

**PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE PROJECT:** The local Prison Fellowship group will be running the Angel Tree Project this year at HMP Gartree and would like your help. The purpose of this project is to purchase Christmas presents for children of some of the prisoners. The gifts will be sent to the children as from their dad's. The value of each gift will be **approx £15**. If you would like to help with this project, either with a **monetary donation or a suitable gift** you will be given a gift tag with the first name, age and gender of the child. **The gift can be wrapped by yourself in Christmas paper** if you wish, but we do need to have a photo of the gift for security reasons otherwise a member of Prison Fellowship will wrap the gift. A hand written gift tag from their dad will be attached to make it extra special. **All presents will be posted so please keep them light.** Local bank account details: Prison Fellowship (Gartree Angel Tree) Sort code: 40 32 04 Account: 91564005. For your donation to be **Gift Aided** contact [info@prisonfellowship.org.uk](mailto:info@prisonfellowship.org.uk) Maureen Douglas, Angel Tree Co-ordinator 43 Gardiner St, Market Harborough, LE16 9QN Tel 07966 515115

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH:** During COVID we have been taking the Collections as we leave Church. However the time has come, I think to take them once again in Church which is the norm. we tried it last week at the 11.00am Mass. So I am asking for volunteers or indeed families who would like to be responsible the collection and Offertory procession at a given Sunday mass. Hopefully we can produce a rota. The person on duty could ask someone to help them that day. There is a list in the Cloister for you to sign up with name Mass and contact details. Many thanks.



**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY (Foundation Year) - Children born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019** The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. Application forms are available on the [Leicestershire Local Authority Admissions](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions) website. When applying to a Catholic school, if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *must also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to St Joseph's by the deadline, (Please contact the School Office on 01858 465359 to obtain a form)*. You **MUST** also include the supporting evidence as required eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked is a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

**THIRD WORLD GROUP:** Due to the ongoing limitations on social events for fund-raising, our main source of income at the moment is selling items on eBay, but our stock is dwindling. If we are to keep our promises to our beneficiaries we must maintain this activity. Please look through your cupboards, drawers, lofts, even sheds and garages, for good quality items that you no longer need. Clothing is the most popular but anything as long as it is in good condition and still has some value. Our box is under the table opposite the noticeboard in the cloister.



# Our Lady of Victories

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4th December 2022  
Second Week of Advent  
Psalter Week 2

## Times of Services

### Sunday: 2nd of Advent

Sat. 6.00pm: Barbara Read.  
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Dr. Alex Johnston 80th Birthday (Children)  
Rosary 3.30pm

### Monday: Advent FERIA

9.00am Mass: Martin Gallagher RIP (Ruane)

### Tuesday: Advent FERIA

9.00am Mass: Eddie Armstrong RIP (Pat) anniv

### Wednesday: St Ambrose

9.45am: Morning Prayer  
10.00am Mass: Sr Carmel Ruane Anniv

### Thursday: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.45am Rosary  
10.00am: Vera Murphy RIP (family)  
Coffee after Mass

### Friday: Advent FERIA

6.00pm: Holy Hour for Life  
7.00pm Mass: Jim McCabe RIP

### Saturday: Advent FERIA

6.00pm Mass: Bieganski-Perka Family Blessings  
**Sunday: 3rd of Advent - GAUDETE SUNDAY**  
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Arthur Johnson



*Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*



## CONFESSIONS

11am &  
5.15 - 5.45pm  
Saturdays

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for New & Poor Parishes this weekend and for Flowers next weekend**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.*

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** I would like to say congratulations and a big thank you to all who were involved in our Bazaar which was such a success and a great day. On the financial side we have now raised over £9200 for the Parish. I would like to thank anyone who contributed in any way whatsoever. A special thanks go to our coordinator and committee who worked so hard and to all our stall holders who made it possible. A thank you to our school community at St Joseph's who manned stalls and all the families who came. Our After school Club did a most wonderful grotto for Father Christmas! But more than that, it was a wonderful day with such joy and fun as we got together as a Community for the first time since COVID allowed. many people met up who hadn't seen each other for a long time. I found it very cathartic! Congratulations and thank you to all!

