

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY (Foundation Year) - Children born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019

The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15th January 2023**. Application forms are available on the [Leicestershire Local Authority Admissions](http://Leicestershire Local Authority Admissions website) website. When applying to a Catholic school, if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *must also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to St Joseph's by the deadline, (Please contact the School Office on 01858 465359 to obtain a form)*. You **MUST** also include the supporting evidence as required eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked on a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

THE SYNOD - CONTINENTAL STAGE CONSULTATION: All the Synod feedback from parishes, dioceses, and national Bishops' Conferences around the world has been gathered, considered, discerned, and distilled into a Report which is now being given to each continent to consider in light of their own tradition, history, experience, and religious perspective. Within Europe we now have the opportunity to consider the Synodal feedback from around the world and to report on: A) What we feel resonates with our own experiences – list the top three priorities from those given. B) Consider what are the challenges and tensions in each of those three areas. C) Define the next steps which move us (parish, deanery, diocese, the Church) forward. Please engage with this consultation by: Completing the form available in church or Complete the feedback form online at: <https://forms.office.com/e/2Yfs77hHsp> or Follow the QR code and access the Online diocesan consultation. Synod. <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/synod>
All responses should be received by 9th January 2023 so they can be included in the overall diocesan response. Let us dream of the Church the Holy Spirit is calling us to become.

NEW CATECHIST FORMATION COURSE: There is a new formation course for catechists which begins in January. It is designed to build confidence and knowledge to live this wonderful ministry. If you are starting out as a Catechist or have been one for a number of years there will be something here for you. It looks rather good and can be attended in person or online. It is less burdensome than the previous one. It involves three shorter courses that feed into each other. Pick up a leaflet from the table in the cloister to find out more. The parish will pay any cost for the course.



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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8th January 2023
1st week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 1
Baptism of the Lord

Times of Services

Sunday: Baptism of the Lord

Sat. 6.00pm: For Casimir RIP (Izabella)

9.00am Mass: Joe Chong RIP (Sari)

11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: May Murphy - recovery

Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Sisters Eileen, Mary & Eleanor PBVM

Wednesday: Feria

10.00am: Funeral Judith Thurston

Thursday: Feria

11.00am: Funeral Giuseppe Oliveti

Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Sister Catherine Int (I. Brown)

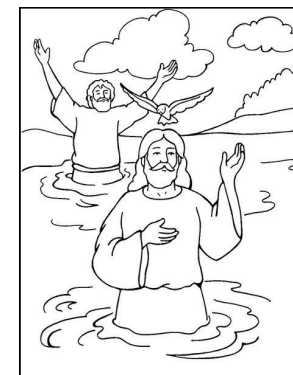
Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Sunday: 2nd of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: Gurmen Sari (Family)

11.00am Mass: People of the Parish



As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.

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: Pope Benedict described himself as a humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord when he appeared on the balcony of Saint Peters in 2005 after his election. We can say well done good and faithful servant. He fulfilled his ministry as successor of Peter by being a rock of unity and confirming his brothers and sisters in the faith. He was a faithful successor of Saint Peter who sought to do the best he knew how for the Lord.

As he said in his [inaugural homily](#): *My real programme of governance is not to do my own will, not to pursue my own ideas, but to listen, together with the whole Church, to the word and the will of the Lord, to be guided by Him, so that He himself will lead the Church at this hour of our history. He faithfully sought to implement Vatican II to which he had been an important contributor as a young theologian. He wrote many things over the years and had the gift of being a good teacher as many have said. His general audiences had the highest attendance figures of any Pope and his wonderful series of teachings are well worth reading, especially the talks he gave on various Saints. His three encyclicals on love hope and faith (the latter published by Pope Francis) are wonderful Christian meditations on these divine gifts. Also his three books on Jesus of Nazareth, written as a theologian, are masterpieces of a profound Christian faith and scholarship. However, the deepest truth about him is that he was a man who loved Christ with a simple faith who only desired friendship with Christ. His last words were "Jesus, I love you". I think too the gift of humility was so important as well. It enabled him to be a man of Christ, a man serving the church though with an intellect considered amongst the greatest of the last century. He only desired to help others encounter Christ and have friendship with him. We pray for him, that the Lord will forgive any remaining sins and that he may pass swiftly through the purifying flames of love in Purgatory and come to the Lord.*

Funerals:

Giuseppe Oliveti whose funeral Mass will be on Thursday 12th January at 10.00am. Also **Judith Thurston** whose funeral will be on 11th January at 11.00am. May they rest in peace.

Also **Rosina Lanni** died at Sibbertoft manor on Christmas day *cum sanctis*.. Her funeral will be on 27th January at 10.00am.

Also **Liz Tuohy** died and the funeral will be 18th January at 11.00am.

Also the funeral of **Bruno Guadagnini** will be at Great Glen crematorium on Tuesday at 3.30pm though this is not a religious funeral. I have done a Catholic commendation for him.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2022. We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion in 2023. Application forms are now available from Fr Chris after any of the Masses. Please return the form by **15 January 2023**. It is for children in year 3 and above, The first meeting for parents will take place on **Thursday 19th January 2023 at 7.00pm in the Octagonal Hall** when we will introduce the course and give out the plan. The first session for children will take place on Sunday 22 January 2023 from 10.20am- 11.20am 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.

FIRST COMMUNION: We are still looking for new people and some from a Younger generation who would like to be part of a team to prepare our children for next July. This is a very great ministry and full of great blessings. Please speak or ring Fr Chris. A DBS clearance would need to be done.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18th – 25th January.

To mark this special octave of prayer, there are various ecumenical prayer meetings take place in town. **The meetings are:**

Wednesday 18 January, 7.00 pm, Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church

Friday 20 January - 12.30 pm, Congregational Church

Tuesday 24 January 7.00 pm by Zoom, organised by the Anglican Team.

The culmination is the united service on Sunday 22 January, 3.00pm at the Baptist Church,



VICTORY PRIZE DRAW WINNERS: January 2023 winners:

1st Prize £60 M O'Malley ticket number 140

2nd Prize £25 P Armstrong ticket number 55

3rd Prize £15 B Stewart ticket number 16

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.

SHARE, INSPIRE, SUPPORT: The Caritas Hub for Leicester and Leicestershire warmly invite you to Saint Peter's church, Hinckley Road, Leicester LE3 0TA for its next meeting **on Tuesday 17th January at 7.00pm**. The Hub brings people together from across parishes in the city and county to explore new ways of working together for outreach. This time we will reflect on our experiences during the pandemic and beyond, with a focus on communication and inclusion. For information contact Karen Scott karenscott070663@gmail.com

TOWARDS THE POLITICS OF COMMUNION on Wednesday 18th January at 7.00pm on Zoom: an ideal taster for anyone who wants to know about Catholic social teaching but was afraid to ask! Paul Bodenham from Nottingham Caritas is hosting a talk by Dr Anna Rowlands, professor of Catholic social thought and practice at the University of Durham, and one of the most engaging experts on the topic in Britain today. To book a place visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcrduGrrj8sGdy6URaIMR2GQdREBWWu2tTC>

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: The Church relies on people getting involved. Our Church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give some time and join in its mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Maybe you could raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information, or get in touch with Will Cruddace, our local CAFOD worker, on wcruddace@cafod.org.uk or 07710094455.

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	7/8 January	M Mihovilovic	D Chappell	C. Sellechia
	14/15 January	N. Williamson	M. Crook	R. Lewin