

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION: We continue our holy Hour on Thursdays: With Exposition from 7.00pm: There will be some meditations and finishing with Benediction about 7.50pm. The Eucharist and the Real presence of our Lord in is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament exposed is a source of special graces. *For families with Children Why not one of the parents come and pray for the whole family for a time during the hour?*



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

9th July 2023
14th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023

Date for your diaries: Saturday 2nd December 2023
9.00am until 3.00pm

Our Christmas Bazaar was so very successful last year. We have, therefore, decided to use our Church rooms again this year.

Would you like to help this year?
If so, please put a note through Fr Chris's letterbox
Together with your contact details.
We'll get in touch with you to discuss.

For further information, please contact:
Alan Sear (Chairman) on: 07850 252064.

PUBLIC PRAYING OF THE ROSARY at Our Lady's Statue outside in front of the church. 4.30-5pm every Sunday. As Catholics we pray the Rosary for cohesion and reconciliation in society, for peace, and freedom. We pray for the people, for the rulers, and for the kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ in society. At the same time always for the freedom of the Church, for the clergy, for the bishops, for the Pope, and in reparation for the sins committed against God Almighty and His Holy Mother. For more details contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115.

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	8/9 July	J. Rowland	S. Acton	R. van der Liet
	15/16 July	J. Snaith	F. Thompson	C. Sellechia

FINANCE	2/07/23
Envelopes	£368.10
Loose	£226.36
Standing Order	£761.38
Total	£1355.84

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: JULY WINNERS:

1st Prize £60 E Kendall ticket number 194;
2nd Prize £25 M Packer ticket number 46;
3rd Prize £15 Y Shiers ticket number 69

Peter's Pence £191.07 Many thanks

Times of Services

Sunday: 14th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Tony Dolby RIP (Chris)

Monday: Feria

9.00am: Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: St Benedict

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Wednesday: Feria

6.00pm: School Leavers Mass

Thursday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary
10.00pm Mass: David Smith RIP (Phil)
Coffee after Mass
7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: For family of William Mochan RIP

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: John Cassidy RIP (Reed & Harford)

Sunday: 15th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Joey & Joe Maloney RIP



*I am gentle and
humble in heart.*

CONFESSIONS
11am & 5.15pm
Saturday

2nd Collection this weekend for apostleship of the Sea

FR CHRIS WRITES: It was a lovely celebration of Holy Communion last weekend which reminded me of the inestimable gift of the Eucharist. Each one is so precious. Thank you to all who prepared it, especially our Catechist. This is a lovely ministry for all who would like to help. Many thanks to all. I also would like to say congratulations to Fr Stephen Dye who celebrated his Silver Jubilee this week. He was a Curate here with Fr Jim Cahill. Sadly, Fr Kevin Gradwell died on Saturday. A truly lovely man. May he rest in peace.

SEA SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND 2nd COLLECTION: Seafarers and fishers Play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. **Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July.** It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.



CHANGE TO SUNDAY MASS: on weekend 16/17 September. At the moment we have two Masses on a Sunday morning. This came about because of COVID and the need to be socially distant at Mass to keep everyone safe. Our Parish was one of the first to reopen and it was brilliantly done. A big thank you to all involved to make that possible. However, our normal practice has been to have just the one Sunday morning Mass at Our Lady's. I have been consulting the PPC (and other Parishioners) and we feel it is now the time to return to one Mass for the good of the community of the Parish and other reasons. The primary reason is to bring people together as a community to pray and worship in the best way possible. It will help us to have enough readers and indeed welcomers collectors and so on. Also, hopefully we will be able to recommence our Children's Liturgy group as well as Sunday Coffee.

I have also consulted with the deanery and the Bishop. We must decide these things together so that the needs of all the deanery Parishes are met. There are less priests now and many Parishes in Leicester are sharing a Priest sometimes two Parishes, sometimes three. The diocesan plan for our Parish of Market Harborough leaves us as a single Parish. However, I have to be able to support other Parishes on occasion such as sickness.

We have decided now to return to our traditional time of 10.00am on Sunday morning as well as the 6.00pm Saturday night from the weekend of 16/17th September. We have discerned that this is the best time for the Parish. However, if the needs of the Deanery demand it in the future, we may have to move to another time. We are blessed that we will have 2 weekend Masses at our Parish when many just have one. My thanks for all who have helped discern this decision.

HOLIDAY AT HOME: A week of activities and entertainment for seniors, August 7th to 11th at the Methodist Church, £6 per day or £30 for the week. Two course hot lunch, tea, coffee and biscuits included. To book, phone 01858 410878, if no reply please leave a message with your name and phone number.

Since we are returning to Sunday 10.00am Mass, we hope to restart our **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE** after Mass in September. I wonder, is there someone who may be interested in coordinating this Community activity. We will then look for Volunteers for a rota. Please speak to Fr. Chris



STOP UK GOVERNMENT FUNDING CHINA'S GENOCIDAL REGIME SPUC:

[The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children] will be holding a Petition Day next weekend Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th July. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. The petition calls for the Prime Minister to end the Government's unacceptable funding of China's totalitarian state. The Chinese state imposes forced abortion, sterilisation and infanticide on its own population, notably the Uyghur minority. According to the Chief Commissioner of the Independent Commission for Aid Impact, the UK Government sent over £60 million to China in 2020-21. **Please sign the petition to help SPUC defend unborn babies, and their mothers, by highlighting this terrible human rights abuse.**



MISSION UNLEASHED: AN EVENT WITH CARDINAL TAGLE: The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on **Friday 14th July** at 7:00pm. To book your place or to be sent the recording visit www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation All are welcome.

JOIN THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FROM HOME! The Diocesan Communications Office will be sharing updates from the pilgrimage which begins on Saturday 15th July, as well as live-streaming some of the Masses and services so that those who cannot join in person can engage virtually. There is also an opportunity for individuals to share their intentions, which will be printed and taken to the Grotto with the pilgrimage. For more information about all of the above, visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/lourdesfromhome

60th ANNIVERSARY OF ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL. English Martyrs' will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the official opening of the school; 4th May 1965, as such, we will be building up to this important milestone in the school's history, culminating in celebration events in the summer of 2025. I have over the last terms held assemblies with all year groups looking back over the history of the school and setting students challenges. From September 2023 each group will begin fundraising for our 60th Anniversary, we plan to publish a photo book looking over the history of the school along with many other events. To begin our 18 months of celebrations we are starting with a photography exhibition with pictures from across all the decades of the school. I invite you to come and see if you can spot people you may know in our vast range of photographs and reminisce. Also, if you know of any previous students or parents who wish to attend please invite them. If you would like more details of events or have any memories or photographs you wish to share please email 60years@englishmartyrs.org This event will take place on Monday 10th July starting at 4.00 – 6.00pm. Yours sincerely M Calen (Principal)

