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**INTER CARE WITH LACY** : Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth warmly invite all young people, families and friends to join them on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com) and [fundraising@intercare.org.uk](mailto: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. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
<b>Readers</b>	4/5 March	J. Rowland	D. Chappell	R. van der Liet
	11/12 Mar	J. Snaith	M. Crook	C. Sellechia

<b>FINANCE</b>	<b>26/02/23</b>
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### Tree Planting – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a **GREEN DAY** in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. This is an opportunity for our school community to dedicate one day to being as 'GREEN' as possible. On this day we will be holding our second tree planting event on our school field from 2pm-4pm. We warmly welcome any keen gardeners or members of our school and parish community who would like to help us plant the trees. Please meet us over on the school field!



## Our Lady of Victories

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5<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Second Week of Lent  
Psalter Week 2

### Times of Services

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11.00am Mass: Ann McGuire RIP (McGlone)  
4.30pm Rosary

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9.45am Morning prayer  
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*His face shone  
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### 2nd Collection for CAFOD this weekend

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

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** Dear all, I hope and pray that lent is going well as we look forward to the Easter feasts. If not now is the time to start or start again. We need to be reasonable in our outlook and I encourage all to participate our mass and I Remind you about the holy hour when you can come to pray before our Lord in the blessed sacrament. I realise that this is difficult for families with young children. However one of the parents could come and spend some time of that hour praying for the family without having to stay for the whole thing. Come and bathe in the sunlight of the Lords love and as the Bishop said bringing all our joys, hopes and sorrows and work to him.

On a more mundane note we have had work done including electrical repairs to the outside light in the car park and upgrading some of the emergency light and timers. We have also had repairs down to the flat roof of the hall complex. We might call it a 30 year service! Thanks to Mišo and his collaborators for all the great work. Also Many thanks to our ladies who arranged a rummage sale which raised £147.40 and helped us clear some of the things in the Store room in the hall. Please to not put things in there without speaking to Fr. Chris. We need to keep the room fairly clear for Safety reasons.

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

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULTqHsawCZU>



#### **THE WEEK- LY ROSARY GROUP**

meets outside  
in front of Our  
Lady's Stat-  
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4.30-5pm. For  
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tact Maureen  
Douglas  
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#### **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](mailto:cmdanaher66@gmail.com))*

**FAITH AND FOOTPRINT: CARING FOR CREATION:** Caritas is hosting an online workshop on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00–8.30pm to support parishes in developing environmental initiatives. Will Cruddace from CAFOD will be joining to introduce the Live simply scheme, and we'll share inspiration and ideas for those already on the journey. Caritas will also explore how to save energy bills in church and at home and reduce our carbon footprint. To find out more and receive the Zoom link visit [bit.ly/FaithandFootprint](https://bit.ly/FaithandFootprint)

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12th March 2023  
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Psalter Week 3

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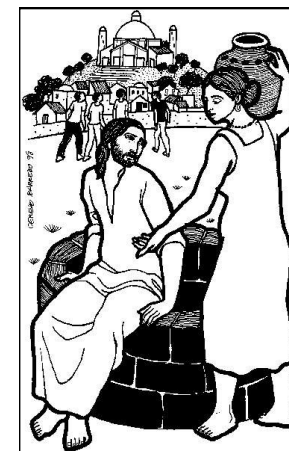
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### **FR CHRIS WRITES: The Pope goes to Confession. Have you this Lent?**

I want to say congratulations to our First Communion children who made their First Confession on Wednesday. It is a truly wonderful sacrament that absolves us of our sins – sets us free! As we come to Holy week it is a great opportunity for us all.

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm instead of the Holy Hour, there will be visiting priests available for Confession as well as Exposition of the Blessed sacrament and Benediction. I have asked Fr Jim Cahill, Fr John Joe and Fr Peter to come for the Confessions.



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**THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH** in support of Saint Joseph school will be on Thursday the 29th of June 2023 at Marston Trussell hall at 12:30 PM. tickets are 40 pounds. Four tickets please contact Kate Crawford: 07814629927.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk))

**COME TO LOURDES!** Bishop Patrick invites everyone in our diocese to join him in coming to this beautiful Marian Shrine between Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Travel will be by air from East Midlands Airport, and the five-night all inclusive prices (full board) start at £709. See the poster at the back of church for more details, or visit <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-nottingham>

The Cistercian Nuns of Holy Cross Abbey (Whitland, Pembrokeshire SA34 0QX) are holding a series of **COME AND SEE WEEKENDS**, August and October. More information is available on the poster at the back of church, or be contacting [comeandsee@gmail.com](mailto:comeandsee@gmail.com), or visiting [www.hcawhitland.co.uk](http://www.hcawhitland.co.uk) They provide our church with the Altar Breads

**'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 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm** and continue thereafter on the third Tuesday of the month. It will begin 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](mailto:cpblamires@aol.com) or phone him on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756.

