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Market Harborough

7th May 2023  
5th Week of Easter  
Psalter Week 1

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**.FR CHRIS WRITES:** We will pray this weekend for King and Country as we say. That the King will follow his vocation faithfully and bring blessings on us and be guided by the Holy Spirit in all that he does for us. It is a wonderful thing that Cardinal Nichols has taken part in the Coronation. We pray that King Charles will defend religious freedom in a rapidly secularising Society. As below next Sunday we will be praying about Safeguarding all our young people and vulnerable Adults.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY:** The Diocese has designated Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> as Safeguarding Sunday. This is an opportunity for the Diocese to reflect on the theology and spirituality of safeguarding and to express gratitude for the work of all our parish safeguarding representatives, who assist us in assuring that our Church is a safe place for all children and vulnerable adults. To inform congregations of the journey of the Catholic Church and how safeguarding has evolved over the years and the current changes that have now been implemented.

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**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://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50207840](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.

**A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PATRICK REGARDING SUDAN:** As the situation worsens, the Church in Sudan asks for our prayers. I invite you to join me in praying for the horrendous situation in Sudan, and especially for all God's children who are affected most deeply by it. *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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NO MASS

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#### **Thursday: THE ASCENSION - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

9.45am: Rosary  
10.00pm Mass: Bill & Christine Ints (MW) (with the school)  
Coffee after Mass

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**.FR CHRIS WRITES:** Dear All, This Sunday we mark Safeguarding Sunday. Below is a note from the Bishop about this part of our Christian Mission and indeed identity as he says. And can I say a big thank you to Christine and Teresa who are our safeguarding ministers and do such an excellent job with their considerable skills. I remember the words of St John Paul II who always said a person can never be used as a means to an end or treated as an object but should be loved and respected for their own sake. If there is anyone who has suffered abuse in any context and would like to talk about it, we are always here to listen and help. Our Diocesan team has great support for Victims.

This week I am away for a couple of days at the Clergy Conference. Please pray for us. Also we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension on Thursday which is a Holyday of Obligation. The school will be joining us for Mass in the Morning

#### **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: A Letter for Safeguarding Sunday from Bishop Patrick**

Today is Safeguarding Sunday, an opportunity to reflect a little on our ongoing journey as a diocese to build a safer environment for every person. You will recall that the Elliott review in 2020 recommended that the Catholic Church in England and Wales put in place a national Safeguarding body. In July 2021 the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency was formed. Its task is to ensure that all dioceses are regulated to meet the national standards in Safeguarding. As a diocese, we have worked well to develop clear structures and guidance for our Safeguarding practices so as to help ensure safe environments through the promotion of best practice. This has included, regular training in Safeguarding for the clergy, diocesan staff and parish volunteers; ensuring that everyone is safely recruited; that victims and survivors are carefully listened to and supported, and that we are always transparent and accountable in the way that allegations and concerns are managed effectively. I welcome this opportunity to thank our central Safeguarding team, Rachael Campion, Alan Booth and Jane Black, for all their good work. I would also like to express my gratitude to the parish Safeguarding Representatives for their hard work and commitment. Through them we are now embedding excellent Safeguarding practice across our parishes and chaplaincies to make our churches safe and welcoming. The diocesan website has all our Safeguarding information and the support that is offered to our parishes and chaplaincies.

Finally, thank you for all that you each do to help ensure that our churches are safe and welcoming. I say this because we cannot simply delegate this duty to parish Safeguarding Representatives or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Keeping everyone safe is part and parcel of the DNA of every Christian; an essential characteristic of our identity as Christ's followers, and so it must be reflected in the way we respect, protect, and treat each other with care. Only if each one of us is engaged in this way of thinking and acting can we continue to embed a culture of safeguarding throughout our diocese. Your parish has 2 people who have generously volunteered to help support the parish community in making your church a safe place to be, particularly for children, young people and vulnerable adults. But building this safe culture in our parishes can't just be left to them – it is the responsibility of all of us. Today, I urge everyone to give your parish reps your full support. Please join with them in fostering a deeper and more evident culture of safeguarding, care and protection for everyone in your parish. We can all play our part in ensuring that every single individual feels respected, safe, and loved, just as Our Lord asked of us: "as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us." (John 4:12) With prayer and good wishes, Patrick Bishop of Nottingham

**VICTORY PRIZE DRAW:** 1st Prize £60 R Sambrook ticket number 113; 2nd Prize £25 P Clifton ticket number 114; 3rd Prize £15 KP Doyle ticket number 236



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Saturday

*This weekend we have a 2nd Collection for World Communications Sunday for the Communications work of the Church in England and Wales*

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** Dear All, I had a good couple of days at the Clergy Conference which was stimulating as well as a good get together of the clergy – priests and deacons. We have talks from Bishop John Sherrington auxiliary in Westminster and a former priest of our Diocese. He is the lead on ethical & Life issues. His talk was entitled for the love of Christ urges us on. He talked about the cultural situation we live in and the relationship between truth and mercy and how they interact in the context of the Synod. He referred to one of the statements of our English summary which was carried on to the continental Document. The need for a formation that holds in tension scripture tradition and the teaching of the Church with personal experience and the invitation to an ongoing conversion. He also touched all their importance of encountering Christ for a true witness. He also reflected on the issue of euthanasia and how it is becoming more widespread each year across the world and the Christian response to the human being in their suffering and their great dignity. He also reflected on the Pope's letter on the family and various pastoral situations that we encounter and how we help people to grow as Christians through those difficulties. He was wonderful and in good form. We also had a talk from Kerri Christopher from the Humanum institute entitled What is Woman. This was a less heavy presentation but very helpful on the human embodiment and the truth that God made us as a man or woman.

We then had a very powerful talk and witness from Rachael Mackenzie from Rachel's Vineyard who helps those who have had abortion and has a ministry of healing whether for women or men who have been scarred by abortion. She herself had two abortions. This was a most powerful witness of hope, healing and forgiveness and the grieving of Mothers and Fathers for the Children they have killed who find a new hope and meaning for their lives. Words of John Paul II: Pope Saint John Paul II's Message to Women who've had an abortion: *"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision and she does not doubt that in many cases, it was a painful even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed... But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly."* [www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk) Sadly I had to return on Wednesday morning which was to look at Gender ideology from different perspectives. From Church teaching to pastoral care and legal issues in our work.

This Sunday we find ourselves between the Ascension which we celebrated last Thursday and the Feast of Pentecost which comes next Sunday. We are in the same period as was that first Christian Community as they gathered in the Upper Room- the cenacle- as they awaited the words of Jesus concerning the coming of the Holy Spirit to be fulfilled. We should be like them: praying continuously. There is that great tradition of the Church of Making a Novena to the Holy Spirit – nine days of prayer asking for the Gift of the Holy Spirit. I love the psalm which is the first Psalm of the Easter Vigil: Send forth your spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth. Let us get on our knees each of us, and together as families and ask God to send forth his Holy Spirit and renew each of us, our families, our Church, our World. That little as we are through the power of the Holy Spirit we can accomplish great things. (cf. Mary's Magnificat).

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**PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS TODAY – Reflection and workshop.** The Diocesan Ecumenical Commission has arranged a day led by Teresa Kehoe (Aid to the Church in Need) at Infant of Prague parish hall, 63 Broad Street, Syston, LE7 1GH on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May; 10.00am to 1.00pm. Aid to the Church in Need supports the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. No need to book, just come on the day; refreshments available, please bring a packed lunch. For more information contact Fran Hazel at [ecumenicalcommission@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:ecumenicalcommission@dioceseofnottingham.uk)



**RED BOXES:** It is time yet again for the Missio boxes to be brought in for emptying. As usual could you please leave your box on the table in the cloister and collect it the following week ( or two). Nearly £900 was raised for the missions from our boxes last year . Thank you very much indeed for taking part in supporting the poor in our world.

#### **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**

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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.

