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VICTORY PRIZE DRAW WINNERS: Due to the lack of members re-joining we have had to lower the prize money to comply with the law it is hoped this may be only a short measure.
Annual members are reminded that their fees are due in January 2023 and can be forwarded to K Shiers 23 Fairfax Road Market Harborough LE16 9JT cheques made out to Victory Prize Draw. Thank you all for your support.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CMAT is seeking an enthusiastic, energetic faith leader with a passion for working with children and young people helping them to explore and engage with their faith. As **school lay chaplain** working in St Martin (secondary) and the local primary schools, Saint Peter, Earl Shilton; Saint Peter, Hinckley; and Saint Charles, Measham. For more information contact Tom Shannon tshannon@aquinas-cmat.org

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Many thanks for the support for the **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL** and for welcoming John Edwards the collection raised £482.93. Marvellous.



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Monday: St Paul Miki & Companions

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

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Coffee after Mass

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You are the light of the world.

CONFESIONS

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A PARISH SALE IN THE OCTAGONAL HALL

on Saturday 11th February 9-12 noon

Bargains to be had at 50p. Be there and support us Thank you



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THE LIES BENEATH: SPUC PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE: Friday 2th – Sunday 26th February.

This residential conference at Stone in Staffordshire on pro-life issues is open to all young people between the ages of 18 and 35, and promises high quality speakers, and chance to network with other pro-life students from around the UK. The Nottingham branch of SPUC is able to sponsor students to attend this conference: if you are interested, you can find out more by going to www.spuc.org.uk or contact John on spucnottingham@gmail.com

Find Out More About CAFOD's FAMILY FAST DAY. With CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day coming soon (Friday 3rd March) If you would like to find out more about how CAFOD support our brothers and sisters around the world and this year's appeal, please feel free to come along to our Find Out More Session at Saint Peter's Church, Leicester, LE3 0TA on Tuesday 7th February. We will start with Mass at 10.30am, followed by a talk and shared lunch. For more details contact Will Cruddace, the Diocesan CAFOD worker, on 077100 94455 or nottingham@CAFOD.org.uk

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BISHOP'S STATEMENT ON BUFFER ZONES:

On 30 January the Government's Public Order Bill will be entering the report stage in the House of Lords. Clause 9, which was an amendment to the Bill in the House of Commons last autumn, introduces the 'offence of interference with access to or provision of abortion services'. This clause will criminalise a range of activities within a 150m radius of an abortion service, under the broad premises of 'presence' and 'interference'. Problematic for freedom of religion, expression, and association, are many of the terms. These include: 'seeks to influence', 'persistently, continuously or repeatedly occupies', 'advises or persuades, attempts to advise or persuade, or otherwise expresses opinion' Clause 9 could extend trends seen at a local level, where Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) in Bournemouth and Birmingham have set a dangerous precedent and banned, amongst other activities, prayer and the recitation of Scripture. Recent police actions have further exacerbated the concerns of Catholic bishops, and many others, regarding the broad legislative proposal of Clause 9 and its implications for freedom of religion, belief, expression, and association.

The interpretation of terms such as 'seeks to influence' could make prayer, certain types of thought, and even mere presence a criminal offence in a public place. There is a risk, despite any other intent, that existing and proposed measures constitute discrimination and disproportionately have an impact on people of religious faith. Its implications extend beyond the perimeters of an abortion service and raise questions about the state's powers in relation to the individual in a free society, both those with faith and those without.

All harassment and intimidation of women is to be condemned. Moreover, as accepted in a 2018 Home Office Review, there are already laws and mechanisms in place to protect women from such unacceptable behaviour and so render this Clause unnecessary and excessive.

The Catholic bishops, and many others, hold religious liberty to be essential for the flourishing and the realisation of the dignity of every human person and recognise it as a foundational freedom of any free and democratic society. **Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues.**

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No Coffee today

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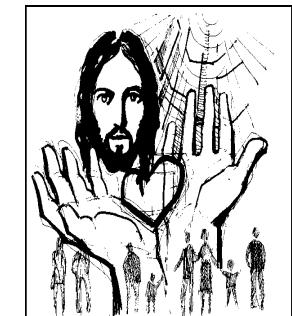
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Could you help? We had a Parish Sale on Saturday. Have a look in the Hall after Mass for anything you may want. Could you take a car full of what remains in the octagonal hall to the Household Tip on Riverside(LE16 7PT) after 11.00am Sunday Mass this weekend ?

Dear All, we have Lent on the Horizon with Ash Wednesday on 22nd February. This season of preparation for the great grace of Easter so that we may welcome our risen Lord.

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ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PTFA Friday 3rd March, 7pm – Quiz night at the school is back! Tickets will be £10 and you can come on your own or as part of a team. There will be fish and chips and a raffle and prizes for the winning team! You can email rjfox31@gmail.com to reserve your tickets. Tickets also available from the school office.

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CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS: If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on **Wednesday 29th March** from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. See the poster on the parish notice board for further information, and to book contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)

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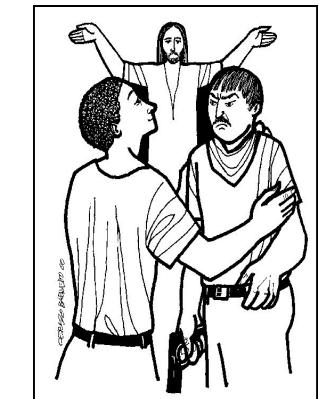
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Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, Friday 3rd March 2-3pm.

Theme: I Have Heard Of Your Faith.

Methodist Church, Northampton Rd. The service this year has been prepared by the Christian Women of Taiwan. All are welcome. Refreshments following service.

"THE SPIRITUALITY OF ST THERESA OF AVILA" : Cyprian Blamires will be giving a talk at the ROSMINI CENTRE HOUSE OF PRAYER 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake. LE7 4SJ Tel. 01509 813078 on **"The spirituality of St. Theresa of Avila"** on **THURSDAY 23rd February at 2.30 pm.** Please contact Cyprian on 07714 651756
For further info. Cf www.rosminicentre.co.uk

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, Friday 3rd March 2-3pm.

Theme: I Have Heard Of Your Faith.

Methodist Church, Northampton Rd. The service this year has been prepared by the Christian Women of Taiwan. All are welcome. Refreshments following service.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our children have started their first communion sessions and each session will 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.



INTER CARE WITH LACY: Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth warmly invite all young people, families and friends to join them on Sunday 12th March at 2.00 p.m. in a social walk, doing laps of Knighton Park, Leicester to raise funds for **Inter Care**. **Inter Care provides free access to medical aid for vulnerable patients across sub-Saharan Africa**. Take on board as short or long a walk as you wish. All monies received will help towards medical aid for the people of Africa. **4.00 p.m.** hot drinks and cake will be provided at St. Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road, LE2 3HN. **5.00 p.m.** a Youth Mass - which will be celebrated for us by Fr. Simon Gillespie. (Lifts available from Knighton Park to the Church if required). The Mass will be offered for the vulnerable people of sub-Saharan South Africa. Sponsor forms available from paulinepayne@hotmail.com and fundraising@intercare.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you! Help us to make this the most amazing event ever! All donations to Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/lacysponsoredwalk2023>.

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	25/26 February	N. Williamson	C. Reed	M. Douglas
	4/5 March	J. Rowland	D. Chappell	R. van der Liet

FINANCE	19/02/23
Envelopes	£201.53
Loose	£317.91
Standing Order	£761.38
Total	£1280.82

COACH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

SHRINE County Mayo from the 7th -12 May 2023 led by Fr John Joe Maloney. A few places left. See poster for details



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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Times of Services

Sunday: 1st of Lent

Sat. 6.00pm: November Dead List

9.00am Mass: Grace Cotter RIP (Phil & Family)

11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Monday: Lenten Feria

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Tuesday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: Francis Wilson - Good Health E.M's

Wednesday: St David, Patron of Wales

9.45am Morning prayer

10.00am: Sybil RIP (Sperry Family)

Thursday: Lenten Feria

11.00am Funeral Jim Cooper RIP

7.00pm: Holy Hour- exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: Lenten Feria

7.00pm: Stations of the cross

7.30pm Mass: Christopher Roberts RIP (Family) 1st Anniv

Saturday: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Sunday: 2nd of Lent

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Ann McGuire RIP (McGlone)

Jesus fasted for forty days and temptation came.

CONFESIONS
11am & 5.15pm
SATURDAY

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.*

FR CHRIS WRITES: This weekend we have a pastoral letter from the Bishop on the Eucharist. Please pick up a sheet which gives some points of meditation for the coming weeks of Lent on different aspects of our mass. Please read and reflect prayerfully on each section which will help to deepen our understanding of the mass which lies at the heart of our Catholic faith. You could also give a copy to someone who has not been at church for some time. Our communion with God and with one another is expressed most beautifully when we gather, in our parishes and other communities, to celebrate the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Church's life.

Walk with me booklets: These have a mediation for each day to bolster your prayer. Also available are Activity booklets and a calendar for children.

Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass

Holy Hour with Benediction: Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm.. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration before the Blessed Sacrament especially at this time.

Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

Some Lent Resources can be found at: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/lent-and-eastertide-resources/>

So what will we do this Lent? Many people like to give up something for Lent. Many do something positive, like greater emphasis and time on prayer, scripture readings, charitable acts, trying to be especially kind, willing and cooperative and generally more helpful and cheerful to a family member whether as parent or child. We can make an effort to attend an extra Mass on a weekday and to come to the Stations of the Cross on a Friday evening, that lovely traditional Catholic devotion, which is so special, reflective and prayerful for a Lenten devotion. Or we can make a time to pop into Church during the day and waste some time with Jesus instead of the TV! We also have our Ecumenical prayer groups as below.

BACK AFTER COVID!! OUR ECUMENICAL LENT FRIDAY LUNCH TIME SERVICE on the Fridays of Lent,
In the Octagonal Hall from 12.30 – 1.00pm followed by the famous Soup etc, prepared by our Third World Group... This is an opportunity to pray together and get to know each other.

3rd March – Harborough Anglican Team;

10th March – Baptist Church;

17th March – Congregational Church;

24th March – Harborough Community Church;



FUNERALS: The Funeral of **Jim Cooper** will be on Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 11.00am. May he rest in peace. Our condolences to Mary John and Jackie and family. Our condolences to **Tom Ruane** & his family on the death of his wife **Betty**.

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CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 3rd March – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. See Lenten appeal video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULTqHsawCZU>



SHARE, INSPIRE, INSPIRE, SUPPORT: SHARING GOOD NEWS, BUILDING RESILIENCE

- parishioners and clergy in Leicester and Leicestershire are invited to the third bi-monthly meeting of Caritas Leicester hub, to share ideas and experience, to inspire and support each other and to explore new ways of working together. Please come along to St Peter's parish, Hinckley (Mary Forryan Centre) on Thursday March 9th from 7-9pm, when there will be a short presentation of local projects and an opportunity to discuss how to support resilience in projects which take off. (Just turning up is fine, but it would be helpful to have some idea of numbers, so if you're able to let us know, drop an email to cmdanaher66@gmail.com)

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PTFA: Friday 3rd March, 7pm – Quiz night at the school is back!

Tickets will be £10 and you can come on your own or as part of a team. There will be fish and chips and a raffle and prizes for the winning team! You can email rjfox31@gmail.com to re-reserve your tickets. Tickets also available from the school office.

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RETREATS IN THE DIOCESE OF MOTTIGHMA THIS LENT – After the great success last year, The Diocese of Nottingham is again offering day retreats to help you grow closer to God this Lent through talks, discussion, prayer, Mass, confession and social time. There is a **FREE Young Adults (18-35)** retreat in Derby on **Saturday 11th March** given by Jack Valero (Founder of Catholic Voices) focusing on how we live our faith out in the challenges of our daily life.



The **Men's Retreat** on **Saturday 18th March** given by Fr Julian Green (Priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham) will be focused on men of scripture and what we can learn from them, and the **Women's Retreat** given by Sr Ann Swailes on **Saturday 25th March** will be following the theme of 'Here I am Lord I Come to do your will' – How can we know and accept God's will for our lives? The Men's and Women's Retreat will be held at the Rosmini House of Prayer (LE7 4SJ) and cost £20 which will include lunch and a light breakfast. **To book your place or for more information visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events, email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham or call 0115 953 9841.**