

GIFT AID: MARKET HARBOROUGH: Many thanks to all who continue giving to the Parish at this strange time. Many people have been dropping in their offering after Mass or through the Presbytery door. I know many are still shielding at home. You can of course give on line through direct transfer to the Parish Bank Account which is: Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harbourough 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 parishpriest@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.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is *true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.*

St Paul desires that the peace of God will be with the people of Philippi in today's second reading. And indeed, he often wishes the readers of his letters the Peace of God. Today he encourages the faithful not to worry but to ask God for their needs with prayer and thanksgiving. This means we give thanks, remember our blessings always and then ask God for what we need. In doing that, we come to realise how much he already cares and looks after us. And linked with that he encourages us to fill our minds with all that is *true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. We could say that in these two thoughts, he is talking about the prayer of meditation on the word of God and the prayer of petition. To fill our minds with all the good and beautiful, that contrasts with what we so often do through our television and media which are often full of evil, hatred, ugliness and general nastiness. Beware of what we watch, it can stain our minds!*

To help in a special way to pray in these two ways of St Paul, God has given us the marvellous prayer of the Rosary which is both a meditation on things wonderful, virtuous and beautiful as we think about the life of Christ in the Mysteries of the Rosary and is also a great prayer of petition.

Mary opened her heart to Christ in a way that no human person ever has or will. No one knows her Son better and so we can have no better teacher than Mary. She helps us through the Rosary to know Jesus in an extraordinary way. The mysteries go from his incarnation at the Annunciation right through his earthly life, death and resurrection, to his ascension and glory and indeed that of all the Saints. It is a simple way to meditate amid daily life. That indeed is its origin as the people working in the fields wanted to join with the monks as they prayed and recited the 150 Psalms in the Churches. We can pray a decade here and there as we go about our business whether we are home cooking and cleaning or walking about or indeed in our cars. There are lots of moments in the day we can pray the Rosary. We can and should indeed also pray it together when possible as a family and it is a good way to teach our children the stories of the life of Jesus. There are a myriad of Apps and resources on the internet. One of the things I noticed on my daily walks was how many people were listening to music on the phones etc. We could instead listen and join in a recording of the Rosary or perhaps pray in silence.

The Rosary too is a powerful prayer of petition. The Church and all the Popes have asked us to pray the rosary recently for peace and the good of the family and this year Pope Francis has asked us to plead for an end to the pandemic. In May he led a rosary from the Vatican gardens and added this Prayer: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_itteramesedimaggio.html . Our Lady of Victories pray for us. I guess that the Feast of the Holy Rosary on Wednesday 7th October is also the Patronal Feast of the Church?



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harbourough

4th October 2020
Week 27 of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 3

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Times of Services

Sunday: 27th of Ordinary Time

Saturday: 6.00pm - Kathleen Heron R.I.P.

N.B. 9.00am Mass - John Joe Lee R.I.P.

N.B. 11.00am Mass - People of the Parish

Monday: Feria

Private Mass - Mgr Canon Fredrick Miles

Tuesday: Feria

Private Mass - David Wilson R.I.P. (Maureen)

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

N.B. 10.am Mass in Church: Fr Stephen Foster R.I.P.

Thursday: Feria

Private Mass: Fr John O'Halloran R.I.P.

Friday: Feria NB Cafod Family Fast Day

N.B. 10.am Mass in Church - Mgr John Coghlan R.I.P.

Saturday: St Paulinus of York

NO MORNING MASS

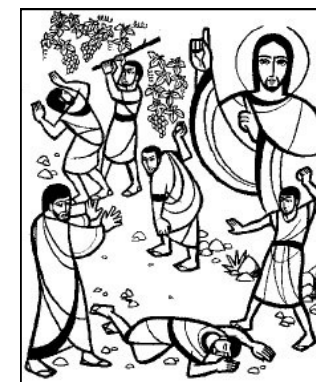
11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday October 11th - June Brown R.I.P.

Sunday: 28th of Ordinary Time

N.B. 9.00am: Mass - People of the Parish

N.B. 11.00am: Mass - Pat Weldon's Ints.



*He will lease
the vineyard
to other
tenants.*

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:

TO PRE BOOK TO COME TO MASS:

You can only make your booking on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings between 5pm and 7pm.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 6PM MASS, please ring Angela Wade on 01858 462293.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 9AM MASS, please ring Jo Shellard on 01858 440983.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 11AM MASS, please ring Stephen McGlone on 01858 465939.

BOOK NOW

Prayer are Asked for Anne Coats, sister of Christine Reed, who is seriously ill.

FR CHRIS WRITES:

I continue to settle in here. I have been up to the Prison to meet the chaplains and hope to take up my ministry there soon. We have to do a Prison Induction for each Prison we go to, as each are different. Please pray for all the Prisoners there as they are still quite restricted in the time they can spend out of their cells.

The new restrictions on social gatherings do not affect our normal Masses which continue. However, weddings are now limited to 15 and Baptism to 6 including the baby. However it is important not to put off receiving these Sacraments. Each sacrament is an encounter with Our Lord and we receive his grace. We should not deprive ourselves or others of this grace even though we cannot celebrate as we would wish. We encounter Jesus through the Sacraments in a greater way than if he were physically present since in the sacraments he comes into our Souls. We are more blessed than the people who actually met him in Israel!!

CAFOD: On Friday, 9th October our parish is marking **CAFOD's Family Fast Day**. We've all felt the impact of coronavirus, but it is even worse for the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world and we are being asked to help them **survive, rebuild and heal**. With over half of the parish still not able to come to mass, responding with our usual generosity is going to be more complicated, but here are some suggestions:

1. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/give.

