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GIVING IN MARKET HARBOROUGH:

Many thanks to all who continue giving to the Parish. For anyone who is new there are Gift Aid Form in the cloister near the wall.

Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harbourough 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 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.

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FINANCE	25/06/23
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Total	£1325.44

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: JUNE WINNERS:

1st Prize £60 J O'Leary ticket number 130;
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2nd July 2023
13th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 1

Times of Services

Sunday: 13th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Norman Phillips RIP (family)

Monday: St Thomas

9.00am: Mass: November Dead List

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9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Thursday: St Maria Goretti

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Coffee after Mass

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*Anyone who does not
take his cross is not
worthy of me.
Anyone who
welcomes you welcomes
me.*

CONFESSIONS
11am & 5.15pm
Saturday

2nd Collection this weekend for Peter's Pence

FR CHRIS WRITES: I want to say congratulations to our Children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. May they and their families receive many graces in the years to come. A big thank you to Maureen Sean and Maggie who prepared the Children for this great moment, also to Bernadette who prepared the celebration and our music group for their singing.

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SPUC Tiny feet Coffee Day on Saturday 8th July 10.00am – 5.00pm at Bill & Eileen's at 56 Granville St Market Harborough. Strawberries and cream, cake Coffee Tea



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14th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2

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Sunday: 14th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Tony Dolby RIP (Chris)

Monday: Feria

9.00am: Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: St Benedict

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Wednesday: Feria

6.00pm: School Leavers Mass

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9.45am: Rosary
10.00pm Mass: David Smith RIP (Phil)
Coffee after Mass
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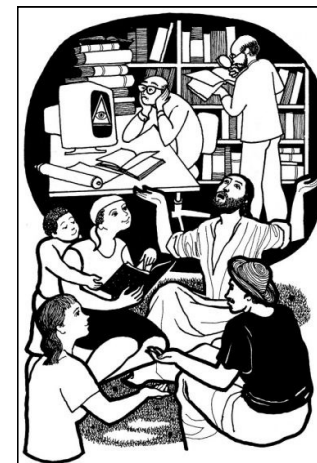
7.00pm Mass: For family of William Mochan RIP

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: John Cassidy RIP (Reed & Harford)

Sunday: 15th of Ordinary Time

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*I am gentle and
humble in heart.*

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FR CHRIS WRITES: It was a lovely celebration of Holy Communion last weekend which reminded me of the inestimable gift of the Eucharist. Each one is so precious. Thank you to all who prepared it, especially our Catechist. This is a lovely ministry for all who would like to help. Many thanks to all. I also would like to say congratulations to Fr Stephen Dye who celebrated his Silver Jubilee this week. He was a Curate here with Fr Jim Cahill. Sadly, Fr Kevin Gradwell died on Saturday. A truly lovely man. May he rest in peace.

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MISSION UNLEASHED: AN EVENT WITH CARDINAL TAGLE: The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on **Friday 14th July** at 7:00pm. To book your place or to be sent the recording visit www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation All are welcome.

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15th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 3

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9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Joey & Joe Maloney RIP
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*A Sower went
out to sow.*

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FR CHRIS WRITES: I want to wish a good holiday to all our school community and especially our year 6 children who will move on to their new schools in September, congratulations to them! I would particularly like to congratulate the school on the year 6 Sats results which were outstanding. Reading 96% (Greater Depth 29%); Maths 92% (GD 25%); Grammar 75% (GD 21%). The national average was 73% in reading & maths and 72% in Grammar. Well done to all our children and teachers over the Years. But above all they are well prepared Humanly and above all spiritually for their next steps in life.

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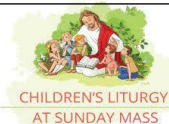


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'GOING DEEPER' Do you want to go deeper into your Catholic spiritual life and prayer life? A monthly 'Going Deeper' gathering will continue on **Tuesday 18 July at 6.30pm** and continue thereafter on the third Tuesday of the month. It will be in the Kavanagh Room. The main components of the meeting will be: the evening prayer of the Church; discussion of a classic text on prayer by one of the great spiritual teachers, a period of silent prayer. The plan is to finish around 8pm. For more information, email Cyprian Blamires on cpblamires@aol.com or phone him on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756.

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FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL: We wish all of the children and families at St Joseph's Catholic Academy a very happy and restful summer break. **We look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Thursday 31st August.** Good luck to all of our Year 6 children moving on to Secondary School - continue to 'believe, achieve and succeed' in all you do.

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Psalter Week 4

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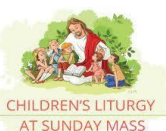
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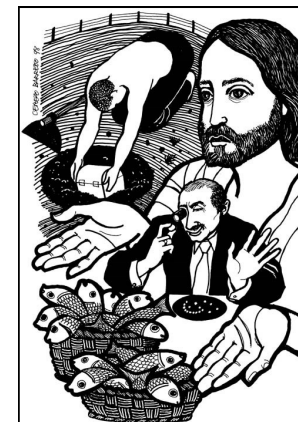
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11am & 5.15pm
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Presentation Sisters

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