

There are **New Year Books** available for £5 with a few articles and of course obituaries from last year.

**EASTER BIBLE ALIVE:** We have copies of the Easter Bible alive £3. the walk with me booklets were not made this year. Bible Alive has a longer meditation for each day and many people find it helpful. it helps to bring the Easter season alive as we move towards Pentecost. Try it and then see if you want to subscribe to it each month.

**RED BOXES:** It is time yet again for the Missio boxes to be brought in for emptying. As usual could you please leave your box on the table in the cloister and collect it the following week (or two). Nearly £900 was raised for the missions from our boxes last year. Thank you very much indeed for taking part in supporting the poor in our world.

**“THE FRIENDS OF NOTTINGHAM CATHEDRAL”** aims to support the work and mission of the Cathedral through prayer, encouragement of social and cultural opportunities, and financially in order to maintain its position as a magnificent spiritual and culture gem at the heart of the city and Diocese. Our Mother Church needs your support. To find out more about the Friends please see the St Barnabas Cathedral website under Community. [Friends of Nottingham Cathedral: Nottingham Cathedral \(stbarnabascathedral.org.uk\)](http://Friends of Nottingham Cathedral: Nottingham Cathedral (stbarnabascathedral.org.uk))

**.9th May: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE: THE ISAIAH JOURNEY GROUP** (who prepare resources for the Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse) is promoting a week of guided prayer online 11th – 17th May for all who have been affected by clerical abuse in the Catholic Church. join us in this safe space one to one confidential sessions of guided prayer with your fully trained personal prayer guide between. See poster and leaflets info: [journeytogetherij@gmail.com](mailto:journeytogetherij@gmail.com)

A **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT** for couples to rediscover the beauty and significance of the marital covenant in today's world is being held between Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Under the theme 'A Great Mystery: Man and Wife as an image of Christ and his Church' the weekend will be held in the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, and includes full board and accommodation, as well as renowned speakers. More information is available from <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/a-great-mystery-marriage-enrichment/> . **Looks very good!!**

The parish **Pro-life meeting** is being held on Friday 12th May 2pm at 56 Granville St, Market Harborough. Please contact Maureen Douglas for more details. 07966 515115

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	6/7 May	C. Baldam	M. Crook	R. van der Liet
	13/14 May	M. Mihovilovic	S. Acton	C. Sellecchia

FINANCE	30/04/23
Envelopes	£244.52
Loose	£233.77
Standing Order	£761.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1239.67</b>

**THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH**  
in support of Saint Joseph school will be on Thursday the 29th of June 2023 at Marston Trussell hall at 12:30 PM. tickets are 40 pounds. Four tickets please contact Kate Crawford: 07814629927

Clergy Formation fund £274.56. Many thanks.



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

7th May 2023  
5th Week of Easter  
Psalter Week 1

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## Times of Services

### Sunday: 5th of Easter

6.00pm Mass: Cash family  
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Jim Cooper RIP (family)  
4.30pm: Rosary

### Monday: Feria

10.00am: Mass: John & Claire int

### Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

### Wednesday: St Damian

9.45am: Morning Prayer  
10.00pm Mass: Father Martin Orme RIP

### Thursday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary  
10.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

### Saturday: Our Lay of Fatima

6.00pm Mass: Olivant Ints

### Sunday: 6th of Easter

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP anniv



*I am the way, the truth and the Life.*

**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.

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** We will pray this weekend for King and Country as we say. That the King will follow his vocation faithfully and bring blessings on us and be guided by the Holy Spirit in all that he does for us. It is a wonderful thing that Cardinal Nichols has taken part in the Coronation. We pray that King Charles will defend religious freedom in a rapidly secularising Society. As below next Sunday we will be praying about Safeguarding all our young people and vulnerable Adults.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY:** The Diocese has designated Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> as Safeguarding Sunday. This is an opportunity for the Diocese to reflect on the theology and spirituality of safeguarding and to express gratitude for the work of all our parish safeguarding representatives, who assist us in assuring that our Church is a safe place for all children and vulnerable adults. To inform congregations of the journey of the Catholic Church and how safeguarding has evolved over the years and the current changes that have now been implemented.

