

**ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL 60TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY: Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10.00am - 1.00pm.** Blessing and opening of the Prayer Garden. Tour the school catch up with former Staff and pupils and many other things see poster.

**THE ST JOSEPH'S PTFA** are holding a summer raffle and thanks to the generosity of amazing days out. If you would like to be in with a chance to win, tickets are £1 each and can be purchased online at [www.pta-events.co.uk/stjosephspfta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjosephspfta) Paper tickets can be purchased from the school office. Summer Fete: Saturday May 17, 2025 11:00 – 3.00pm



**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.

**We are Accepting Contactless Donations.** You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the Cloister . You can also give via the web link: <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-victories-church> or QR Code.



#### **SAFEGUARDING SOURCES OF SUPPORT**

**Safe Places** – a free and independent support service that provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with the Catholic Church. Phone 0300 303 1056 Email: [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

**The Bower House – Harborough Christian Counselling Service** offers counselling to those who live in the Harborough District 01858 469257

**NAPAC** offers support and advice to adult survivors of childhood abuse 0808 8010331

**Spiritual Abuse** - [www.spiritualabuse.com](http://www.spiritualabuse.com)

**Action on Elder Abuse Helpline** – 0808 808 8141

<b><u>MAY</u></b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>	<b>MINISTERS</b>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
3/4 May	P Bebb	V Winter	J Shellard	F Wilson
10/11 May	M O'Malley	K Crawford	P Green	W Kwacz

<b>READERS</b>			
	<b>Sat. 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
3/4 May	C Baldham	R van der Liet	C Sellechia
10/11 May	M Mihovilovic	M Lewin	R Lewin



# *Our Lady of Victories*

Market Harborough

4th May 2025  
3rd Week of Eastertide  
Psalter Week 3

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

## **TIMES OF SERVICES**

### **SUNDAY: 3RD OF EASTERTIDE**

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass

### **MONDAY: Easter Feria**

10.00am Mass: Greg O'Connor RIP

### **TUESDAY: Easter Feria**

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

### **WEDNESDAY: Easter Feria**

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Ints for Papal Conclave

### **THURSDAY: Easter Feria**

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### **FRIDAY: Easter Feria**

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

### **SATURDAY: Easter Feria**

6.00pm: Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP

### **Sunday: 4TH OF EASTER TIDE (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)**

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish.



*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.*

### **CONFESSIONS**

Sat. 11.00am  
& 5.15pm

**2nd Collection Next weekend for the Clergy Formation Fund**

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** In this easter time we rejoice in the Risen Lord and his graces as we mourn for Pope Francis. We now enter a time of prayer for the Church as the Conclave for the new Pope will begin this Wednesday with a Mass to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit at St Peter's. We need to pray that the Cardinals will be open to the Holy Spirit and choose a new Vicar of Christ and worthy successor of St Peter. This is not guaranteed as History tells us!! There will be Mass for this intention on Wednesday and we will continue praying in our Holy Hour on Thursday Evening. May I wish you all a Happy Easter and thank you for the very generous Easter Offerings and wishes.



The funeral of **Jim Atherton** will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am at Countesthorpe Crematorium. You may remember Jim as a recent Sunday Mass attender when he came down from Wigan. He loved to join us for Sunday Coffee with his Son in Law. His funeral Mass will be back at his home Parish in Wigan. Also **Margaret Monk** died on Wednesday. May she rest in peace.

**Walsingham 2025:** The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick takes place on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, gathering at the Anglican Shrine with procession to Catholic Shrine starting at 1.00pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4.00pm followed by departures. **Could we get a coach/ minibus together? Please sign up if you would like to come**

**THE IMPORTANT VOTE FOR ALL MPs** on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, is likely to take place Mid May. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament and it only takes a few moments to submit a message to ask an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed at <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvove>. Right to Life is also distributing postcards to parishes for the lay faithful to send to their MPs on this subject. A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available at [www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide). Our MP Neil O'Brien voted against previously we could encourage him to continue or send on the cards to the Prime Minister.

**ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** Thank you to those of you who have already made your decision, returned your pledge form and supported this extremely important endeavour for our Diocese. Please pick up an update handout for Our Parish £92,538 Pledged to Date towards our target of £135,000. Thank you!  
**If you did not receive a pack through the post please pick one up in the Cloister.** <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/mission-enabling-fund>



A day of workshops and talks on **GREGORIAN CHANT** is being held on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May** from 10am, and finishing with Sung Vespers at 4pm at the Cathedral. See the poster for more details, costs, and a QR code for booking.

Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August**, the **YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL** provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: [www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025](http://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025). Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. If you have any questions, please email [events@youth2000.org](mailto:events@youth2000.org).

The Diocese of Nottingham is looking to appoint a full-time **Compliance and Support Property Officer**, based in Nottingham. More details are available at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers) the deadline for applications is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**RED BOXES** It is time once again for the red Missio boxes to be returned for emptying. Could you please leave your boxes in the Sacristy area or hand to Father Chris or to Bob and Chris Shepherd. They will be returned as soon as possible for you to collect from the table in the cloister. Sincere appreciation to everyone for having a red box - we appreciate that loose change is in short supply these days but over £600 was raised last year. Thank you so much for continuing to support Missio.

**ADC** Many thanks to everyone for helping to support our overseas efforts in providing help for some of the poorest people in the world through donations and providing clothes and goods to be sold on eBay. The white envelopes for monthly offerings are now available on the table in the cloister. Could we please ask you to remember ADC when you are clearing out your wardrobes and cupboards, or if you are disposing of unwanted goods - items can be left under the table in the cloister or could be collected by arrangement. We are so grateful for your help with the envelopes or by contributing clothes etc which are now our major sources of income for our needy causes. Thank you.

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

The Lester family will be hosting a **JUBILEE ART EXHIBITION** fundraiser over the weekend of **10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May** in the church hall at Saint Pius X, Narborough. This will be a significant event for the two local parishes as many non-parishioners are expected. Opening times are 10.30am until 3.30pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and 10.30am until 4.30pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>.

Bishop Patrick invites parishioners to join the **NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN JUBILEE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** taking place between **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**. The Pilgrimage includes a full liturgical programme, with Mass each day; return direct flights from East Midlands Airport to Lourdes; full board for four nights in a three- or four- star hotel; assistance (for those who need it) from the Diocesan Hospitality and Health Team. Prices start from £899, and more details are at: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes)