

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

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.

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	2/3 September	M. Atkins	S. Acton	M. Douglas
	9/10 September	C. Baldam	F. Thompson	R. van der Liet

FINANCE	27/08/23
Envelopes	£307.00
Loose	£307.55
Standing Order	£761.38
Total	£1375.93

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3rd September 2023
22nd Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 22nd of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)
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

7.00pm Mass: Father Kevin Gradwell RIP

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Sunday: 23rd of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: Mary Cluskey (Williams)
11.00am Mass: People of the Parish



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

CONFESSIONS

11.00am
5.15pm

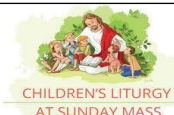
FR CHRIS WRITES: Dear All, It is lovely to be back. A big thank you to Fr Peter who said Mass whilst I was away and to those who looked after things. I had time in Valencia in Spain which was lovely though a tad hot and humid! I remembered you all each day at Mass which I celebrated at the Basilica of 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.

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.



Since we are returning to Sunday 10.00am Mass, we hope to restart our **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE** after Mass in September. I wonder, is there someone who may be interested in coordinating this Community activity. We will then look for Volunteers for a rota.



THE PRESENTATION SISTERS: I have had a communication from the leadership team of the presentation sisters in this province. To say that the sisters here have been assigned two other communities and at the convent here will close in due course. The sisters are sorry to leave Market Harborough after so many years of serving the Parish community and school. We will of course have a mass of Thanksgiving when everything is finalised. Please keep the sisters in your prayers.



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.

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.

ARE YOU A PARENT OR 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. It will take place on a Tuesday from 10.00am to 11.15am starting 12 September. 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.bookwhen.com/nrcdes

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.

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.