

JUBILEE FOODBANK:

The Most Useful Foods Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Custard, Tinned Chicken, Sandwich pastes and spreads, Tinned mushrooms, Jam & Marmalade, Toothbrushes, Fray Bentos tinned meat pies. The following supermarkets are still kindly collecting for us: Sainsbury's, Waitrose, B&M and both Co-ops. Refill Revolution at the Eco Village is our newest donation point. Lidl is on board now too! Thank you to the supermarkets and the work of their teams! **We do not need:** Beans, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, soup, fizzy drinks, pasta & meatballs, pasta sauce, rice, cereal, tins or large/family size packets of biscuits.

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VICTORY PRIZE DRAW NOVEMBER WINNERS

1st Prize £70 ticket No 89 P Waring,
2nd Prize £30 ticket number 179 S McGlone
3rd Prize £20 ticket number 97 J Brown



FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS ON THE READINGS:

The bridesmaids wait, they wait for a truly wonderful moment when the bridegroom will come. A moment that is truly special and will bring great joy and life to the household. Some are sensible keeping their oil supplies well stocked; some are foolish and have no oil for their torches which are probably some rags which are soaked in oil on a pole. What does the oil speak of, I wonder? Also as we pray this Gospel, we are aware that Christ is often referred to as the bridegroom and believers as the bride. Indeed this image is very important in both the Old and New Testaments.

As the Church's year draws to a close, we think of Our Lord's final coming when the marriage of Man and God will be fully consummated in the Wedding feast of the Lamb. However, that may not apply to us having already died!! More powerful for me in this month of November is of course the matter of our death when we shall meet our Lord and the time for judgement arrives. Will we have our torches alight? What is the oil? The thought comes to me is that the torch could represent our faith. We have it but we do not use it or feed it so that it may truly shine and be seen. We believe but our faith is not seen. I am reminded of that hymn- They will know we are Christians by our love. Is our faith active or does it smoulder like dry rags? What can we do to feed the flame? We might also ask ourselves: What if I were to die today? What would I wish I had done but not got around to?

Thirdly we can also meditate on Our Lord coming to us in a special way now by means of a grace to deepen our faith or bring a deeper conversion. Have we made the preparations for that? Are we ready for and able to recognise such a grace? For this we need to maintain our habit of prayer even though it seems dull and unrewarding and even feels pointless at times. We can be tempted to give up if we measure it by our own standards of success such as we get something out of it. Neither is prayer something we do when just when we feel like it or have a need. Prayer is a discipline that is a necessary indeed vital part of our everyday "normal routine". It was for Jesus his "sine qua non" (absolute priority) above anything else When do we pray? Could we have a better routine? Is prayer part of our rule of Life? The habit of prayer, its routine each day, helps us when like all the bridesmaids, we feel drowsy and fall asleep. And of course, prayer is always fruitful even if we do not feel consolation or spiritual joy and in God's Good time he will set it alight with the Holy Spirit the fire of his love.

A good prayer is: Come Holy Spirit enkindle in us (me) the Fire of our love..... Also, we can pray with the Psalmist today:

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.



Our Lady of Victories

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8th November 2020
Week 32 of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4
Remembrance Sunday

Times of Services

Sunday: 32nd of Ordinary Time

Saturday: Private Mass: November dead List

Sunday: Private Mass: Charles & Eileen Wade(Wade)

Monday: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Private Mass: People of the Parish

Tuesday: St Leo the Great

Private Mass: Kathleen Collins RIP(Sisters)

Wednesday: St Martin of Tours

Private Mass: November Dead List

Thursday: St Josaphat

Private Mass: Nowakowski & Fialowski Family ints dec'd

Friday: Feria

Private Mass: People of the Parish

Saturday: Feria

Private Mass: Duncan Brown RIP 17th anniv.

Sunday: 33rd of Ordinary Time

Private Mass: Edward Tolley



*The bridegroom
is here. Go out
and meet him.*



Sadly, there are no Public Masses at the moment until the end of the Lockdown. However, Individual prayer is permitted: the church will be open at the following times:

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays between 10.00am - 12Noon

FR CHRIS WRITES:

As you will have seen in the News, we are beginning a National Lockdown on Thursday which includes the suspension of Public worship that is to say Mass. However, we will be open for Private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays between 10.00am – 12 Noon, starting this Saturday morning so pop in and pay Our Lord a visit if only briefly. I will be available for confessions on Saturday at 11.00am. In these difficult times and indeed at any time, it can make all the difference spending some time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament “talking things over”

Please keep Sunday special by reading the Scriptures of the Sunday as a family (or on your own if you live alone) and praying about them together. What do the readings say? What do they say to me or to us is a good and simple method. Then pray prayers of intercession as a family for the needs of the Church world and your own needs. It is particularly important to pray together at this time when we cannot gather as a Community. You can then follow Mass online as well having prayed together.

I will continue to celebrate Mass each day holding you all in my intentions. I will pray for the November Dead and of course specially on Remembrance Sunday
God bless you all

SOME LINKS FOR FOLLOWING MASS ONLINE

There is a good website: www.churchservices.tv with regular Masses from all over the country.

St Barnabas Cathedral will be live streaming Mass accessed at www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html

Also Walsingham is very popular at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>
Bishop Patrick tends to stream his Mass on Sundays via www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured (This can be found by searching for ‘Bishop Patrick McKinney’ on YouTube)

For our Little Church age group & youth:

CAFOD also have Children’s Liturgy activity resources on their website. Please see the link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy> There is also <https://video.ewtn.com/kids/> which has videos for children including Stations of the Cross.

Also **St Mary’s Parish and School Derby** have a podcast channel - <https://www.mixcloud.com/DerbyCatholic/> Sundays 9am - Children’s Liturgy

Also check out our **Youth Service NDCYS** for their live streaming on YouTube: <https://ndcys.com/>

NDCYS (Nottingham Diocese Catholic Youth Service) have a “You Tube” Channel, [NDCYS Live!](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured)

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Health & Safety: Our thanks go to Mike Hall who has looked after our Health & Safety for many years and has retired from that service to the community. We are looking for someone with experience in that area to serve the Parish. Please Contact Fr Chris.

STATEMENT ON THE FOUR-WEEK NATIONAL LOCKDOWN IN ENGLAND AND A CALL TO PRAYER:

Today, Parliament passed into law the Regulations governing many aspects of activity in the whole of England until **Wednesday, 2 December**. These Regulations prohibit the gathering of people for communal worship in churches and other religious buildings.Despite profound misgivings it is important that we, as responsible citizens, observe these Regulations, which have the force of law: **“Remind them to be obedient to the officials in authority; to be ready to do good at every opportunity”** Titus 3:1 *We do this in solidarity with so many others on whom are being imposed restrictions which impact severely on their lives and livelihoods. It is also important to recognise that these Regulations are not an attack on religious belief. However, they do demonstrate a fundamental lack of understanding of the essential contribution made by faith communities to the well-being, resilience and health of our society. At this difficult moment, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help.*

Daily Prayer We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer **each day at 6pm**, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21 November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. We encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need. This pathway of prayer and service is the royal road we are to take as a gracious witness in our society today. **Cardinal Vincent Nichols** *President* **Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP** *Vice-President*

PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE PROJECT:

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Project: The local Prison Fellowship group will be running the Angel Tree project this year at HMP Gartree and would like your help. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions please would you kindly consider making a donation of £15 to Prison Fellowship (Angel Tree). This is instead of purchasing a gift for a child whose parent is in prison. A member from Prison Fellowship will buy a gift and post it to the child on your behalf. Thank you for your support. **For more information on how to make a donation please contact Maureen Douglas on 07966 515115**



GRAPEVINE:

Grapevine is the Diocesan Newsletter for Adult formation, Justice & Peace and Caritas in our diocese. **This week** it includes some of the Parish groups working with others to relieve Poverty in our Diocese and those in need of support during the Pandemic. The Diocese has formed the **Catholic Partnership for Covid Emergency Relief** who need some help from people with various skills such as writing funding bids to grant making trusts book-keeping, budgeting and monitoring expenditure of successful projects co-ordinating meetings by Zoom. I know that many of our Parishioners are involved here in Market Harborough in our diocese. Please ctrl + click on the image above or [this link](#):