2. Ask a friend or neighbour who is able to come to mass to bring you an envelope, which will be distributed over the weekend 3/4 October to be returned the following weekend.

3. You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.

Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.

For more information please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice.

Whichever method you choose, please, if you are a taxpayer, apply Gift Aid. This is so important because, at no extra cost to you, your gift will be increased by 25p for every £1 given.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR PRISONS SUNDAY 11th Oct to Sat 17th October. A prayer leaflet giving prayers for every day will be given out after each mass next weekend. Please do join in this Week of prayer for Prisons to pray for those affected by Prisons. Thank you. There will also be a **Zoom Service** by Churches Together to promote the Week of Prayer for Prisons on Sunday 11th October at 4pm hosted by Rev James Pickersgill from St Dionysius Church and Rev Emma Higgins who is chaplain at HMP Garret. All Welcome to attend. **For log-in details please contact Sue Macdonald at sue@harborough-anglican.org.uk** Details will be placed on the on the Parish Website .

MASS IN CHURCH: As winter comes upon us, it becomes more uncomfortable to keep the doors open all during Mass. I have consulted the Diocese about this, who recommend that we keep windows open as best we can. I have also put on the under floor heating which will convect all the air straight upwards as well. This is probably the most advantageous aspect of our heating system in relation to Coronavirus and for keeping us safe. Also an old Church by its nature is a well ventilated and large air space! But we will see how this works. Also on weekday Masses, entry will be from the Fairfield Road door only. For Mass please come in good time so we do not have a last minute rush.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: (Anniversary 1st - 31st October)

Bertha Romancyk 1987; Paul Alfred Kuhnert 1987; Ethel Emma McCarthy 1987; Aleksander Hugo Turek; Winifred Veronica Dudgeon 1987; Margaret Mary Roskell; Francis Doherty 1989; Jan Lubudek 1990; Martyn Shiers 1991; Patrick William Murphy 1992; Antonio Guadagnini 1992; Zygmunt Raymond Partyka 1993; Saivana (Pip) Magnani 1993; Dorothy Norah Payne 1994; Margaret Ann Langridge 1994; Margaret Francis Jenkins 1994; Dawn Magdalen Robinson 1996; Sylvia Agnes Palmer 1997; Daisy May Collins 1998; Helena Szymbirska 1998; Frederick Willoughby 1998; Michael Stanway 1999; James Henry Aitkin 2000; Kethleen Monica Day 2000; Charlotte Mary Matthews 2001; Peter Stanley Tooms 2001; Brian Cope 2001; Margaret Marie Thomas 2002; Gerald McCusker 2002; Margaret Mary Pickbourne 2002; Caterina Palma Sellechia 2003; Joseph Francis Tatlock 2003; Margaret Watts 2003; John Joseph O'Connor 2003; Rose Makin 2004; Edna May Bale 2005; Mikokaj 2005; James McCabe 2005; Tony Roy Patrick 2006; Rosemary Frances Danby 2007; Rosemary Danby 2007; Joanna Leahy 2008; Maria Sedlak 2010; Joseph Campbell 2010; Tony Moore 2011; Joan Goodman 2011; Patricia Mary Leeson 2011; Rene Wells 2012; Winifred Caldwell 2012; Jimmy Brotherdale 2012; Pauline Tooms 2013; James Lawrence McAleer 2014; Frank Cunningham 2014; Emma O'Malley 2014; Thomas Christopher Joseph O'Connell 2015; Kathleen McCann 2019; Emilia Fialowska 2019; & Ronald Kempster; Mgr Harry Hunt 1956; Fr Frederick Askew 1962; Fr Edward Rowles 1964; Canon John Buckley 1965; Fr Frank Lang 1966; Canon Louis Williamson 1967; Canon James Beel 1981; Fr Frank Quinn 1983; Fr James Day 1985; Mgr Kazimierz Krzyabowski 1988; Fr Bernard Brownbill 1990; Fr Ambrose Steen 1991; Fr Laurence Connell 1991; Fr Patrick Blackwell 1992; Fr Eric Whitehouse 1992; Fr Dan Ainsworth 1993; Fr Patrick Mulligan 1994; Fr Marian Cieselski 1994; Fr Philip O'Mara 1995; Fr John McDermott 1995; Fr Joseph Calnan 1998; Fr Sylvester Cotter 1998; Fr William Ellis 1998; *Eternal rest give unto the, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

GRAPEVINE: Grapevine is the Newsletter for Adult formation

Heal the World: The Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission invites you to a series of gatherings by Zoom, Mondays at 5.30 pm and Fridays at 9.30 am from 5 October. Heal the World is part online retreat, part formation, part springboard for action, inspired by Pope Francis' recent talks on Catholic social teaching and Covid-19. Everyone is very welcome - there's even an option to join by phone. Visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/healtheworld or call Paul on 07470 907656. <https://mailchi.mp/12e875eee572/grapevine-1-news-from-adult-formation-justice-peace-and-caritas-5295222?e=6e6f80169> for the Newsletter

CENTENERY MASS (4th October)

This year Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is celebrating 100 years of its support to seafarers, fishers, and their families. To mark the beginning of our centenary year we will be holding a live-streamed Mass celebrated by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow. We would be most grateful if you could kindly invite your parishioners, through your parish newsletter and e-newsletter this coming weekend, to join us online to share in this very special celebration on **Sunday 4th October at 3pm. The Mass will be streamed live at www.stellamaris.org.uk/centenarymass**