

A Journey through Advent with Fr John Farrell OP Using the daily lectionary readings at mass to guide us through the Advent Season. Saturday December 6th, Saturday December 13th, Saturday December 20th.
9.30am (coffee) to 12.30pm (when we share a light lunch together.) There are no charges, but voluntary donations to defer expenses may be given. The meetings will be held in the Catholic Church Hall in Market Harborough.

STAND UP FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM! Consider signing Aid to the Church in Needs' global petition supporting persecuted Christians. Your voice matters. By signing this petition, you can help us urge world leaders to act on behalf of those who suffer simply for practicing their faith. Follow the link or use the QR code. www.acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMIES (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school).* You must also include the supporting evidence* as required with this form, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place

As Advent approaches you are warmly invited to take some quiet time for reflection, prayer, and renewal with **Father Chris Thomas**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, reflecting on the **FIGURES OF ADVENT**: the prophets, Mary, Joseph, and John the Baptist, whose faith, courage, and hope prepared the way for Christ's coming. The Retreat is being held at the Presentation Sisters Convent, Chesterfield Road, Matlock DE4 3FT on **Saturday 29th November** between 10.00am and 4.00pm. A suggestion donation is £10, bring a packed lunch. For more details email associates@pbvmengland.co.uk

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
8/9 November	P Bebb	T Ruane	T Page	A Randle
15/16 November	A Hall	V Winter	J Shellard	M Douglas
22/23 November	J Mugoni	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
<u>READERS</u>				
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am	
8/9 November	J Rowland	M Lewin	R Lewin	
15/16 November	C Baldham	J Thayaseelan	P Green	



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

Parish Priest: Fr. Chris O'Connor
Tel: House: 01858 462359
Email: parishpriest@olvic.com
Parish Website: www.olvic.com
Safeguarding: safeguarding@olvic.com

Diocese of Nottingham: Company Number 7151646 Charity Number: 1134449
Registered Address: Wilson House, 25 Derby Road, Nottingham, NG1 5AW

Schools:
Parish Primary: St. Joseph's Academy 01858-465359.
Deanery Comprehensive: St. Paul's 0116 241 4057
Parish Gift Aid Organiser: giftaid@olvic.com
Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

9th November 2025
32nd Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
10.00am Mass: Bill Kerr RIP (Goddard)
Coffee after Mass

4.30pm: Rosary outside church

MONDAY: St Leo the Great

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

TUESDAY: St Martin of Tours

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

WEDNESDAY: St Josaphat

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass: Vincent Patrick McDermott RIP (Cates)

7.30pm: CTH Forum - St Dionysius Church

THURSDAY: Feria

10.00am: Funeral Shaun Curran RIP
7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Feria

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

SATURDAY: Feria

6.00pm Mass: November Dead List

SUNDAY: 33th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Terry & Philip Green RIP
Coffee after Mass
3.00pm: Blessing of Graves MH Cemetery



*He is God, not
of the dead, but
of the living.*

CONFESSIONS
Sat 11 am
5.15am

2nd Collection for Hospices Today

FR CHRIS WRITES: We have a special collection this weekend to support our Hospices. As you may be aware they are struggling financially. They perform a service to the dying which is invaluable and is at risk. Many of us have family or friends who have benefitted from it. They live out the cause of life.

Shaun Curran's funeral will be on Thursday 13 November 10.00am. May he rest in peace. Also next Sunday we have the Blessing of graves at MH Cemetery at 3.00pm. Meet at the cemetery gates.

WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY: Continues Tuesday 28th October 7.15pm

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)

Day of meeting: **TUESDAY: This week. The Life of Christ** Times: Assemble 7.15pm (coffee/tea,) Start 7.30pm (prompt): Finish 8.45 (prompt)

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: The Catholic Tradition of praying for the Holy Souls, particularly our own departed family and friends, takes on a special focus in November. During this month and during the rest of the year Masses will be offered with this intention in mind. If you would like to make a list of your deceased loved ones, it will be placed near the Altar during our November Masses. An offering is given and a series of Masses are offered for all our dead Loved ones in




CHURCH FLOWER ROTA: We are hoping to find someone who would be willing to organise the rota of volunteers who arrange flowers in church. If you can help please contact Pauline Bebb (07715624012) or Mary Penney (07790883361).

RED BOXES: How time flies by! It is time once again for the emptying of the Missio Red Boxes. We are so grateful for your continuing support for the Missions. It really is true that if you look after the pennies, the pounds will look after themselves! Our Parish has continued to do this in a very generous way. Could you please leave your box in the Sacristy or hand it to Father Chris or Bob and Chris Shepherd and we will return it to the table in the cloister shortly afterwards.

ADC: Just a quick update as we continue to help the poor and underprivileged in our world and to thank you most sincerely for your generous donations through our White Envelope Scheme and with your contributions of goods, books and clothes.

As well as raising funds for our charity through eBay selling, we are now sending clothes and household goods to the Philippines and the Gambia, and items for babies and toddlers to an orphanage in Senegal. None of this would be possible without your help so please, please continue to leave your unwanted or surplus clothing and goods in the cloister so that we are able to make life just a little bit better for those who have so very little. Heartfelt appreciation for all that you do to enable ADC to support Father John, Water for Kids, Aid for Chad and Peru and The Philippines Schools Project. Thank you so very much.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday 29th November 2025
Church Rooms & Octagonal Hall
Santas On The Move....

This years 2025 Christmas bizarre we can confirm that Santa will be visiting and will be sharing his time with us for the duration of the Bizarre 09.00 - 15.00.

Santa has requested however NOT to be sat in a grotto. Santa and his Elf's however will be mobile with a portable Photo Booth and festive "dressing up paraphernalia". All that Santa has requested is that he is stopped throughout the day, you choose your festive hat or not and you have a selfie taken with your device. The elf's will be on hand to help and support. A donation for each selfie would also be welcomed. Remember, the selfies are for you to keep on your device for years to come and to share what Santa believes will be fond memories of a special day.

Santa will be making himself available throughout the day amongst you all and in each of the rooms. Listen out for Santas bell 🛎 and don't forget to stop him and ask him for your selfie, Ho! Ho! Ho!

See you all on the 29th November.

PS - Oh, and Santa will also be making announcements through the day and remind you of key events taking place as the day unfolds

DOMINICAN YOUNG ADULTS STUDY DAY – Dragons, Beasts, & Visions: Understanding Biblical Apocalyptic - A day for students and young adults (20s & 30s) exploring the Apocalyptic literature in the Bible, at The Frassati Centre, Leicester LE1 6HW, from 10.00am-4.30pm on **Saturday 15th November**. There is no cost to attend but please register. More information and registration details can be found at: www.english.op.org/godzdogz/dya-study-day-dragons-beasts-and-visions/

All **Young Adults** are warmly invited to meet across the diocese in **NOVEMBER FOR REQUIEM MASSES** celebrated in remembrance of those who have died. Please bring with you the names of anyone you wish to pray for this month which will be added to our Mass intentions. Arrivals from 6pm, Mass and social time finishing for 8pm: **Thursday 27th at Holy Cross Church, Leicester; Mass at 6.10pm.**