

CATECHIST FORMATION AND TRAINING. Are you a Catechist? Or is God calling you to be one? It is such a rewarding ministry and the Diocese of Nottingham has put together a number of courses for you to explore or grow further in this vocation. You will find something for you in these courses, from getting standard as a catechist, increasing your knowledge or taking your catechesis beyond sacramental preparation! All sessions are delivered online with the first course starting this November, for more information please speak to your parish priest or email: adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk



| Readers | | Sat. 6.00pm | Sunday | 10.00am |
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| | 4 /5 Nov | N. Williamson | M. Lewin | R Lewin |
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| FINANCE | 29/10/23 |
| Envelopes | £258.04 |
| Loose | £294.34 |
| Standing Order | £761.38 |
| Total | £1313.76 |

Parish Giving : Many thanks to all who continue to give 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 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 parishpriest@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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10.00am Mass: Barbara O'Malley RIP (anniv)

Coffee after Mass

Rosary 3.30pm

Monday: Feria

8.00am Mass: Matthew Muckle RIP (Maureen)

Tuesday: Feria

8.00am Mass: No particular Intention

Wednesday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: Jan, Mirek & Bogush Nowakowski RIP

Thursday: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

5.45pm Rosary

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Friday: St Leo the Great

7.00pm Mass: Christine Reed Ints (M.W.)

Saturday: St Hugh of Lincoln, Patron of the Diocese

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Sunday: 32nd of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Dave Hill RIP (Penney)

3.00pm: Blessing of Graves

They do not practice what they preach.

CONFESIONS

11.00am

5.15pm

FR CHRIS WRITES: Mass Times this week: Browns the builders will be working in the church this week, dealing with some of the gaps between the roof and the wall and so we hope to make the church a little warmer this winter. Therefore, the Mass times will be different this week. **8.00am** on Monday & Tuesday and **6:00 PM** on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday will be the normal 7:00pm.

I will be blessing the graves at the General Cemetery on Sunday 12th November at 3.00pm.

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NOVEMBER DEAD LIST The Catholic Tradition of praying for the Holy Souls, particularly our own departed family and friends, takes on a special focus in November. During this month and during the

rest of the year Masses will be offered with this intention in mind. If you would like to make a list of your deceased loved ones, it will be placed near the Altar during our November Masses. An offering is given and a series of Masses are offered for all our dead Loved ones in November and throughout the year. **Forms & Envelopes are available as you leave Church.**



Les Turek died on Wednesday morning in Skegness with all the Sacraments. His funeral will be held here on Monday 13th November at 12 noon

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HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION: We continue our holy Hour on Thursdays: With Exposition from 7.00pm: There will be some meditations and finishing with Benediction about 7.50pm. The Eucharist and the Real presence of our Lord in is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament exposed is a source of special graces. *For families with Children Why not one of the parents come and pray for the whole family for a time during the hour.*



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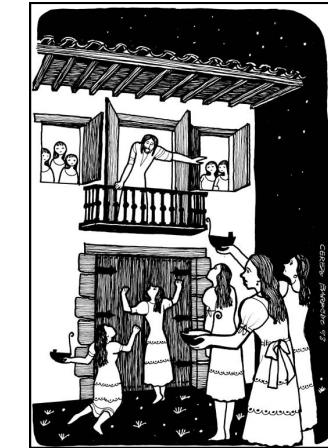
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11.00am Cenotaph in Town

Coffee after Mass

3.00pm: Blessing of graves

Monday: Feria

12noon: Funeral Les Turek

Tuesday: Feria

8.00am Mass: David Morgan RIP (Lowe)

Wednesday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Special Mass of Remembrance for those who have died

Thursday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Blessings on Maria

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: St Hugh of Lincoln, Patron of our Diocese

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List said by Fr Michael

Saturday: Feria

1.00pm Wedding of Violet Cash & Noel Devlin

6.00pm Mass: Norman Phillips RIP (family)

Sunday: 33rd of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

The bridegroom is here: go out and meet him.

CONFESIONS

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

2nd December 2023

Now is the time to ask yourself:
How can I help to make our Bazaar a success?

We need all **good quality re-sellable items.**
Including BOOKS, CD's and DVD's
(NO cassettes or (VHS tapes please)

The **Nativity Donations Board** is in the Cloister.
(Select your donation tag, fill in your name & number& place in the box)

Stall Holders: It's time to start planning and preparing.

Enquiries: Alan Sear 07850-252064

BITS AND PIECES STALL

Require TOILETRIES and NEW ITEMS suitable for presents for their stall.
There is a box marked 'BITS AND PIECES' for this stall in the Cloister. Many thanks.

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| Envelopes | £202.20 |
| Loose | £257.59 |
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FR CHRIS WRITES: We have the Funeral Mass for **Les Turek** a son of this Parish on Monday midday. He only has a brother and sister in Law in the family. So it would be good to have as many as possible to pray for him. Also we have our Mass of remembrance for all the dead this week on Wednesday at 7pm. Blessing of graves at 3.00pm this Sunday.

Browns have been at work sorting out the many draughts in the church particularly up high. There were many gaps found which together made a rather large open window!! Also they are going to try to make the doors more windproof. We have 3 arches to do on the Fairfield Rd side and the area by the sacred heart. Please note Mass times this week.

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A reminder that In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 Nottingham Deanery is hosting a series of talks, open to all, two of which are still to be held: Doctor Mary McCaughey, **Monday 20th November**, at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish hall, Eastwood NG16 2AQ, speaking about **Gaudium et Spes**, the constitution about the Church in the world, at 7.20pm. **Please note the change of time and place – owing to road closures in Stapleford**. I'm pleased to say that the talks will also be streamed via YouTube on the diocesan website, and can be found on the Home page at: www.youtube.com/@NottsDiocese

Victory Prize Draw: November 23 winners:

1st Prize £60; T Ruane ticket number 26;
2nd Prize £25 T Ruane ticket number 18;
3rd Prize £15; GJ Cottrell ticket number 221

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9.00am Mass: Fr John Redford RIP (Barbara & Ian)

Wednesday: St Cecilia

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Bill Reed (Hall)

Thursday: St Clement I

9.45am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Ellen Thomas RIP Anniv (Jopling)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

7.00pm Mass: Mass for deceased Brothers of Market Harborough Circle and their families

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Sunday: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

10.00am Mass: Stefania & Jozef Fialkowski RIP



You have shown you
can be faithful in
small things, come
and join in your
masters
happiness.

CONFESIONS

11.00am

5.15pm

19th November 2023
33rd Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 1

FR CHRIS WRITES: This weekend we bring to mind the poor on a world day of prayer. Pope Francis writes: *The World Day of the Poor, a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy, comes for the seventh time to support the journey of our communities. It is an appointment that the Church is progressively rooting in her pastoral, in order to discover more and more the central content of the Gospel. Every day we are committed to welcoming the poor, yet this is not enough. A river of poverty flows through our cities and gets bigger and bigger until it overflows; that river seems to overwhelm us, so much so that the cry of the brothers and sisters asking for help, support, and solidarity is growing louder and louder. For this, on the Sunday before the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we gather round his Canteen to receive again from him the gift and the commitment to live in poverty and to serve the poor.*

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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 21st November 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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Calling all young people, families and friends to join **LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth)** at St. Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road, Leicester, LE2 3HN for an afternoon of craft and liturgy, on **Sunday 10th December 2023** creating cards with Christmas messages to be distributed to the sick and housebound, both at home and in hospital. Help us to pass on the Christmas message of hope, love and peace. Our afternoon begins at 3.00 p.m. and ends with a short liturgy at 4.30p.m. The LACY team will be joined by one of the Chaplains from the Leicester Hospitals, Ed Pike, and your presence will make the afternoon very special. Christmas treats, mince pies and drinks will be served in the hall during the afternoon. **We're looking forward to seeing YOU!** More information if required from Pauline Payne – Tel: 07885 187374 or e mail joshearer@hotmail.com/paulinepayne@hotmail.com

