

**CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day Friday 14th March.** Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Include this QR code to take supporters straight to CAFOD's virtual envelop.

**PARENT'S RETREAT:** The Diocese of Nottingham is organising a day retreat for parents on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at Our Lady of Lincoln Parish (LN2 2HE), 10.00am-3.30pm. The day will be led by Mike and Alicia Hernon, international Catholic speakers and hosts of the successful podcast: 'The Messy Family Project'. The day will include Sunday Mass, talks, activities for Children, Eucharistic Adoration and more. Booking is essential. The cost is £25 per couple, please also bring a packed lunch. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/parentsretreat25>

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIEST FUND:** I have become aware that there is a 10 year impact report on the Sick & retired Priest fund on our Diocesan website which I find difficult to navigate!! But it is at <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/sick-and-retired-priests-fund> I have done a few copies for those not on the internet.

**BONHOEFFER:** 12A is showing at Savoy Corby on **Fri. 7th March at 5.45pm**  
For details, trailer and to book go to: [bonhoefferfilm.com](http://bonhoefferfilm.com)

**CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS** If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on Wednesday 26 March from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service ([gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk)).

<u>MARCH</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
1/2 March	B Phillips		A Randle	T Page
8/9 March	P Bebb	J Shellard	F Wilson	V Winter
15/16 March	J Mugoni	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
22/23 March	M O'Malley	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes
<u>READERS</u>				
	<b>Sat. 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	
1/2 March	J Rowland	B Tyrell	D Chappell	
8/9 March	P Green	M Douglas	M Blake	
15/16 March	N Williamson	C Sellechia	R van der Liet	



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

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8th Week of Ordinary Time  
& Lent  
Psalter Week 4  
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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### Sunday: 8th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Vera Murphy RIP (Keith & Rose)

Coffee after Mass

### Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Ken Souden RIP

### Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Roswitha Watson RIP (Blamires)

### Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Father Cramaro RIP with School

7.00pm Mass: Vincent Kelly RIP (Cates)

### Thursday: Lenten Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Michael Pelosi (Christine)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### Friday: Lenten Feria

2.00pm: World day of Prayer at Congregational Church

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Mass: November Dead List

### Saturday: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: Cath Furlong RIP

### Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish



*A Man's words  
flow out of what  
fills his heart.*

### CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am &  
5.15pm

**Please Pray for our First Communion children & their families**

**LENT** begins this week on Wednesday with the **Mass of Ash Wednesday**. Masses are at 10.00am with St Joseph school and 7.00pm.



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Set of **JUBILEE PRAYER BOOKS** for this March are now available. **Praying with the Psalms**. Please take one. Donations are invited for this set if you can afford it. Either through the Basket or the Card Machine They are £5.00 each.

**Jubilee Lenten Station Mass** with Bishop Patrick: Thursday 13 March 7.00pm at Holy Cross Priory at 7.00pm with Adoration and Confessions beforehand.

**LENT: A PILGRIMAGE TO THE PASSION:** A series of Saturday morning Retreat-style meetings looking at the passion of Jesus according to John's Gospel. The purpose of the sessions is to prepare our minds and hearts to hear and reflect on Jesus' journey to the Cross in preparation for Good Friday and Easter. The series of meetings will be led by Father John Farrell, OP, a Dominican preacher based in Leicester. Father John is experienced in retreat-giving in Britain and abroad He has a lovely ability to make the text of the New Testament 'live' for ordinary believers seeking to know more about Jesus.

**DATES & TIMES:** SATURDAYS: 15, 22, 29, MARCH SATURDAY 5 APRIL. Please bring a bible, new testament or the gospel of John. 10.15am for a 10.30am start 10.30am to 11.15am Talk, followed by discussion; 11.15am - 11.30am Break; 11.30am to 12.15pm Talk, followed by discussion; 12.15pm to 12.30pm Silent Prayer 12.30pm Lunch (Bring your own. Tea/Coffee provided). There are no charges, but voluntary donations to defer expenses may be given. The meetings will be held in the Octagonal Hall in Market Harborough. Further information from Father Chris O'Connor, (462359) or Peter Green (414964) (email: [green853@btinternet.com](mailto:green853@btinternet.com))

**LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass **Holy Hour with Benediction:** Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm with a meditation on next Sunday's readings. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration. Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

**FRIDAY LENT LUNCHES** begins March 14th Time: 12.30 - 1300. Reflections on the theme - Journey's of Faith. Venue: Baptist Church, Coventry Rd. Light lunch after the service of Soup, bread, Tea, coffee & Cake. Suggested donation of £5.00.  **SOUP MAKERS WANTED.** The Lent ecumenical Friday lunchtime services start this year on Friday 14th March, continuing for the following four weeks. Could you make one soup, please? All expenses are reimbursed. You don't have to attend on the day. We can arrange collection. For more information (with no commitment at this stage) please contact Margaret Atkins, 01858 446369 or [margaretatkins52@gmail.com](mailto:margaretatkins52@gmail.com).

**ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN:** 'Thank you to everyone that has come along to learn more about the **Enabling Our Mission** Campaign that is happening in our parish so far. Many of you have expressed an interest in seeing further details of the projects that have been funded by the Mission Enabling Fund to date and further details can be found below: <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/mission-enabling-fund>

## BINGO - BINGO - BINGO!

OCTAGONAL HALL - THURSDAY EVENING - MARCH 6th  
DOORS OPEN 6.45pm. BINGO STARTS 7.30pm prompt.  
Eights games - £1.25 per game

*Come and join us for a 'Loads a Fun' social evening.*

*Meet up with other parishioners & friends.*

*For more details phone your Bingo caller:*

*Alan Sear (07850-252064*

*(Bring your own drinks / refreshments)*

**A REQUEST:** Someone offered their calligraphy services for the Memorial Book of the dead. I have forgotten who. Could you let me know again?

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, Friday 7th March 2025 @ 2pm.** Congregational Church, High St. The service has been written by the Christian women from the Cook Islands. **Theme:** I made you wonderful. All welcome. Refreshments after service.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** You can protect mothers and children by joining this world wide mobilisation to pray and fast for an end to abortion. During Lent March 5th -April 13 a lawful, peaceful prayer vigil will be taking place on Paigle Rd and the junction of Aylestone Rd, Leicester LE2 8PW from 8am - 8pm Monday to Saturday. Local contact: [leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com) To learn more get involved and sign up for prayer times visit the website below. [www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester)

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHTS** On Good Friday this year (Friday 18th April), we will be sharing the full Easter story of Jesus with our community on Good Friday, in ways that are accessible, relevant and fruitful, utilising the creative gifts, skills and talents of the church body in Harborough. To support this event there will be a series of worship and prayer nights, where brothers and sisters in Christ from across the churches in the town gather together to seek the Lord together, to intercede and pray over the town together, and to ask God to move in power at the event itself.

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #2 Sunday 2nd March, 6pm St Dionysius Anglican Church Square Market Harborough LE16 7NB Parking at the Commons Car Park (free on Sunday).**

**HELP NEEDED WITH OUR TRAVELLERS COMMUNITY:** We no longer have Sister Helen with us who organised and prepared traveller basis for Holy Communion and Confirmation. Often they do not read. Sister Bernadette who was in the Convent will help with some training. She is the Diocesan Chaplain for travellers. A DBS children for the Sacraments. We are looking for Volunteers to help with this. It tends to be on an adhoc check is need for this role.

**THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH** in support of Saint Joseph school MHET will be on Thursday the 12th of June 2025 at Marston Trussell hall at 12:30 tickets are £40. For tickets ease contact Kate Crawford 01858 446873 / 07814629927