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SAVE THE DATE: 1ST OCTOBER 2023: LACY BIG SING AT ST. PATRICK'S, LEICESTER,

4.00pm. Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth are extending a warm invitation to all parishes to invite them to come along to a "Big Sing" for an hour in Leicester. We are inviting music groups and choirs to be involved in the liturgy by singing a hymn/Christian song of their choice. We are hoping that many young people, families and friends will come and join us!. We will be celebrating the Mysteries of Light led by Father Simon Gillespie and we hope that many groups will get in touch with us to make this the most exciting event ever! Our invitation also extends to everyone who would like to come and share the celebration. Bring your young people – your voices – your instruments! To enable us to put all of this together we would be most grateful if you could please contact Pauline Payne, LACY Co-ordinator as soon as possible if you are interested in sharing the occasion: e mail – paulinepayne@hotmail.com and tel number: 07885 187374. Let's raise the roof at St. Patrick's in song! "He who sings, prays twice" – St. Augustine of Hippo.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023

Date for your diaries: Saturday 2nd December 2023
9.00am until 3.00pm

Our Christmas Bazaar was so very successful last year.
We have, therefore, decided to use our Church rooms again this year.

Would you like to help this year?
If so, please put a note through Fr Chris's letterbox
Together with your contact details.
We'll get in touch with you to discuss.

For further information, please contact:
Alan Sear (Chairman) on: 07850 252064.

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| | 2/3 September | M. Atkins | S. Acton | M. Douglas |
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9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Personal Int

Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Father Henry Young RIP

Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Father William Newton RIP

Thursday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Thomas Doran (Ruane)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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11.00am Mass: People of the Parish



If anyone wants to be a follower of me, let him renounce himself.

CONFESIONS

11.00am
5.15pm

FR CHRIS WRITES: Dear All, It is lovely to be back. A big thank you to Fr Peter who said Mass whilst I was away and to those who looked after things. I had time in Valencia in Spain which was lovely though a tad hot and humid! I remembered you all each day at Mass which I celebrated at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Forsaken. A time of rest and recuperation. I was also able to spend time with my Mother and then my brother up in Lancashire which is a smashing part of the world.

On Thursday our children returned to school. I hope all our families had a good and restful holiday and were not caught up in the Travel chaos! We will be praying for them especially next Sunday which is Education Sunday. Parents please see the advert below for a good refresher on the faith.

I have had 3 or 4 volunteers for the Children's Liturgy but we could do with a few more to make an easy rota. See below,

CHANGE TO SUNDAY MASS: on weekend 16/17 September. We have decided now to return to our traditional time of 10.00am on Sunday morning as well as the 6.00pm Saturday night from the weekend of 16/17th September. We have discerned that this is the best time for the Parish. However, if the needs of the Deanery demand it in the future, we may have to move to another time. We are blessed that we will have 2 weekend Masses at our Parish when many just have one. My thanks for all who have helped discern this decision.

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AN INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT THE FOODBANK: As a beginning of our ' Faith in Action 'initiative within the community, we approached the Jubilee Food bank organisers to see if Our Lady of Victories could be of any assistance to them. They felt our fairly central location would offer a convenient reception and collection point for their clients' food parcels. There was general agreement we should trial this in the first instance providing a once weekly 2 hour session from 12.00 - 2.00pm on a Tuesday. We hope to get underway on September 5th.2023.

We envisage a couple of volunteers being required for each weekly session to deal with the parcel, with the potential for a further weekly session if there is support for the venture. Could any one who feels able to give a couple of hours of their time , weekly or fortnightly, in this respect, contact Brendan O'Malley (phone 01858 462890) or Father Chris in the near future.

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Wednesday: St John Chrysostom

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass: Fr Duncan Campbell OP RIP

Thursday: EXHALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9.45am: Rosary
10.00am Mass: **School Mass Beginning of Term**
Coffee after Mass

No Holy Hour

Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows

7.00pm Mass: Jennefer Tobin RIP

Saturday: Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

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Sunday: 24th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Bill Reid (Ruane)

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

CONFESIONS

11.00am
5.15pm

NB Sunday Mass is 10.00am from next Sunday 17th September onwards

10th September 2023
23rd Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 3

FR CHRIS WRITES: Dear All, I hope you are enjoying the lovely weather. As you may have noticed we have been doing work on the church recently. This has involved repairing the main window behind the altar and the brickwork above it and various repairs on that side of the church. We will also be looking to repair the church doors to make them more draught free as well as looking at the leaks between the roof and the church walls. I don't know if you have noticed the downdraft from various parts but where I am it is rather like Niagara Falls above my chair! They are also repairing and painting the windows in the House which had become rotten in parts. There will be other bits and pieces and we have found that some coping stones have disintegrated above the cloister. I thank Browns for the good work that they are doing. We are hoping to complete the final bits of the last quinquennial survey. We have a **CHURCHES TOGETHER** meeting on Thursday 14th 7.15pm @ the Baptist Church so no Holy Hour.

EDUCATION SUNDAY Education Sunday: In our pastoral letter today, Bishop Patrick is seeking to appoint new foundation directors and governors for our Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts and schools. If you would like to know more about these rewarding voluntary roles, please contact Peter Giorgio (Director of Education) by emailing the Director's PA, Julie Sweeney (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk) or by telephoning 01332 293833.

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The **SPANNED Annual Mass**, celebrated by Bishop Patrick, takes place at Saint Peter's Church, Leicester Road Hinckley LE10 1LW on **Saturday 16th September** at 2.30pm. All are welcome. It is good opportunity to discover what the work of SPANNED entails and this year's project "Our House is on Fire" has been a consideration of climate change. You may also subscribe to the agency's quarterly magazine. SPANNED, which has been in existence since March 1976, is the only organisation of its kind where individual programmes of spiritual formation are written and delivered for people with additional needs, with groups meeting in Hinckley, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester and Scunthorpe. For more details contact Father Frank Daly on 01455 634443 or hinckleypriory@gmail.com

With a special focus on the **'RESTORING PUGIN'** project, guided tours, expert talks, an exhibition of Cathedral treasures and family art workshops (including provision for families with additional needs) will form the Cathedral's offering for this year's **Heritage Opening Days**, being held in the Cathedral **Friday 8th – Saturday 16th September**. All are welcome. For timings and more details visit www.nottinghamcathedral.co.uk/what-s-on/latest-news/heritage-open-days-2023/

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9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: C Keeney RIP (Langford)

Thursday: St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

2.00pm: Funeral of Bill Reed

7.00pm: Holy Hour

7.30pm: Meeting of Em's

Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Thomas Livingstone RIP

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday: 25th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Bill Reed RIP (Jo & Phil)



I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

CONFESIONS

11.00am

5.15pm

2nd Collection this weekend for Home Mission Sunday.

FR CHRIS WRITES: Dear All, For the first time since Covid began almost 3 1/2 years ago we will gather at one Mass on Sunday morning this weekend. We are hoping that it will bring our community more together and we will feel a bigger and closer community. And there will be coffee after Mass as well which will be a great opportunity to meet each other. Many thanks to all who have helped with this. We could still do with some more volunteers for children's liturgy. So far we have 7. And to anyone who would like to join the coffee rota you would be most welcome.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM - PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF FAITH AND PRAYER:

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Home Mission Sunday) calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through: Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023. Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024. To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

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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 19 September 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 cplamires@aol.com or phone him on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756.

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BRIEF GENERAL UPDATE FROM BISHOP PATRICK for all parishioners with regard to the consultation that took place across the diocese just before the school holidays

I want to update you on the recent consultative phase we conducted across the Diocese. I was so pleased that we received a fairly high level of participation. Over 2,100 opinions were gathered through one-to-one conversations, the at-Mass questionnaires and the e-survey. Thank you so much to parishioners and clergy who took the time and interest to share their thoughts. I was encouraged by the overall reaction, and I recognise from your feedback that, while there is recognition that diocesan communication has greatly improved over the past year or so, there needs to be more regular communication across the diocese. Feedback also suggested that work needs to be done on simplifying how we convey our spiritual themes, encounter, discipleship and missionary discipleship. I am currently working on this. There was also an understanding of the financial needs across our diocese, especially prioritising parishes, and the feedback indicated that parishioners and clergy are willing to be supportive of a fundraising initiative. The Diocesan leadership is currently considering the feedback and the next steps. In October, I will provide you with a more detailed summary. But, in the meantime, I would greatly appreciate your prayers that, in the light of the feedback received, I, and those who advise me, will be guided by the Holy Spirit to make the best decisions for the future sustainability and growth of our vibrant and hope-filled diocesan family. With gratitude and prayer, Rt Rev Patrick McKinney.

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The Guild of Saint Stephen in Nottingham Diocese would like to invite all Altar Servers to join for the **ANNUAL DIOCESAN SERVERS' MASS**, on **Saturday 23rd September** at 11.30am at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Patrick, and all are invited to be part of the day. Please email James Noakes for further details or see the poster in church.

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL, A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR WOMEN, from 12.15pm until 4.00pm at The Rosmini Centre, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake LE7 4SJ. The day includes tea/coffee (provided) at 12.15pm, then the Rosary; lunch at 1.00pm (please bring a packed lunch); then at 2.00pm Carmelite author and speaker Dr Cyprian Blamires OCDS: *Praying with the Heart; finally a Holy Hour*. More information from Paulette: 07825 040375.

JOIN MEN from across the Diocese of Nottingham for a **DAY OF FRATERNITY** in Leicester. On **Saturday 7th October** we will be meeting in Bradgate Park Leicester, celebrating Mass, walking round the park and then going for a pub lunch. Mass will be at 10.30am at All Saints Church, just at the edge of Bradgate Park, we will then walk for just about an hour and then head out for a pub lunch. Please book by 30th September so that we know numbers for the lunch. Please note that this event is for those aged 18 years or over only. Book via: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or contact adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

IN PREPARATION FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025:

Pope Francis has asked the Church to look again at some of the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Nottingham Deanery is hosting a series of talks, open to all, and presented by specialists in each Constitution:

- Father Guy Nicholls cong orat, **Monday 2nd October**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour parish hall, Bulwell NG6 9ES, speaking about **Sacrosanctum Concilium**, the constitution about the liturgy;
- Father Richard Ounsworth OP, **Wednesday 18th October**, at Sacred Heart community centre, Carlton NG4 1FP, speaking about **Dei Verbum**, the constitution about scripture
- Doctor Mary McCaughey, **Monday 20th November**, at Saint John the Evangelist parish hall, Stapleford NG9 7BT, speaking about **Gaudium et Spes**, the constitution about the Church in the world
- 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

Each evening will begin at 7pm with a talk, followed by questions, and light refreshments, before finishing at 8.30pm. All are very welcome to come and hear more about these documents which are central to our faith.

| Readers | | Sat. 6.00pm | Sunday | 10.00am |
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| | 23/24 September | N. Williamson | C. Goddard | M. Crook |
| | 30 Sept / 1 Oct | J. Rowland | B. Tyrrell | D. Chappell |

| FINANCE | 17/09/23 |
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| Envelopes | £261.30 |
| Loose | £311.83 |
| Standing Order | £761.38 |
| Total | £1334.51 |

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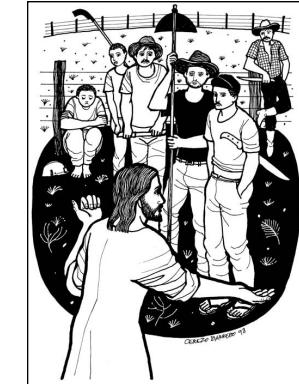


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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 25th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Bill Reed RIP (Jo & Phil)

Coffee after Mass

4.30pm: Rosary

Monday: Feria

9.00am: Mass: C. Keeney RIP (Patrick)

Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Mary)

Wednesday: St Vincent de Paul

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Rosa Alejandro RIP (Cori)

Thursday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Peter Kimberlin RIP (family)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7.00pm Mass: C. Keeney RIP (Patrick)

Saturday: St Jerome

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday: 26th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Philip Hoey RIP (Hewitt)

Today we are delighted to welcome Scott Burgess our former Year 6 teacher (now deputy head at St Thomas More) into full communion with the Church. May God Bless him

*Why be envious
because I am
generous?*

CONFESIONS

**11.00am
5.15pm**

FR CHRIS WRITES: Dear All, It was wonderful to gather as a large community last Sunday at the 10.00am. A big thank you to all who organised things and to the musicians and those doing the coffee. We hope to get a group together soon for the children's Liturgy. We will be contacting people who have volunteered for a DBS check if they do not have them already. David Hill sadly died. His funeral will be on Thursday 5th October at 10.00am. Our condolences to Mary and all the family. Also Frances Pengelly died this week.