*Thank You!*

Grand Raffle		
Prize	Ticket No.	Winner
1 <sup>st</sup> £500	2298	Mary Danks
2 <sup>nd</sup> £250	2740	Tom Davis
3 <sup>rd</sup> £50	2745	Pauline Davis
4 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Hamper	1856	Iain
5 <sup>th</sup> Verbena Luxury Gift Set	0310	Leo
6 <sup>th</sup> Bottle of Champagne	3826	A Williams
7 <sup>th</sup> Bottle of Brandy	3025	Robin Knightley
8 <sup>th</sup> Bottle of Whiskey	0618	Liz H
9 <sup>th</sup> Bottle of Gin	2623	Roisin Westlake
10 <sup>th</sup> Clotted Cream Fudge	3446	Emma Chester

The prizes are in the Presbytery with Fr Chris

**ADVENT** is a time of hope and expectation and above all encounter with Christ. Advent is a spiritual season to grow closer to Christ and prepare for his coming to us in a new or deeper way. The words of John the Baptist ring true for this time: *prepare away for the Lord. Can we make space and time for him in these coming weeks?*

We will have some extra devotions: Morning prayer a quarter of an hour before Mass on Wednesdays and Rosary before Mass on Thursday and Exposition on Fridays at 6.30pm so that we may encounter Our Lord in a special way as we prepare to welcome him at Christmas as the word made flesh among us.

**THIS FRIDAY:** A Holy Hour for Life on Friday 9th December with exposition from 6-7pm followed by Holy Mass at 7.00pm. An Opportunity to meet Our Lord!



**Sunday 11 December 3.00pm: OUR PARISH CAROL SERVICE** organised by the Catenians is scheduled for **3.00PM**. we will be joined by children from our School. This year there is no limit for places. Thank God!!



**CHRISTMAS MASSES:** As Christmas fall on a Sunday we will follow the usual weekend mass times with the addition of the 10pm Mass

**Christmas eve:** 6.00pm & 10.00pm. (Preceded by carols 9.30pm)

**Christmas day:** 9.00am & 11.00am:

On Sunday the Masses will be the normal 9.00am & 11.00am.

St Stephen's day (Boxing day) 11.00am



**READERS FOR 2023:** Reading at mass is a very important and satisfying ministry. If you would like to read at one of the weekend masses please could you contact Margaret Atkins, in person or phone 01858 446369 or email [margaretatkins52@gmail.com](mailto:margaretatkins52@gmail.com), giving your name, the time of the mass you normally attend and your contact details, phone and email, or write

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Our dear Catechists Kate Crawford and Rose Williams have decided to retire as our First Communion Catechists after many years of service to the Parish. We thank them. **We are now looking for new people and some from a younger generation who would like to be part of a team to prepare our children for next June or July.** This is a very great ministry and full of great blessings. Please speak or ring Fr Chris. A DBS clearance would need to be done.



**NEW CATECHIST FORMATION COURSE:** There is a new formation course for catechists which begins in January. It is designed to build confidence and knowledge to live this wonderful ministry. If you are starting out as a Catechist or have been one for a number of years there will be something here for you. It looks rather good and can be attended in person or online. It is less burdensome than the previous one. It involves three shorter courses that feed into each other. Pick up a leaflet from the table in the cloister to find out more. The parish will pay any cost for the course.

**WELCOMERS NEEDED:** We're very short of welcomers at the 11am Mass, so if you mostly go to that Mass and think that you could spare a half hour or so, once a month (or less often if that's what you can manage) to welcome your fellow parishioners we'd love to hear from you. New volunteers to welcome at other Masses would be very helpful too. Please contact Theresa Kendrick on 07748 591398 or Beatrice Stewart on 01858 465492, or just have a word with Fr Chris.

**WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS** for adults and also children's calendars are available at church. They have a meditation for each day based on the readings for Mass each day including the Christmas period. They are a great resource to help us pray in this special season.

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	3/4 December	M. Atkins	T. Snell	Johnston family
	10/11 December	C. Baldam	C. Goddard	M Douglas