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Fourth Week of Lent  
Psalter Week 4

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9.00am: November Dead List

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### Wednesday: Lenten Feria

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10.00am:: Ian & Barbara Abbott Diamond Wedding Anniv

7.00pm Holy Hour

### Friday: Lenten Feria

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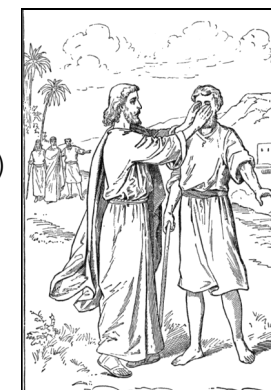
### Saturday: Annunciation of the Lord

6.00pm Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Mary)

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### **FR CHRIS WRITES:**

Dear all. This Sunday we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inaugural Mass of Pope Francis. We pray for him at this time that the Lord will bless protect and Strengthen him. There is much that has been written by people but perhaps the best insight are the words he spoke when accepting the ministry of Pope: "I am a sinner, but having trusted in the mercy and infinite patience of our Lord Jesus Christ and in a spirit of penance, I accept."

"For me," he said, "feeling oneself a sinner is one of the most beautiful things that can happen, if it leads to its ultimate consequences. ... When a person becomes conscious that he is a sinner and is saved by Jesus ... he discovers the greatest thing in life, that there is someone who loves him profoundly, who gave his life for him." He lamented that many Catholics have, sadly, not had this fundamental Christian experience.

"There are people who believe the right things, who have received catechesis and accepted the Christian faith in some way, but who do not have the experience of having been saved ... and who therefore lack the experience of who they are. I believe that only we great sinners have this grace." This acute awareness comes from knowing oneself a sinner. We need to experience this. Pope Francis learnt this from years of going to Confession where his vocation began. He continues to go every two weeks.

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24th March – Harborough Community Church;  
31st March – Methodist Church.



**Funerals:** The funeral Mass of **Betty Ruane** will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.00am. The funeral Service of **Joe Fitzpatrick** will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2. 15pm. May they rest in peace.

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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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)).

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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 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm** and continue thereafter on the third Tuesday of the month. It will begin 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](mailto:cpblamires@aol.com) or phone him on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756.'

**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 Taxpayer 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 taxpayer.

**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:

**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>.

**THE SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAIN:** Take part in a nationwide act of witness to the lives of the 10 million unborn babies killed by abortion since the implementation of the Abortion Act in 1968. The Nottingham chain will be on Trent Bridge, West Bridgford, from 10am until midday on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**. Meet at the Brewhouse and Kitchen pub on the north side of the bridge, at 9.55am. For more information contact John on 07757 815 625 or email [SPUCnottingham@gmail.com](mailto:SPUCnottingham@gmail.com) Be a voice for the voiceless.

		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
Readers	25/26 March	J. Snaith	M. Crook	C. Sellechia
	1/2 April	M. Atkins	S. Acton	J. Thayaseelan

FINANCE	19/03/23
Envelopes	£260.26
Loose	£255.78
Standing Order	£761.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1277.42</b>

**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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26th March 2023  
Fifth Week of Lent  
Psalter Week

## Times of Services

### Sunday: 5th of Lent

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9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Antonio carmine & Caterina Sellechia  
4.30pm : Rosary

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9.00am: Frank Butcher RIP (Christine & Family)

### Tuesday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Abbott)

### Wednesday: Lenten Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer  
10.00am: Patricia White Int  
2.15pm: Funeral Service Joe FitzPatrick RIP

### Thursday: Lenten Feria

9.45am: Rosary  
10.00am: Betty Ruane RIP (Hepple)  
7.00pm: Service of Reconciliation with visiting priests

### Friday: Lenten Feria

7.00pm: Stations of the cross  
7.30pm Mass: Fr Peter's Int

### Saturday: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: O'Malley & Steele families

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*And let us not forget, these days, battered Ukraine, which is suffering so much. This is short notice but the Bishop is asking us to do our best. I shall make that consecration on Saturday PM for the Parish. I ask you to do it for yourselves when you can and with your families. Below is a shorter act of consecration. The one the Pope made last year is to be found at: [Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary \[25 March 2022\]](#) | [Francis \(vatican.va\)](#) or simply google it. A shorter one follows:*

Most glorious Mother, Queen of Heaven and Earth, To you do we turn in our time of need. Your Heart is most pure, Your virtues overflow in superabundance, You are the Immaculate Conception, You are our Mother and Queen. In the face of grave evil, In this time of war, In this time of devastation and chaos, We entrust all to you. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Please pray for us, Cover us with your mantle of protection, Free us from violence, Free us from war. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Call us to repentance, Open the eyes of sinners, Pour down your Son's mercy, Pour down His abundant grace. We consecrate to your Immaculate Heart this day, Ourselves and our loved ones, Our families and churches, Our communities and countries. Most Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with the Holy Father in Rome, with the bishops throughout the world, with all the faithful at prayer, We consecrate Russia and Ukraine to you. Receive them into your Immaculate Heart, Bring healing and peace, Strength and wisdom, Love and compassion, Mercy and forgiveness, Reconciliation to all. Through the powerful mediation of your Immaculate Heart, Bind Satan and all demons, thwart their evil plots. St. Michael the Archangel, All angels and saints, Pray for peace in the world, Pray for peace in every heart. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us. Jesus, I trust in You.

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