

THE WEEKLY ROSARY GROUP meets outside in front of Our Lady's Statue Sunday 3.30-4pm. For more information contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115(UKPrays.org)

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW WINNERS: Due to the lack of members re-joining we have had to lower the prize money to comply with the law it is hoped this may be only a short measure.

Annual members are reminded that their fees are due in January 2023 and can be forwarded to K Shiers 23 Fairfax Road Market Harborough LE16 9JT cheques made out to Victory Prize Draw. Thank you all for your support.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CMAT is seeking an enthusiastic, energetic faith leader with a passion for working with children and young people helping them to explore and engage with their faith. As **school lay chaplain** working in St Martin (secondary) and the local primary schools, Saint Peter, Earl Shilton; Saint Peter, Hinckley; and Saint Charles, Measham. For more information contact Tom Shannon tshannon@aquinas-cmat.org

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 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.

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	4/5 February	J. Rowland	D. Chappell	R. van der Liet
	11/12 February	C. Baldam	C. Goddard	M. Lane

FINANCE	29/01/23
Envelopes	£148.00
Loose	£300.11
Total	£448.11

COACH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE County Mayo from the 7th -12 may 2023 led by Fr John Joe Maloney. A few places left. See poster for details

Many thanks for the support for the **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL** and for welcoming John Edwards the collection raised £482.93. Marvellous.



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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5th February 2023
5th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 1

Times of Services

Sunday: 5th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

9.00am Mass: Sally Wyatt RIP Anniv (Goddard)

11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Monday: St Paul Miki & Companions

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Lydia & Richard Bennett RIP (Armstrong)

Wednesday: Feria

9.45am Morning prayer

10.00am: Grace Cotter RIP (McGlone)

Thursday: Feria

9.45am Rosary

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Coffee after Mass

Friday: St Scholastica

7.00pm: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes

6.00pm Mass: Richard Kimberlin RIP (Family)

Sunday: 6th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Ditri family



You are the light of the world.

CONFESSIONS

11am & 5.15pm
SATURDAY

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.

A PARISH SALE IN THE OCTAGONAL HALL

on Saturday 11th February 9-12 noon

Bargains to be had at 50p. Be there and support us Thank you



RETREATS IN THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM THIS LENT – After the great success last year, The Diocese of Nottingham is again offering day retreats to help you grow closer to God this Lent through talks, discussion, prayer, Mass, confession and social time.

There is a **FREE Young Adults (18-35)** retreat in Derby on **Saturday 11th March** given by Jack Valero (Founder of Catholic Voices) focusing on how we live our faith out in the challenges of our daily life.

The Men's Retreat on **Saturday 18th March** given by Fr Julian Green (Priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham) will be focused on men of scripture and what we can learn from them, and

the **Women's Retreat** given by Sr Ann Swailes on **Saturday 25th March** will be following the theme of 'Here I am Lord I Come to do your will' – How can we know and accept God's will for our lives? The Men's and Women's Retreat will be held at the Rosmini House of Prayer (LE7 4SJ) and cost £20 which will include lunch and a light breakfast. **To book your place or for more information visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events, email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham or call 0115 953 9841.**



THE LIES BENEATH: SPUC PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE: Friday 2th – Sunday 26th February. This residential conference at Stone in Staffordshire on pro-life issues is open to all young people between the ages of 18 and 35, and promises high quality speakers, and chance to network with other pro-life students from around the UK. The Nottingham branch of SPUC is able to sponsor students to attend this conference: if you are interested, you can find out more by going to www.spuc.org.uk or contact John on spucnottingham@gmail.com

Find Out More About CAFOD's FAMILY FAST DAY. With CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day coming soon (Friday 3rd March) If you would like to find out more about how CAFOD support our brothers and sisters around the world and this year's appeal, please feel free to come along to our Find Out More Session at Saint Peter's Church, Leicester, LE3 0TA on Tuesday 7th February. We will start with Mass at 10.30am, followed by a talk and shared lunch. For more details contact Will Cruddace, the Diocesan CAFOD worker, on 077100 94455 or nottingham@CAFOD.org.uk

LIVING LAUDATO SI : YOUR PARISH AND YOUR PLANET is a weekend retreat on Zoom between Friday 17th and Tuesday 21st February, organised by the Catholic environmental project Journey to 2030. It will be introduced by Bishop Patrick and led by Sister Margaret Atkins from Boarbank Hall in Cumbria. With sessions spaced over four days, the programme features talks and discussions on Zoom, and practical activities at home, on living the message of Laudato Si' in and through your parish. For further details visit <https://journeyto2030.org/events/>

BISHOP'S STATEMENT ON BUFFER ZONES: On 30 January the Government's Public Order Bill will be entering the report stage in the House of Lords. Clause 9, which was an amendment to the Bill in the House of Commons last autumn, introduces the 'offence of interference with access to or provision of abortion services'. This clause will criminalise a range of activities within a 150m radius of an abortion service, under the broad premises of 'presence' and 'interference'. Problematic for freedom of religion, expression, and association, are many of the terms. These include: 'seeks to influence', 'persistently, continuously or repeatedly occupies', 'advises or persuades, attempts to advise or persuade, or otherwise expresses opinion' Clause 9 could extend trends seen at a local level, where Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) in Bournemouth and Birmingham have set a dangerous precedent and banned, amongst other activities, prayer and the recitation of Scripture. Recent police actions have further exacerbated the concerns of Catholic bishops, and many others, regarding the broad legislative proposal of Clause 9 and its implications for freedom of religion, belief, expression, and association.

The interpretation of terms such as 'seeks to influence' could make prayer, certain types of thought, and even mere presence a criminal offence in a public place. There is a risk, despite any other intent, that existing and proposed measures constitute discrimination and disproportionately have an impact on people of religious faith. Its implications extend beyond the perimeters of an abortion service and raise questions about the state's powers in relation to the individual in a free society, both those with faith and those without.

All harassment and intimidation of women is to be condemned. Moreover, as accepted in a 2018 Home Office Review, there are already laws and mechanisms in place to protect women from such unacceptable behaviour and so render this Clause unnecessary and excessive.

The Catholic bishops, and many others, hold religious liberty to be essential for the flourishing and the realisation of the dignity of every human person and recognise it as a foundational freedom of any free and democratic society. **Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues.**

INTER CARE WITH LACY: Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth warmly invite all young people, families and friends to join them on Sunday 12th March at **2.00 p.m.** in a social walk, doing laps of Knighton Park, Leicester to raise funds for **Inter Care. Inter Care provides free access to medical aid for vulnerable patients across sub-Saharan Africa.** Take on board as short or long a walk as you wish. All monies received will help towards medical aid for the people of Africa. **4.00 p.m.** hot drinks and cake will be provided at St. Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road, LE2 3HN. **5.00 p.m.** a Youth Mass - which will be celebrated for us by Fr. Simon Gillespie. (Lifts available from Knighton Park to the Church if required). The Mass will be offered for the vulnerable people of sub-Saharan South Africa. Sponsor forms available from paulinepayne@hotmail.com and fundraising@intercare.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you! Help us to make this the most amazing event ever! All donations to Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/lacysponsoredwalk2023>.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our children have started their first communion sessions and each session will take place in between the Masses with the Children joining their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word. Please pray for them and their Catechists.

