

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. It will begin at 10 am and finish at 5pm, with talks, discussions, Mass, free lunch, Adoration, Confession and social time with other young Catholics. To sign up and for more information please visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/young-adults-retreat

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.**

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>.

		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
Readers	4/5 March	J. Rowland	D. Chappell	R. van der Liet
	11/12 Mar	J. Snaith	M. Crook	C. Sellechia

FINANCE	26/02/23
Envelopes	£180.40
Loose	£320.87
Standing Order	761.38
Total	£1262.65

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.



Tree Planting – Friday 10th March

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a **GREEN DAY** in school on Friday 10th March. This is an opportunity for our school community to dedicate one day to being as 'GREEN' as possible. On this day we will be holding our second **tree planting event** on our school field from 2pm-4pm. We warmly welcome any keen gardeners or members of our school and parish community who would like to help us plant the trees. Please meet us over on the school field!



Our Lady of Victories

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5th March 2023
Second Week of Lent
Psalter Week 2

Times of Services

Sunday: 2nd of Lent

Sat. 6.00pm: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Ann McGuire RIP (McGlone)
4.30pm Rosary

Monday: Lenten Feria

9.00am: Father Francis Leader RIP

Tuesday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: Jim Cooper RIP (Tom Burke)

Wednesday: Lenten Feria

9.45am Morning prayer
10.00am: November Dead List

Thursday: Lenten Feria

9.45am Rosary
10.00am: Betty Ruane RIP (Bill & Christine Reed)
7.00pm: Holy Hour- exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: Lenten Feria

7.00pm: Stations of the cross
7.30pm Mass: November Dead List

Saturday: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Sunday: 3rd of Lent

9.00am Mass: Jonathan Davies RIP (Goddard)
11.00am Mass: People of the Parish



*His face shone
like the sun.*

CONFESSIONS
11am & 5.15pm
SATURDAY

2nd Collection for CAFOD this 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: Dear all, I hope and pray that lent is going well as we look forward to the Easter feasts. If not now is the time to start or start again. We need to be reasonable in our outlook and I encourage all to participate our mass and I Remind you about the holy hour when you can come to pray before our Lord in the blessed sacrament. I realise that this is difficult for families with young children. However one of the parents could come and spend some time of that hour praying for the family without having to stay for the whole thing. Come and bathe in the sunlight of the Lords love and as the Bishop said bringing all our joys, hopes and sorrows and work to him.

On a more mundane note we have had work done including electrical repairs to the outside light in the car park and upgrading some of the emergency light and timers. We have also had repairs down to the flat roof of the hall complex. We might call it a 30 year service! Thanks to Mišo and his collaborators for all the great work. Also Many thanks to our ladies who arranged a rummage sale which raised £147.40 and helped us clear some of the things in the Store room in the hall. Please to not put things in there without speaking to Fr. Chris. We need to keep the room fairly clear for Safety reasons.

Please note the School children are using the De Trafford room for the next few weeks the door in the cloister may not be used during school hours(9.00am-6.00pm). Urgent heating repairs are being done in the school.

Walk with me booklets: These have a meditation for each day to bolster your prayer. Also available are Activity booklets and a calendar for children.

Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass

Holy Hour with Benediction: Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm.. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration before the Blessed Sacrament especially at this time. Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

Some Lent Resources can be found at: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/lent-and-eastertide-resources/>

So what will we do this Lent? Many people like to give up something for Lent. Many do something positive, like greater emphasis and time on prayer, scripture readings, charitable acts, trying to be especially kind, willing and cooperative and generally more helpful and cheerful to a family member whether as parent or child. We can make an effort to attend an extra Mass on a weekday and to come to the Stations of the Cross on a Friday evening, that lovely traditional Catholic devotion, which is so special, reflective and prayerful for a Lenten devotion. Or we can make a time to pop into Church during the day and waste some time with Jesus instead of the TV! We also have our Ecumenical prayer groups as below.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection this weekend Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://www.cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. See Lenten appeal video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULTqHsawCZU>



THE WEEK- LY ROSARY GROUP

meets outside
in front of Our
Lady's Stat-
ue Sunday
4.30-5pm. For
more infor-
mation con-
tact Maureen
Douglas
07966 515115
(UKPrays.org)

FUNERALS: The Funeral Liturgy of **Norma Brown** from Kibworth will be on 13th March at 2.00pm. The funeral Mass of **Betty Ruane** will be on Wednesday 22nd March at 11.00am. May they both rest in peace..

BACK AFTER COVID!! OUR ECUMENICAL LENT FRIDAY LUNCH TIME SERVICE on the Fridays of Lent,

In the Octagonal Hall from 12.30 – 1.00pm followed by the famous Soup etc, prepared by our Third World Group... This is an opportunity to pray together and get to know each other.

3rd March – Harborough Anglican Team;

10th March – Baptist Church;

17th March – Congregational Church;

24th March – Harborough Community Church;

31st March – Methodist Church.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2023-24: Thank you to all the parishioners who donate using the offertory envelopes. Envelopes for the next financial year beginning 2nd April 2023 will be available for collection at all masses on the weekend 18th/19th March.

Anyone who would like to give through Standing Order or is new to the parish please pick up a form in the Narthex .

Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough RCP**

Sort Code: **30 - 95- 47** Account: **00068953**

SHARE, INSPIRE, INSPIRE, SUPPORT: SHARING GOOD NEWS, BUILDING RESILIENCE

- *parishioners and clergy in Leicester and Leicestershire are invited to the third bi-monthly meeting of Caritas Leicester hub, to share ideas and experience, to inspire and support each other and to explore new ways of working together. Please come along to St Peter's parish, Hinckley (Mary Forryan Centre) on Thursday March 9th from 7-9pm, when there will be a short presentation of local projects and an opportunity to discuss how to support resilience in projects which take off. (Just turning up is fine, but it would be helpful to have some idea of numbers, so if you're able to let us know, drop an email to cmdanaher66@gmail.com)*

FAITH AND FOOTPRINT: CARING FOR CREATION: Caritas is hosting an online workshop on Tuesday 7th March, 7.00–8.30pm to support parishes in developing environmental initiatives. Will Cruddace from CAFOD will be joining to introduce the Live simply scheme, and we'll share inspiration and ideas for those already on the journey. Caritas will also explore how to save energy bills in church and at home and reduce our carbon footprint. To find out more and receive the Zoom link visit bit.ly/FaithandFootprint

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH: We are managing to take collections in Church once again. Thank you to those who have begun to do it. We had a few volunteers for collections sadly the list I had put out disappeared during the time of the Bazaar. My fault. Apologies! Could I ask people to sign up again. There is a list in the Cloister for you to sign up with name Mass and contact details. Many thanks: