

THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH in support of Saint Joseph school MHET will be on Thursday the 12th of June 2025 at Marston Trussell hall at 12:30 tickets are £40. For tickets ease contact Kate Crawford 01858 446873 / 07814629927

The Catholic Union is holding a **WEBINAR ON TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (End of Life) BILL** on **Thursday 3rd April** at 6.30pm. Chaired by Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, it will give members and supporters the chance to unpick the Bill guided by three experts: Dr Matthew Doré; Dr Philip Howard and Professor Julian Hughes, before the Bill returns to the Commons' Chamber for Third Reading on 25th April. To sign up for the webinar register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator

Men's Spiritual Exercises, Monday 31st March – Saturday 5th April A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>



Giving in Market Harborough: Many thanks to all who continue giving to the Parish. For anyone who is new there are Gift Aid Form in the cloister near the wall. Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough RCP** Sort Code: **30 - 95 - 47** Account: **00068953**. Just put a note to say it is church donation. If You are a Tax payer you can pick up a gift Aid Form(if you have not completed one) at the Church or email Fr Chris parishpriest@olvic.com and I can send you one by email. We can claim an extra 25% on top of anything you give if you are tax payer. **We are Accepting Contactless Donations.** You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the Cloister. You can also give via the web link: <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-victories-church> or QR Code.

<u>MARCH</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
8/9 March	P Bebb	J Shellard	F Wilson	V Winter
15/16 March	J Mugoni	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
22/23 March	M O'Malley	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes

<u>READERS</u>			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
8/9 March	P Green	M Douglas	M Blake
15/16 March	N Williamson	C Sellechia	R van der Liet



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

9th March 2025
1st Week of Lent
Psalter Week 1

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday:

6.00pm Mass: Cath Furlong RIP

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass

Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Feria

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Wednesday:

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Philippa Hodges RIP (Blamires)

Thursday: Lenten Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Jubilee Mass at Holy Cross with Bishop Patrick

Friday: Lenten Feria

12.30pm: Lenten reflection and Lunch Baptist Church

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Mass: Adrian Weston RIP

Saturday: Lenten Feria

10.30am: Lenten retreat in Octagonal Hall(Fr John Farrell)

6.00pm Mass: Richard and Gillian Clutterbuck RIP

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

10.00am Mass: Paolo & Giovanna Di Cicco



*Jesus was led by
the Spirit through
the wilderness and
was tempted
there.*

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am &
5.15pm

CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day this Friday

Our 2nd Set of **JUBILEE PRAYER BOOKS** for this March are now available. **Praying with the Psalms.** Please take one. Donations are invited for this set if you can afford it. Either through the Basket or the Card Machine.

They are £5.00 each.

Jubilee Lenten Station Mass with Bishop Patrick: Thursday 13 March 7.00pm at Holy Cross Priory at 7.00pm with Adoration and Confessions beforehand.



LENT: A PILGRIMAGE TO THE PASSION: A series of Saturday morning Retreat-style meetings looking at the passion of Jesus according to John's Gospel. The purpose of the sessions is to prepare our minds and hearts to hear and reflect on Jesus' journey to the Cross in preparation for Good Friday and Easter. The series of meetings will be led by Father John Farrell, OP, a Dominican preacher based in Leicester. Father John is experienced in retreat-giving in Britain and abroad. He has a lovely ability to make the text of the New Testament 'live' for ordinary believers seeking to know more about Jesus.

DATES & TIMES: SATURDAYS: 15, 22, 29, MARCH SATURDAY 5 APRIL. Please bring a bible, new testament or the gospel of John. 10.15am for a 10.30am start 10.30am to 11.15am Talk, followed by discussion; 11.15am - 11.30am Break; 11.30am to 12.15pm Talk, followed by discussion; 12.15pm to 12.30pm Silent Prayer 12.30pm Lunch (Bring your own. Tea/Coffee provided). There are no charges, but voluntary donations to defer expenses may be given. The meetings will be held in the Octagonal Hall in Market Harborough. Further information from Father Chris O'Connor, (462359) or Peter Green (414964) (email: green853@btinternet.com)

LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass
Holy Hour with Benediction: Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm with a meditation on next Sunday's readings. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration. Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day Friday 14th March. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Include this QR code to take supporters straight to CAFOD's virtual envelop.

ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN: Thank you to everyone that has come along to learn more about the **Enabling Our Mission** Campaign that is happening in our parish so far. Many of you have expressed an interest in seeing further details of the projects that have been funded by the Mission Enabling Fund to date and further details can be found below: <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/mission-enabling-fund>
In addition to this, the first edition of the **Enabling Our Mission** Impact Report will be published later this month so please do keep an eye out for copies in our parish.

BINGO - BINGO - BINGO! OCTAGONAL HALL - THURSDAY EVENING - MARCH 20th
DOORS OPEN 6.45pm. BINGO STARTS 7.30pm prompt.

FRIDAY LENT LUNCHES begins March 14th Time: 12.30 - 1300. Reflections on the theme - Journey's of Faith. Venue: Baptist Church, Coventry Rd. Light lunch after the service of Soup, bread, Tea, coffee & Cake. Suggested donation of £5.00.



The Diocesan **WOMEN'S LENT RETREAT** returns to Nottingham this year on **Saturday 5th April**. The theme of the retreat is 'The Sacred Heart: An Icon of Hope' and it will be given by Canon Jonathan Cotton, a fantastic retreat leader. Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham (NG5 4HT) will host the retreat which will include Holy Mass, Talks, confession, social time and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please see the poster in church or visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

Join men from across the diocese on **Saturday 12th April** for our annual **MEN'S RETREAT**, once again at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey. The theme of the retreat is 'The Journey Through Holy Week' and it will be given by Father John Farrell OP, former provincial of the Dominican Order. The retreat will include Holy Mass in the Abbey, Talks, confession, guided adoration and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please see the poster in church or visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: You can protect mothers and children by joining this world wide mobilisation to pray and fast for an end to abortion. During Lent March 5th -April 13 a lawful, peaceful prayer vigil will be taking place on Paigle Rd and the junction of Aylestone Rd, Leicester LE2 8PW from 8am - 8pm Monday to Saturday. Local contact: leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com
To learn more get involved and sign up for prayer times visit the website below. www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester

HELP NEEDED WITH OUR TRAVELLERS COMMUNITY: We no longer have Sister Helen with us who organised and prepared traveller basis for Holy Communion and Confirmation. Often they do not read. Sister Bernadette who was in the Convent will help with some training. She is the Diocesan Chaplain for travellers. A DBS children for the Sacraments. We are looking for Volunteers to help with this. It tends to be on an adhoc check is need for this role.

CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on Wednesday 26 March from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk).

PARENT'S RETREAT: The Diocese of Nottingham is organising a day retreat for parents on **Sunday 16th March** at Our Lady of Lincoln Parish (LN2 2HE), 10.00am-3.30pm. The day will be led by Mike and Alicia Hernon, international Catholic speakers and hosts of the successful podcast: 'The Messy Family Project'. The day will include Sunday Mass, talks, activities for Children, Eucharistic Adoration and more. Booking is essential. The cost is £25 per couple, please also bring a packed lunch. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/parentsretreat25>