**PUBLIC PRAYING OF THE ROSARY at Our Lady's Statue outside in front of the church. 4.30-5pm 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.

**CATHOLIC LISTENERS** is a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, the helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are welcoming, friendly, empathetic and non- judgemental. The helpline is also based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Operating three days a week from 4pm -7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free to the helpline on 0800 448 0704 or by email at [catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:catholiclisteners@gmail.com)

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	27/28 May	J. Rowland	R. Lewin	P. Green
	3/4 June	J. Snaith	C. Goddard	B. Tyrrell

FINANCE	21//05/23
Envelopes	£251.95
Loose	£310.07
Standing Order	£761.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1323.40</b>

#### **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



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28th May 2023  
Pentecost L  
8th Week of Ordinary time  
Psalter Week 4

#### **Times of Services**

##### **Sunday: Pentecost**

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Maureen & Keith Douglas 40th Wedd Anniv

4.30pm: Rosary

##### **Monday: Mary Mother of the Church**

10.00am: Mass: Father Ken Payne RIP

##### **Tuesday: Feria**

9.00am Mass: In thanks (Michael & archangels)

##### **Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

##### **Thursday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**

9.45am: Rosary

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Coffee after Mass

12 noon: Wedding: Nicholas Loomes & Heather Wainwright

7.00pm Holy Hour

##### **Friday: Feria**

2.00pm: Wedding: Katherine Lynch and Matthew Reed

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##### **Saturday: Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions**

6.00pm Mass: Marjorie & Denis Bennett RIP (Armstrong)

##### **Sunday: Most Holy Trinity**

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Michael Collins (Gilligan)

**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.*



*As the Father  
sent me, so I  
am sending  
you: receive  
the Holy Spirit.*

**CONFESSIONS**  
11am & 5.15pm  
Saturday

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** A Happy feast day to all as we celebrate Pentecost and the Birthday of the Church as the Holy Spirit pours forth the life of the risen Lord. This is perhaps the 2nd greatest Feast day after Easter when we celebrate the fruit of Christ Passion Death, Resurrection and Ascension Being Poured out among us. Very simply we must pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit that he may bear fruit in us as St Paul says: *What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. I think our world could do with more of such fruits.*

Also, Happy Birthday! This is a good greeting today which should give to each other as Christians today. We celebrate the birthday of the Church, when she was born when she became truly alive as her first members received the Holy Spirit. She was born as one, Holy Catholic and Apostolic.

She existed always in the eternity of the heart of God and then She existed in shadow from the beginning of creation then in the people of Israel, but she becomes now truly catholic open to the whole world to bring unity and peace in Truth through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, in a visible communion of brothers and sisters.

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your Love!

Today we have a Pastoral letter from Bishop Patrick which is available to read, watch, or listen to via the diocesan website. This use of digital media allows us to perhaps share the letter with a loved one, family member, or parishioner who, for whatever reason, could not hear it in the usual way this weekend. To access the Pastoral Letter visit:

[www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/pentecost-letter](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/pentecost-letter)

Please pray for our first Holy Communion children(& their families) who will be making their First Communion on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 11.00am. It is a small group so all are welcome to the Mass.

**NEW LECTIONARY:** You may be aware that there has been talk for many years of a new translation of the Lectionary for use at Mass. It has been approved and will be introduced in Advent 2024. The translation will be The English Standard Version Catholic edition. The psalms will be a new Grail version called Abbey Psalms and Canticles. Currently the readings are from the Jerusalem Bible and some Revised Standard Version. The ESV is a renewal of the RSV. It is still a "literal translation" (As opposed to something like the Good news version which tends towards paraphrase and interpretation). The present lectionary was published in 1981. There will be readings etc for the News Saints and updated readings for the Sacraments. I hope this helps you if you are thinking about buying a new Missal!

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**WEDDINGS:** This week I have 2 weddings. Nicholas Loomes and Heather Wainwright on Thursday 1 June at 12 noon. And also Katherine Lynch and Matthew Reed on Friday at 2.00pm – celebrated by Fr Martin Hardy. We pray for them and congratulate them.

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