**ST JOSEPH'S FETE - Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 11am - 3pm:** St Joseph's school will be holding their school fete on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May between 11am and 3pm. We would like to invite you, your families and friends to join us. There will be lots of fun, including various stalls, BBQ, raffle, live entertainment and much more. We should also be grateful for any donations for our raffle or tombola stalls (chocolate, sweets, wine, beer, soft drinks etc.) These can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for your kind support in advance, we hope to see you there to join our wonderful school and parish community.



**THE CROSS, THE RESURRECTION AND THE SHROUD OF TURIN:** Blessed Sacrament Church, Gooding Avenue LE3 1JS Sunday 7th May-Sunday 21st May. This remarkable exhibition contains many exhibits, including a life size replica of the Shroud of Turin. The displays serve to focus our hearts and minds on the defining truths of Christianity and offer a profound opportunity for meditation and evangelisation. See poster for details of time and [www.westleicesteratholic.org](http://www.westleicesteratholic.org)



**MONTH OF MAY:** This is the special month of Mary. I encourage you all to pray the rosary especially that families pray together. In Church we have A public Rosary outside on a Sunday at 4.30pm and on a Thursday before Mass. We pray especially for Peace and the family and that all sinners may turn to the merciful heart of Jesus.

**'GOING DEEPER'** Do you want to go deeper into your Catholic spiritual life and prayer life? A monthly 'Going Deeper' gathering will continue on **Tuesday 16 May at 6.30pm** and continue thereafter on the third Tuesday of the month. It will be in the Kavanagh Room. The main components of the meeting will be: the evening prayer of the Church; discussion of a classic text on prayer by one of the great spiritual teachers, a period of silent prayer. The plan is to finish around 8pm. For more information, email Cyprian Blamires on [cpblamires@aol.com](mailto:cpblamires@aol.com) or phone him on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756.

**PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS TODAY- Reflection and workshop.** The Diocesan Ecumenical Commission has arranged a day led by Teresa Kehoe (Aid to the Church in Need) at Infant of Prague parish hall, 63 Broad Street, Syston, LE7 1GH on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May; 10.00am to 1.00pm. Aid to the Church in Need supports the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. No need to book, just come on the day; refreshments available, please bring a packed lunch. For more information contact Fran Hazel at [ecumenicalcommission@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:ecumenicalcommission@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**ST JOSEPH'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:** We are currently recruiting for someone to work at the after school club between 3pm - 4:30pm Monday to Thursday. It will be subject to DBS clearance and reference checks and is £10.50ph, Leicestershire Term Time. You can email the manager, Jess, at [stjoesasc@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesasc@gmail.com). Our latest OFSTED report is now available to view online and we passed with flying colours, with outstanding qualities! The report can be found at: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50207840](https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50207840) I would like to add my congratulations to the team. There is always an outstanding atmosphere in the Club.

**A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PATRICK REGARDING SUDAN:** As the situation worsens, the Church in Sudan asks for our prayers. I invite you to join me in praying for the horrendous situation in Sudan, and especially for all God's children who are affected most deeply by it. *Lord, that there might be, in the short term, a ceasefire and in the long term, a complete end to this divisive fighting which is tearing the country and children apart. Bring justice and healing to this divided land, we pray. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us Saint Josephine Bakhita, pray for us Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.*

On 21<sup>st</sup> April Kinga von Schierstaedt, Project Co-ordinator for ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) in Africa and Head of Projects in Sudan, gave an interview detailing the dangers and uncertainties facing our brothers and sisters in Sudan. Let it inform and guide our heartfelt prayers. It is available to view on the diocesan website: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/sudan](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/sudan)

**AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:** The green envelopes for ADC are now available for collection on the table in the cloister. Our very sincere thanks to everyone for continuing to help our charities through our envelope scheme. Our appreciation is also extended to all who are donating their unwanted goods and gifts for us to sell through EBay. This invaluable support brought in over£4000 during the past year and together with the envelope donations enabled us to make payments to Father Ed, Father John, Water for Kids, The Philippines Schools Project and Aid for Chad. Some donated clothes, books and household goods were crated up and sent out to the Philippines for distribution to the school children and our money was used to help build a classroom extension. Further boreholes have provided water for two more communities in Chad. Thank you so very much for making this work possible through your generosity. If anyone would like to join the monthly envelope scheme please have a word with Father Chris, Margaret Atkinson or Chris Shepherd.