**Our Lady of Victories
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**
2nd December 2023

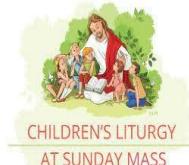
GENERAL STALLHOLDER MEETING
To be held next Tuesday evening 26th September 2023
In the De Trafford Room 6.30pm prompt .
Please come along if you held a stall last year, or you would like to hold a stall this year. Bring your ideas along.
We look forward to seeing you there.
For more detail: ring Alan Sear 07850 252064

Ahead of **EDUCATION SUNDAY** the Catholic Union is encouraging people to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary calling for the **50 percent cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools to be lifted**. The cap is preventing the Catholic Church in England from taking part in the free schools programme. The letter is available to sign at www.catholicunion.org.uk or using the QR code:



FAITH AND FOOTPRINT: **Tuesday 3rd October, 7.00pm – 8.30pm** Caritas invite you to its online environmental workshop, dipping into Pope Francis' Message for the 2023 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. We'll share practical ideas for reducing the carbon footprint of our churches and homes (and their energy bills). To receive the Zoom link book your place at bit.ly/FaithandFootprint

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: As we are returning to one Mass on a Sunday morning at 10.00am, we are hoping to start Children's Liturgy again. However we will need volunteers. Two are needed for each session. They will follow the pattern of school terms If you would like to help, please contact Fr. Chris via the Parish email. parishpriest@olvic.com As this involves Children we have to do a DBS check and follow our Safer Recruiting procedures.



JUBILEE FOOD BANK: You are asked to leave food bank items in the trolleys at various supermarkets when you shop. Henderson Connellan on the High Street, Spar on Coventry Road, Eco Village, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Both Coop supermarkets, B&M, Everyone's Active: leisure centre cf <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/> **Shopping List:** **WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR:** (In order of how urgent they are.). **Tinned Carrots, Tinned Sweetcorn, Jam, Marmalade, Sandwich Paste, Cordial / Juice Drinks, UHT Milk (semi-skimmed or full fat), Biscuits, Tinned Rice Pudding, Crackers, Tinned/Jarred Hot Dogs, Tinned Ham, Corned Beef, Fray Bentos Pies, Smash / Dried Potato, Tinned Fruit, Other Suggested Food Donations:** **Mayonnaise, Tinned Potatoes, Sugar (small bags if possible, 500g), Pasta sauce, Tinned chicken in sauce, Tinned red meat (bolognaise, mince, stewed, chilli), Tins of beans (red kidney beans, chickpeas... etc.), Porridge oats, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shower gel, Feminine products--sanitary towels and tampons, Used, clean, strong 'bags for life', strong carrier bags, Jars or pouches of baby food, Packets of Rice (500g if possible), Cereal, Jars of curry sauce to go with rice, Tinned potatoes, Tinned meatballs, Jars of coffee, Hot chocolate, Packet Rice, Tinned Fish, Dried pasta, Tinned Custard.**

SAVE THE DATE: 1ST OCTOBER 2023 : LACY BIG SING AT ST. PATRICK'S, LEICESTER, 4.00 P.M. Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth are extending a warm invitation to all parishes to invite them to come along to a "Big Sing" for an hour in Leicester. We are inviting music groups and choirs to be involved in the liturgy by singing a hymn/Christian song of their choice. We are hoping that many young people, families and friends will come and join us!. We will be celebrating the Mysteries of Light led by Father Simon Gillespie and we hope that many groups will get in touch with us to make this the most exciting event ever! Our invitation also extends to everyone who would like to come and share the celebration. Bring your young people – your voices – your instruments! To enable us to put all of this together we would be most grateful if you could please contact Pauline Payne, LACY Co-ordinator as soon as possible if you are interested in sharing the occasion: e mail – paulinepayne@hotmail.com and tel number: 07885 187374. Let's raise the roof at St. Patrick's in song! "He who sings, prays twice" – St. Augustine of Hippo.



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A VOCATION DAY OF DISCERNMENT: is being held on **Saturday 7th October** from 10.00am until 3.00pm at The Rosmini Centre, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake. LE7 4SJ. There will be the opportunity of talking to Fathers Antonio, Ted, and Philip about the calling to Religious Life in general, and to the Institute of Charity (Rosminians) in particular: an opportunity to join the Community in prayer, and to ask the Lord for clarity and courage. To book telephone 01509 813078.