In recognition of our celebration of **INTERFAITH WEEK** this week, Bishop Patrick has produced the following video message: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-supports-inter-faith-week/> *At this moment in time it is particularly important that people of faith join together in a spirit of friendship and respect. Let us do all we can during this year's Interfaith week to highlight the witness and effectiveness of working together to build greater harmony and cohesion in our society*

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GATHERING FOR YOUNG ADULTS – Christus Vivit is the diocesan ministry to Young Adults aged 18-35. We will be starting a new group here in Leicester meeting on the fourth Thursday of every month at Sacred Heart, Mere Road. With a time of prayer, a talk, group discussion, and a social time at a local pub. Our first gathering will be on Thursday November 23rd come along to meet other Young Catholics in Leicester and grow in faith. You can join our mailing list by emailing: cv@dioceseofnottingham.uk See More details from www.Dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
2nd December 2023

We desperately need bottles for the **BOTTLE STALL**
(Any bottle i.e Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks, Tomato Ketchup etc etc)

We desperately need items for the **REPOSITORY STALL**
(Jams, Pickles, Chutneys, Preserves etc)

ALSO
SANTA NEEDS A HELPER IN HIS GROTTO
(to assist with distribution of the children's presents)
Please contact Stephen McGlone on 07912-345352

PRIZE DRAW TICKETS AND NATIVITY BOARD DONATIONS

Please post through Fr Chris's letterbox this coming week.
For further information Tel Alan Sear 07850-252064

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| Loose | £234.19 | 25/26 Nov | M. Atkins | K. Lilley |
| Standing Order | ---- | 2/3 Dec | C. Baldam | R. van der Liet |
| Total | £426.70 | | | C. Sellechia |



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

10.00am Mass: Stefania & Jozef Fialkowski RIP

Coffee after Mass

Monday: Feria

9.00am: November Dead List

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Wednesday: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Trudi Blamires RIP Anniv

Thursday: St Andrew Apostle, Saint of Scotland

9.45am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Emma & Deceased O'Malley & Steele families

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Feria

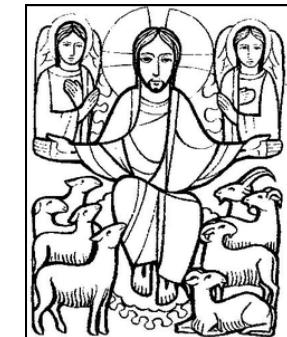
9.30am Mass: Fr John Redford RIP (Barbara & Ian)

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: In thanks and prayers for God's Blessing

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish



He will take his seat on the throne of glory, and he will separate men one for another.

CONFESIONS

11.00am

5.15pm

FR CHRIS WRITES: We are looking forward to our bazaar on Saturday Morning from 9.00am – 3.00pm and as you will see from the advert we need a few things such as bottles and of course cakes as we said to pick up a box and any last bits and pieces and any more volunteers to help would be most gratefully received. We are looking forward to a lovely day to gather our parish and school community and visitors in our parish home. Please come and invite Friends!!

The funeral of **Catherine Ford** from Evington in Leicester will take place on Tuesday 5th of December 11:00 am. May she rest in peace.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS for adults and also children's booklets & calendars are available at church. They have a meditation for each day based on the readings for Mass each day including the Christmas period. They are a great resource to help us pray in this special season. **Advanced notice:** Our Parish Carol Service organised by the Catenians is scheduled for Sunday 10 December at 3.00PM

If you are a **GIFT AID DECLARATION HOLDER** please advise your parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department (parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk) of any change in your circumstances, such as **name change / address change / no longer a taxpayer**. If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his / her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of your spouse's death. **Your continued support of both parish and Diocese is always very much appreciated – thank you!** If you do not gift aid your contributions, and you are a taxpayer, and wish to do so, please speak with your parish priest, or contact the parish office for a Gift Aid Declaration Form.

A register of Church Volunteers: Many thanks to all who have completed their forms. Any last volunteers to fill out your details? Registration forms are now available In the Narthex or by email. Who does this apply to? Really anyone who helps in any way in the Parish! From Church Cleaner, flower arranger reader, Coffee volunteer, church collection Bazaar Offertory PPC, welcomer and so on.. You can also receive the form by email from parish-priest@olvic.com **PS Just one form is necessary for all your roles in the parish.**



Do you help in the Parish . For example the Bazaar!! Please Pick up a form

A reminder that In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 Nottingham Deanery is hosting a series of talks, open to all, one of which are still to be held: Bishop Patrick, **Thursday 30th November**, at Our Lady and Saint Patrick in the Meadows' parish hall, The Meadows NG2 1JQ, speaking about **Lumen Gentium**, the constitution about the Church. I'm pleased to say that the talks will also be streamed via YouTube on the diocesan website, and can be found on the Home page at: www.youtube.com/@NottsDiocese

 **Holy Hour and Benediction:** We continue our holy Hour on Thursdays: With Exposition from 7.00pm: There will be some meditations and finishing with Benediction about 7.50pm. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament exposed is a source of special graces. *For families with Children Why not one of the parents come and pray for the whole family for a time during the hour?.NB The children in school loved it!!!*

The latest edition of the **Diocesan e-Magazine** was published last week on the Feast of Saint Hugh of Lincoln. Read and subscribe to receive it directly via email here: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news

Calling all young people, families and friends to join **LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth)** at St. Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road, Leicester, LE2 3HN for an afternoon of craft and liturgy, on **Sunday 10th December 2023** creating cards with Christmas messages to be distributed to the sick and housebound, both at home and in hospital. Help us to pass on the Christmas message of hope, love and peace. Our afternoon begins at 3.00 p.m. and ends with a short liturgy at 4.30p.m. The LACY team will be joined by one of the Chaplains from the Leicester Hospitals, Ed Pike, and your presence will make the afternoon very special. Christmas treats, mince pies and drinks will be served in the hall during the afternoon. **We're looking forward to seeing YOU!** More information if required from Pauline Payne – Tel: 07885 187374 or e mail joshearer@hotmail.com/paulinepayne@hotmail.com

The local Prison Fellowship group will be running the **ANGEL TREE PROJECT** this year at **HMP Gartree and Five Wells Prison in Wellingborough** and would like your help. The purpose of this project is to purchase Christmas presents for children of some of the prisoners. The gifts will be sent to the children as from their dad's. The value of each gift will be **approx £15**. The aim is to alleviate some of the sadness experienced by prisoners and their families at Christmas time. Angel Tree provides a crucial link between innocent children and their imprisoned father. If you would like to help with this project, either with a **monetary donation or a suitable gift** you will be given a gift tag with the first name, age and gender of the child. **The gift can be wrapped by yourself in Christmas paper** if you wish, but we do need to have a photo of the gift for security reasons otherwise a member of Prison Fellowship will wrap the gift. A handwritten gift tag from their dad will be attached to make it extra special. **All presents will be posted so please keep them light.** Local bank account details: Prison Fellowship (Gartree Angel Tree) Sort code: 40 32 04 Account: 91564005 For your donation to be **Gift Aided** contact info@prisonfellowship.org.uk Thank you for your kindness this is very much appreciated by prisoners, their families, staff and chaplaincy. Maureen Douglas, Angel Tree Co-ordinator 43 Gardiner St, Market Harborough, LE16 9QN Tel 07966 515115 maureen.e.douglas@btinternet.com

RED BOXES: Many thanks to everyone who continues to find coins to put into their Red Boxes (increasingly difficult in post Covid/card only times) to help the poor and needy in our world. Your support is so much needed and very greatly appreciated. As always, please leave your box on the table in the Cloister and it will be returned after emptying, to the same place. Should anyone wish to help by taking a box, please speak to Father Chris or to Bob and Chris Shepherd. Thank you very much once more.

'SYNOD AND SYNODALITY' on **Wednesday 6th December**. Caritas Leicester and Leicestershire invite all who are interested to Saint Wilfrid of York in Coalville (LE67 3JB) for an evening of reflection and discussion on the Synod and Synodality. Facilitated by Father Jonathan Cotton, it is a chance to talk about the Synod on Synodality and what it means for us. The evening will last from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.