

HELPING YOUNG CATHOLICS TO HELP OTHERS: The Catenian Association Bursary Fund gives financial support to young Catholics volunteering to do something wonderful by helping those less fortunate than themselves. Whether this is an individual project, or with others, in a developing country; or travelling to Lourdes to help an assisted pilgrim, we would like to help you to achieve your aim of helping others. If you know someone planning to volunteer in such ways, take a look at <https://catenianbursary.com/> where further information and an application form can be found.

MAKING A NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPACT: Tuesday 9th September, 7.00pm The next 'Mission Lab' from Caritas and Adult Formation showcases a kaleidoscope of services which parishes can offer the local community. **Project St Thomas in Spalding** offers soup and sandwiches, befriending, beginners' IT, money management for young people, singing and much more besides. Let them inspire you about what your parish can offer the wider neighbourhood. Register for the series at bit.ly/mission-lab

This year's campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in Leicester, **40 DAYS FOR LIFE LEICESTER** will be launched on **Wednesday 10th September** at 7.30pm with an evening event in Saint Edward's parish hall, 633 Aylestone Road LE2 6TF. The evening (with refreshments provided) will provide information about 40days for life - what it is, when and where the campaign is, and how it works. The next prayer vigil will run from 24th September until 2nd November. For more information visit: www.40daysforlife.com/leicester or email Maureen: leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com

All Altar Servers are invited to the **DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF ALTER SERVERS**, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick in our Cathedral in Nottingham (Derby Road, NG1 5AE) on **Saturday 27th September**. Bring your alb / cassock and cotta, and arrive for 10.30am onwards, for Mass at 11.30am. Bring a packed lunch too, and enjoy a picnic in the Cathedral Hall and gardens. All are welcome!

<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
6/7 Sept	P Bebb	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes
13/14 Sept	A Hall	A Randle	T Ruane	T Page
20/21 Sept	J Mugoni	M Douglas	V Winter	J Shellard
27/28 Sept	M O'Malley	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford

<u>READERS</u>			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
6/7 Sept	C. Baldam	M. Douglas	M. Blake
13/14 Sept	M. Mihovilovic	C. Sellechia	R. van der Liet



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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7th September 2025
23rd Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 3

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 23rd of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: A Just Peace Ukraine & World (Smreczak)

10.00am Mass: Elvis & Priscilla Ints

Coffee after Mass

4.30pm: Rosary outside church

MONDAY: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00am: Mass: Tobias Gatens RIP (Taylor)

7.15pm: CTH Forum at Cafe Manor Walk

TUESDAY: Feria

6.00pm Mass: David Hill RIP (with Jubilee Pilgrims)

WEDNESDAY: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Ian Oliver RIP (Hall)

THURSDAY: Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Mary)- School Mass

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Feria

10.00am: Funeral Maria Dineen

SATURDAY: St John Chrysostom

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

SUNDAY: Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

10.00am Mass: For Peace Eleen

Coffee after Mass



*None of you can
be my disciple
unless he gives up
all his possessions.*

CONFESSIONS

Sat 11 am

5.15am

FR CHRIS WRITES: This weekend Pope Leo will be canonising Blessed Carlo Acutis and Bl Pier Giorgio Frassati both young men 15 and 24 years old respectively. Both were committed to prayer, to daily Mass and to Eucharistic adoration. Even amid the brief physical sufferings that would claim their lives, they knew that God was with them. Carlo famously said, "*Non io, ma Dio,*" focusing not on himself but on God. Pier Giorgio prioritized God over his sleep, often spending nights adoring the Lord. They both lived for God and were formed according to the divine image.

The second thing both teach us is the importance of friendship. Both made friends easily and were great friends to many. Third, they were both young men for others, excelling in charity. Pier Giorgio belonged to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, visiting the sick, sacrificing time and resources for them. Carlo used to sacrifice his allowance to care for the poor, bringing them sleeping bags, blankets and thermoses full of warm liquids. He gave his piggy bank to poor classmates and regularly turned down his parents' offers for new clothes and sneakers, asking that he be permitted to use the money to buy outfits and shoes for others. They are great models for young people.

