



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

1st October 2023
26th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2

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

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.*

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 is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament is 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?.*



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.

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

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
	30Sept /1 Oct	J. Rowland	B. Tyrrell	D. Chappell
	7 /8 Oct ober	J. Snaith	M. Crook	B. Tyrrell

FINANCE	24/09/23
Envelopes	£166.00
Loose	£272.20
Standing Order	£761.38
Total	£1199.58

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 26th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
10.00am Mass: Philip Hoey RIP (Hewitt)
Coffee after Mass
Rosary 4.30pm

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels

9.00am: Mass: Bill Reed months mind

Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Betty Ruane RIP - Wedding anniv (Tom)

May be in the hall

Wednesday: St Francis of Assisi

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass: Joe Humphries RIP (Dolby) Anniv
May be in the Hall

Thursday: Feria

10.00am: Dave Hill's Funeral
Refreshments will be in the hall afterwards
7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Feria

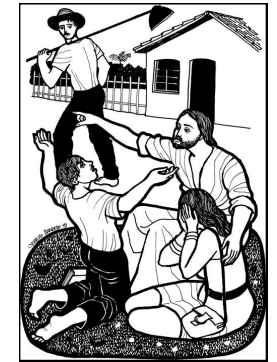
7.00pm Mass: No Particular Intention

Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary

6.00pm Mass: Gertrude & Herbert O'Brien (Phillips)

Sunday: 27th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Bill Reed RIP(JM & E)



He thought better of it and went Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you.

CONFESSIONS
11.00am
5.15pm

FR CHRIS WRITES: The Synod which the Pope has called in Rome to which we made our contributions at a parish diocesan and national level is due to begin later this week on Wednesday 4th October and continue to the 29th October. The theme is “for a Synodal Church: communion participation and mission in the church”. This synod is a new experience on the level of the Universal Church in that it includes laity priests and religious as voting members too. The Pope wishes this to be a prayerful experience and hence all the members will be on a retreat this week. He hopes that they will listen to each other and thus discern the voice of the Holy Spirit. From this is hoped to discern how we can live as a Communion of people, participate together as full members of the Community and this give witness to our faith through living it out and proclaiming it. Synod means to walk together but in a Church sense we understand walking together following Christ. The question lurks also: how well do we listen and learn from other Christians, other faiths and those with no faith at all so that our mission may be effective.

This is not about doctrine as it may be portrayed in some media. *“This Synod meeting is not an ecclesiastical UN Assembly, nor a Church parliament or convention, nor a referendum on the teaching of the Church. In the words of Pope Francis, it is to be ‘a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Holy Spirit’, a setting out on a journey ‘with the Lord always coming to meet us’ (Pope Francis, 10 October 2021) The overall aim of the October meeting has been clearly set out: how can we become a listening Church, one that is profoundly open to all, humble and seeking forgiveness - as we have been reminded in today’s readings? Can we be a Church of encounter and dialogue which seeks to hold together, often in tension, fidelity to the truth expressed in her teaching and a compassionate love for every person? How can we be a Church of deep respect for all that is truly human, seeking to bring the gifts and talents of every person into the mission given by Christ? How can we be a Church which is constantly restless because we are incomplete, yet a sign and instrument of the union of all with God? The Synod must consider what processes, initiatives, and structures can help us in becoming a truly missionary Church. .” (Card. Vincent Nichols, Pastoral letter) It is about our way of being a community of believers. There will be a document prepared at the end of this for the Holy Father to consider and for us to reflect on. The synod will then meet again in October 2024. So over the coming weeks we need to support the Synod with our prayers. This Saturday there is a ecumenical liturgy in Rome. The Vigil can be viewed at: <https://together2023.net/>*

Also cf: [For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

We enter the month of the **HOLY ROSARY**. This great prayer which is one both of Contemplation and intercession. I suggest we pray it for the family, for peace and the Pope has asked it for the Synod. We will be delighted to welcome all who would like to join us starting 20 minutes before the Masses. Please try and pray the Rosary at home as a family. You can also pray a decade here and there as you walk or do tasks or drive indeed.

David Hill sadly died. His funeral will be on Thursday 5th October at 10.00am. Also Frances Pengelly died on 18th September. Her funeral will be on Friday 20th October at 10.30am. Also David Morgan died on Thursday night. Our Condolences to all the families of these three wonderful people.



CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal – will be next weekend 8th October and we will have a Harvest Collection at Masses the following week. Dr Nasha’s mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it’s needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera’s village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk



HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOME WARMER THIS WINTER: Wednesday 4th October, meeting in Harborough Methodist Church, Northampton Rd at 7.30pm. Find out about help with energy bills, home insulation improvements and installing renewable energy. For more details see <https://www.sustainableharboroughcommunity.co.uk/ufwh/> Any questions contact Julie on faganjulie@yahoo.co.uk Thank you.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Dates for your diaries: Saturday 2nd December 2023
9.00am to 3.00pm

Our Christmas Bazaar was so very successful last year. We have, therefore, decided to use the 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

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:



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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY
AT SUNDAY MASS