**  
1st Prize £60 J Brown ticket number 97;  
2nd Prize £25 S Wilson ticket number 244;  
3rd Prize £15 J Loakes ticket number 62



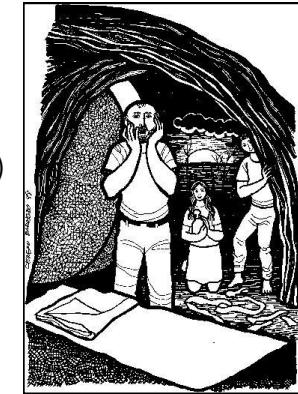
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### Tuesday: Easter Week

9.00am Mass: Paolo & Giovanna Di Cicco

### Wednesday: Easter Week

10.00pm Mass: Billy Rochford RIP (Vickie)

### Thursday: Easter Week

10.00pm Mass: Francis Wilson Good health

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### Friday: Easter Week

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

### Saturday: Easter Week

6.00pm Mass: Helena Nowakowska RIP (Family)

### Sunday: 2nd of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Jozef & Stefania Fialkowski RIP

*He must rise from the dead..*

## CONFESIONS

11am & 5.15pm

Saturday

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*16th April 2023  
2nd Week of Easter  
Psalter Week, 2  
Divine Mercy*



Eight days later,  
Jesus came.

**.FR CHRIS WRITES:**

*On this great feast may I take this opportunity of wishing you all the Joy of the risen Christ. And may I thank all who have helped us celebrate the Easter Triduum & all who keep the Parish running—, the musicians and singers, the altar servers, readers, those who have prepared our wonderful flowers, those who have cleaned the Church our sacristans, our catechists, our welcomers, , EM's and admin support and all who have helped in any way. May I thank all who help run our Parish & school in all the varied ministries and activities. "Love lives again, Alleluia. May God Bless you all and you loved ones in these coming Days of Easter Joy.*

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**EASTER BIBLE ALIVE:** we have copies of the Easter Bible alive £3. The walk with me booklets were not made this year. By people alive has a longer meditation for each day and many people find it helpful. It helps to bring the Easter season alive as we move towards Pentecost. Try it and then see if you want to subscribe to it each month

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**REVISION OF EMBRYO RESEARCH AND IVF LEGISLATION:** The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) has begun a consultation into a potential revision of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990. This ends at 5pm on Friday 14th April, and involves recommendations that are extreme and in many cases highly unethical. The consultation proposals suggest an act of directive advocacy which goes far beyond the remit of an organisation which is meant to serve the Government as a regulatory body. Further details, included suggested responses to the consultation see Anscombe Bioethics centre: <https://www.bioethics.org.uk/> . The Proposals potentially include experimentation on unborn children outside the womb up to viability, or on human-primate hybrids up to viability, without full parliamentary scrutiny, and without even the informed consent of the biological parents.

**DEFENCING THE FORT.** *The reaction of the Marian Bishops to the Elizabethan Religious Settlement 1558-1580.* An illustrated talk by Michael Stokes takes place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April in Cathedral Hall at 7pm. The title comes from the words of Saint John Fisher while detained in the Tower of London in 1534/5: *The Fort is betrayed even by those who should have defended it. And therefore, seeing the matter is thus begun, and so faintly resisted on our parts, I fear that we be not the men that shall see the end of the misery.* Tickets £10 (students £5), or book on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-fort-is-betrayed-tickets-27000000000). Refreshments included, and proceeds to the Friends of the Cathedral: See <https://www.nottinghamcathedral.co.uk/what-s-on/>

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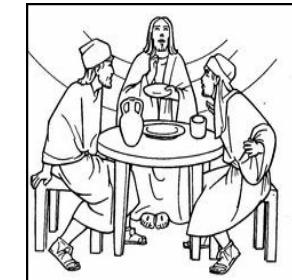
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### Monday: St George, Patron of England

9.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP anniv

### Tuesday: St Mark

9.00am Mass: Tommy Taylor Health (Downey)

### Wednesday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary

10.00pm Mass: Ian MacLeod RIP (O'Malley)

### Thursday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary

10.00pm Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Mary)

7.00pm: Holy Hour for the unborn.