Sadly there have been some deaths recently. Maria Dineen (Spanish Maria) died 15th August. I visited her at Rosewood NH. Her funeral will be on 12th September at 10.00am. Also **Kathleen Nichols** die Sadly **Jonathan Chappell** husband of Doreen died last weekend. May they all rest in peace. Also **Bill Kerr** died on Friday. Our condolences to all and may they rest in peace

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: This is the title of a user-friendly course we are setting up in the parish in October. It is for those who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith and what it means to be a Catholic Christian in today's world. It will be of particular interest to those enquiring about the possibility of being received into the Church at Easter 2026. Those who are already members of the Church but would like to engage with others in refreshing their knowledge of the beauty and richness of our Faith are also most welcome on the course. If you are interested please contact (without obligation) Fr Chris or Peter Green (green853@btinternet.com)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASSES will start on Sept 7th for children attending school

aged 4-8 years. For safeguarding reasons registration forms must be filled in and returned before children attend. The forms will be available after Mass on Aug 24th and 31st. Otherwise forms will be available from members of the team when you bring your child to join the group. If your child is a little uncertain of attending at first, parents/carers are welcome to come with them.



We are looking for more people to join the **Children's Liturgy** team whether to run a session or be a helper. We work in pairs and each session lasts about 30 minutes. The rota works out at once every six weeks in term time. A DBS check is necessary which can be arranged with the Safeguarding team. If you would like to discuss what this involves please contact Heather Powell 01858 463789.

We are delighted to welcome the return of the **HARBOROUGH BAND** to Our Lady of victories Church on Saturday 27th September at 7.30pm after evening Mass More on this to follow.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025—Monday 8th September As many of us will not be able to travel to Rome for the Jubilee, we can instead make a local trip to Holy Cross Priory, a designated Jubilee Church in Leicester. A group from Our Lady of Victories Parish are planning to make an informal and personal pilgrimage to Holy Cross Church. We intend to travel to Leicester Railway Station by train or bus, and gather there **by 12.00pm**; and then we will walk to Holy Cross Priory Church (about half a mile). There we will attend the **12.30pm Mass** as a group, and afterwards gather in Our Lady's Chapel for a talk, a prayer and a blessing by Fr Richard, Prior of the Dominican Friars. Following this, tea, coffee and lunch (bring your own) would be available. After lunch, we are free to make our way back home, No registration necessary, just meet up at Leicester Railway Station. For further information email: johnrowland@outlook.com

RIDE and STRIDE – SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2025: The Historic Churches Trust helps Christian places of worship of all denominations with repairs and improvement costs. This is the 36th Ride and Stride day and over £1,282,300 has been raised since 1990. **From which we have benefitted.** You can ride or stride between Churches and are sponsored. Churches in Leicester and Leicestershire will be open. In Market Harborough there are 5 Churches open. You can visit any or all of the churches/chapels and have your sponsorship form signed. 30 COUNTIES take part in Ride and Stride each year raising around £1.5 million every year. Our Lady of Victories will be open to welcome visitors, offer them a drink and a biscuit and use of the toilet and sign their form. They are also welcome to go into the church. **Please will you offer to be a welcomer for an hour on that Saturday – 13 SEPTEMBER 2025. There is a list at the back of the Church showing that someone will be there from 10am until 6pm so please help.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! We are delighted to announce that we have now secured £138,648 in pledges for the **Enabling Our Mission Campaign**, surpassing our goal of £135,000 as the initiative comes to an end in the parish. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.



I know there are some families out there who are still considering their pledge and I would be delighted to have your support. While we are guaranteed to receive 40% of the initial £135,000 raised, the parish will receive 50% of everything raised over this and so we have much to benefit from. Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the **Enabling Our Mission Campaign** in our parish. . <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/mission-enabling-fund>

NATIONAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE: The Pilgrims will walk from Northampton to Market Harborough, Tuesday 9th September 2025 & from Market Harborough to Belton in Rutland, Wednesday 10th September 2025. **They are joining us for Mass at 6.00pm on Tuesday.**

YOUNG ADULT MASS: In September Young Adults across the diocese are invited to start the new academic year at one of our Masses on: Thursday 25th at Holy Cross church, Leicester (Mass at 6:10) For more info contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk