



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

2nd July 2023  
13th Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 1

**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.

**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 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 [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.

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	1/2 July	N. Williamson	M. Crook	M. Douglas
	8/9 July	J. Rowland	S. Acton	R. van der Liet

FINANCE	25/06/23
Envelopes	£256.50
Loose	£307.56
Standing Order	£761.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1325.44</b>

**VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: JUNE WINNERS:**  
1st Prize £60 J O'Leary ticket number 130;  
2nd Prize £25 A Brisley ticket number 20;  
3rd Prize £15 P Hamer ticket number 78

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

**Times of Services**

**Sunday: 13th of Ordinary Time**  
6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)  
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Norman Phillips RIP (family)

**Monday: St Thomas**  
9.00am: Mass: November Dead List

**Tuesday: Feria**  
9.00am Mass: Father Peter Edwards


**Wednesday: Feria**  
9.45am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Mass: November Dead List

**Thursday: St Maria Goretti**  
9.45am: Rosary  
10.00pm Mass: Fr James Hannigan RIP  
*Coffee after Mass*  
7.00pm: Holy Hour

**Friday: Feria**  
10.00am Mass: November Dead List

**Saturday: Feria**  
6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

**Sunday: 14th of Ordinary Time**  
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Tony Dolby RIP (Chris)



*Anyone who does not  
take his cross is not  
worthy of me.  
Anyone who  
welcomes you welcomes  
me.*

**CONFESSIONS**  
11am & 5.15pm  
Saturday

*2nd Collection this weekend for Peter's Pence*

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** I want to say congratulations to our Children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. May they and their families receive many graces in the years to come. A big thank you to Maureen Sean and Maggie who prepared the Children for this great moment, also to Bernadette who prepared the celebration and our music group for their singing.

**CHANGE TO SUNDAY MASS: on weekend 16/17 September**

At the moment we have two Masses on a Sunday morning. This came about because of COVID and the need to be socially distant at Mass to keep everyone safe. Our Parish was one of the first to reopen and it was brilliantly done. A big thank you to all involved to make that possible. However, our normal practice has been to have just the one Sunday morning Mass at Our Lady's. I have been consulting the PPC (and other Parishioners) and we feel it is now the time to return to one Mass for the good of the community of the Parish and other reasons.

The primary reason is to bring people together as a community to pray and worship in the best way possible. It will help us to have enough readers and indeed welcomers collectors and so on. Also, hopefully we will be able to recommence our Children's Liturgy group as well as Sunday Coffee.

I have also consulted with the deanery and the Bishop. We must decide these things together so that the needs of all the deanery Parishes are met. There are less priests now and many Parishes in Leicester are sharing a Priest sometimes two Parishes, sometimes three. The diocesan plan for our Parish of Market Harborough leaves us as a single Parish. However, I have to be able to support other Parishes on occasion such as sickness.

**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 16/17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE:** Peter's Pence is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church and the entire world. Each donation, small or large, also has a powerful symbolic value – it is a concrete sign of communion with the Holy Father. Peter's Pence helps the Holy Father exercise his universal mission in two ways: 1) makes possible many works of service throughout the universal Church, carried out by the Dicastery's that assist the Pope in evangelization, the promotion of integral human development, education, communication, etc.; 2) contributes to numerous charitable works directly assisting the most in need (people and families in distress, populations hit by natural disasters or war, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or development support). Cf [Peter's Pence \(obolodisanpietro.va\)](http://Peter's Pence (obolodisanpietro.va)). This gives a good breakdown of how the money is spent.



**SPUC Tiny feet Coffee Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am – 5.00pm** at Bill & Eileen's at 56 Granville St Market Harborough. Strawberries and cream, cake Coffee Tea



**HOLIDAY AT HOME:** A week of activities and entertainment for seniors, August 7th to 11th at the Methodist Church, £6 per day or £30 for the week. Two course hot lunch, tea, coffee and biscuits included. To book, phone 01858 410878, if no reply please leave a message with your name and phone number.

**60th ANNIVERSARY OF ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL.** English Martyrs' will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the official opening of the school; 4th May 1965, as such, we will be building up to this important milestone in the school's history, culminating in celebration events in the summer of 2025. I have over the last terms held assemblies with all year groups looking back over the history of the school and setting students challenges. From September 2023 each group will begin fundraising for our 60th Anniversary, we plan to publish a photo book looking over the history of the school along with many other events. To begin our 18 months of celebrations we are starting with a photography exhibition with pictures from across all the decades of the school. I invite you to come and see if you can spot people you may know in our vast range of photographs and reminisce. Also, if you know of any previous students or parents who wish to attend please invite them. If you would like more details of events or have any memories or photographs you wish to share please email [60years@englishmartyrs.org](mailto:60years@englishmartyrs.org) This event will take place on Monday 10th July starting at 4.00 – 6.00pm. Yours sincerely M Calen (Principal)



**SEA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND 2nd COLLECTION:** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. **Sea Sunday is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July.** It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.



**ARE YOU A PARENT OF CARER OF A SCHOOL AGED CHILD?** Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith? Why not join a programme that brings parents together from across the Diocese of Nottingham to do just that? Starting in the Academic Year 2023-2024 the Diocese of Nottingham will be offering **Belief in Brief**, a space twice every half-term for parents to meet online for an hour (just after school drop off) to explore a different aspect of the Catholic faith. Each session will have a short input followed by the opportunity to discuss this together and ask questions that you have. More information is on the poster at the noticeboard, and to book a place visit [www.bookwen.com/nrcdes](http://www.bookwen.com/nrcdes)

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