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

### Friday: St Peter Chanel

7.00pm Mass: Malcolm Thomas RIP (Williams)

### Saturday: St Catherine of Siena

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### Sunday: 4th of Easter

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The Catholic Medical Association is holding its national symposium **Ethical Questions on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare** at the parish hall of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Nottingham (NG5 4HT) on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 10am (welcome drink), 11am (talks start), until 5.30pm, with lunch and teas / coffees included. All doctors / nurses and other healthcare workers (including students and retired) are warmly invited, others with a particular interest are also welcome. The event will also be available via livestream. Booking online is required. For more info see <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk/event/ethical-questions-on-ai-in-healthcare>

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Our **FIRST COMMUNION SESSIONS** begin again after the Easter Holidays. They take place in between the Masses with the children joining their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word. Please pray for them and Their Catechists.

**PUBLIC PRAYING OF THE ROSARY** at Our Lady's Statue outside in front of the church. **4.30pm every Sunday.** As Catholics we pray the Rosary for cohesion and reconciliation in society, for peace, and freedom. We pray for the people, for the rulers, and for the kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ in society. At the same time always for the freedom of the Church, for the clergy, for the bishops, for the Pope, and in reparation for the sins committed against God Almighty and His Holy Mother. For more details contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115.

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	29/30 April	M. Atkins	D. Chappell	M. Douglas
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FINANCE	23/04/23
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## Times of Services

### Sunday: 4th of Easter

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish  
9.00am Mass: Betty Ruane (Phil & family)  
11.00am Mass: Philip Monk RIP anniv  
4.30pm: Rosary

### Monday: St Joseph the Worker

10.00am: Mass: November Dead List

### Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Gregory O'Connor RIP

### Wednesday: Ata Philip & James

9.45am: Morning Prayer  
10.00pm Mass: Betty Ruane (AW)

### Thursday: The English Martyrs

9.45am: Rosary  
10.00pm Mass: O'Malley family Ints -Coffee after Mass  
7.00pm: Holy Hour

### Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Mass for his Majesty the King

### Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: Cash family

### Sunday: 5th of Easter

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Jim Cooper RIP (family)

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

**CONFESIONS**  
**11am & 5.15pm**  
**Saturday**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend for the Clergy Formation fund**

***PLEASE NOTE: Please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please do not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.***

**30th April 2023**  
**4th Week of Easter**  
**Psalter Week 4**

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** This weekend is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday in which we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. There is also a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Clergy formation Fund.

As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind, single people. There is nobody who is not being called. What is God calling you for? That is a question we can ask our young people whether as Parents or grandparents. It is a fundamental question of existence. We often ask what do I want to do? But the much better question is what does God want? Surely this must be the right question for our Happiness. We pray that young people may have the courage to respond to our Lord's call especially to the Priesthood and religious life,

Next Saturday the whole country will be celebrating the **CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III**. The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us for three days of prayer from Wednesday to Friday culminating with a Mass on the Friday before for his intentions and for our Country, So we will celebrate a special Mass at 7.00pm on Friday. There are special prayer cards as you enter Church. *May God bless His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort, preserve them both in health of mind and body and grant them every grace and blessing now and for the years to come*

**MONTH OF MAY** This is the special month of Mary. I encourage you all to pray the rosary especially that families pray together. In Church we have A public Rosary outside on a Sunday at 4.30pm and on a Thursday before Mass. We pray especially for Peace and the family and that all sinners may turn to the merciful heart of Jesus.

**St Joseph's After School Club:** We are currently recruiting for someone to work at the after school club between 3pm - 4:30pm Monday to Thursday. It will be subject to DBS clearance and reference checks and is £10.50ph, Leicestershire Term Time. You can email the manager, Jess, at [stjoesasc@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesasc@gmail.com). Our latest OFSTED report is now available to view online and we passed with flying colours, with outstanding qualities! The report can be found at: chrome-extension://faidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50207840> I would like to add my congratulations to the team. There is always an outstanding atmosphere in the Club.

**9th May: National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse: The Isaiah Journey group** (who prepare resources for the Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse) is promoting a week of guided prayer online 11th – 17th May for all who have been affected by clerical abuse in the Catholic Church. join us in this safe space one to one confidential sessions of guided prayer with your fully trained personal prayer guide. See poster and leaflets info: [journeytogetherij@gmail.com](mailto:journeytogetherij@gmail.com)

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*Lord, that there might be, in the short term, a ceasefire and in the long term, a complete end to this divisive fighting which is tearing the country and children apart. Bring justice and healing to this divided land, we pray. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us Saint Josephine Bakhita, pray for us Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.*

On 21<sup>st</sup> April Kinga von Schierstaedt, Project Co-ordinator for ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) in Africa and Head of Projects in Sudan, gave an interview detailing the dangers and uncertainties facing our brothers and sisters in Sudan. Let it inform and guide our heartfelt prayers. It is available to view on the diocesan website: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/sudan](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/sudan)

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