

Just a gentle reminder that the **THIRD WORLD GROUP** is still selling clothes and other items through Ebay to try and maintain donations to our six charities. Please could you possibly make us your first choice Charity Shop at the moment by leaving any unwanted clothing, shoes, books etc in our box in the cloister or arrangements could be made to collect from your home - with strict safety measures in place. Please contact Chris 01536 711560, or Judith or Margaret at church. Many thanks to everyone for continuing to help all those in our world who are so very needy

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY

In our Gospel a Man is called to respond to Christ's call in a radical way by leaving all his riches and following him. We are told that Our Lord looked at him steadily and loved him. However, the man dropped his head, his face fell at these words, and he went away sad. When he heard the call to leave everything behind, it seemed all too much. He made the mistake of not looking at the face of Our Lord and seeing the look of love that he was giving. If he had, the call of Jesus would have made sense. He did not. We need to look at Jesus, see his look of love to be a radical Christian to be more than keeping the commandments – to be in love with Jesus. In prayer we intercept that look of love of our Lord. We do this particularly in the meditative or contemplative part of our prayer. Many struggle with this not least in a busy family and work life which is right and proper. Thus, God in his providence has given us the prayer of the Rosary. This developed over the centuries. At first as a way for the people working on the land could join in with the prayer office of the monks, sisters and clergy in the Church. It is no coincidence that in the Rosary as it was, there were 150 Hail Marys to reflect the Psalms which were prayed and sung in the Churches. Gradually the people adopted the prayers with a contemplative dimension as quotes of the Gospels were added to each of the Hail Marys. Finally, after some hundreds of years the traditional form of the Rosary was codified by Pope Pius V in 1569 with the 3 sets of mysteries.

People throughout the ages have found in the Rosary a great aid to meditating on the mysteries of Our Lord's life through the heart of his mother. It has fed their souls amidst a busy day not just individuals but entire families. In 2002 Pope St John Paul II broadened the width of the Rosary with the Luminous Mysteries which take in the Public Life of Jesus from his Baptism to the Holy Eucharist. Now we can meditate on the whole of Christ life death and resurrection and the final glory of all the Saints in heaven and look into the face of Christ and intercept that look of love he gives us during the day. Each person finds the best way of praying the rosary. Some at one go as family (highly recommended by the Popes) or interspersed during the tasks of the day with a decade here and there. We all have intentions for our prayers, but we should take a moment to think about or picture the mystery we are about to pray. Maybe recall a line of the Story from the Bible or picture ourselves within it. The Rosary touches the whole gamut of our life joyful, sorrowful & ecstatic as we bring to mind all the stages of the life of Jesus. If we let her, Mary will draw us in. For she always shows us her Son. The Rosary is a simple summary of the Gospel for every day. Pope Benedict said that this prayer helps us put Christ at the centre of our lives in this dispersive world and the recitation of the Rosary can help us learn the art of prayer with Mary's simplicity and depth. This is simply because she is our Mother given to us from the cross as a fruit of his sacrifice. As Pope Francis said we contemplate the face of Christ with the heart of Mary. She shows us the way to him who is the Way the truth and the Life. From the Cross Jesus places all disciples under her maternal mantle. She as a mother wants the very best for us. Above all to know and love her Son.



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

10th October 2021
28th of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4

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Times of Services

Sunday: 28th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: Peter Northway RIP (Olivant)
9.00am Mass: Gurman Sari(Agatha)
11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Nuala Scarisbrick RIP (SPUC)

Wednesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Eileen Taylor RIP (Sisters)

Thursday: Feria

NO MASS TODAY: David Wilson R.I.P.(Mass in School)

Friday: St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

7.00pm Mass: Good health for John (Linda)

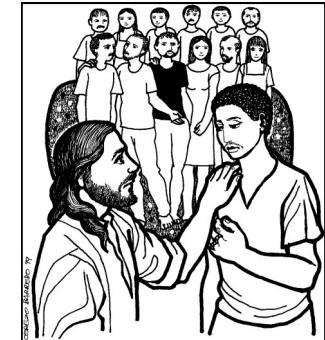
Saturday: Feria

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 17th - In Thanksgiving & Blessing - Maria

Sunday: 29th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Rose deacon RIP Hill)

5.00pm: Vespers with Exposition to mark the Beginning of the Synod



Oct Rosary
20 minutes
before
Mass

*Go and sell every-
thing you own and
follow me.*

CONFESSIONS
11am Saturdays

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:
Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, though not necessary at the moment as we are not full.

Booking is now online: www.Massbooking.uk You can sign up there and then book. If you do not have the internet you can ask someone else to book for you, a child or grandchild or ring or email Fr. Chris on 01858 462359 giving your name and phone number. Please see instructions on our website: www.olvic.com/news.htm

FR CHRIS WRITES:

As I have been mentioning the whole Church begins a Synod process culminating in 2023 with the Synod of Bishops and then an Apostolic Exhortation from the Holy Father. Pope Francis launches the world-wide Synodal process in Saint Peter's, in Rome this Sunday 10th October, which will be launched in all the dioceses on **Sunday 17th October** The diocesan phase will take place over the Coming months until February.

Hopefully, we will have some prayerful meetings. The idea is to walk together listening to one another but above all to listen to the Holy Spirit and discern where he is calling us as a Parish, Diocese or universal Church.

We are asked to begin this time with a celebration of Vespers with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next Sunday afternoon (17th Oct). This will be at 5.00pm. We will discuss how we will best proceed at the upcoming PPC meeting on 18th October. The diocese has a series of questions as guides for us to reflect on. We will all have to prayer hard that the Holy Spirit will speak and we will listen. We reflect on our present situation in the light of the Gospel and Tradition and indeed the teaching of the Church. *Pope Francis says "what is under discussion at synodal gatherings are not the traditional truths of Christian doctrine. The Synod is concerned mainly with how teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our time." "5 Therefore all topics can be raised but it is important to realise that not all will form part of the ongoing discussion. The Synodal Process is not about a democratic debate. What it will do is embed at all levels of the Church a new way of listening and hearing, of discernment and action which remains faithful to the truths received but expresses them in the context of a particular time. We need to hear from all. There will be a letter from the Bishop next week.*

We Continue the month of the Holy Rosary This great prayer which is one both of contemplation and intercession. I suggest we pray it for the family, an end of the Pandemic and that the assisted dying Bill does not pass.

We will be delighted to welcome all who would like to join us starting 20 minutes before the Masses.

Please try and pray the Rosary at home as a family.

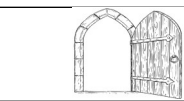
There is a list on the Porch Table to sign up to lead the Rosary.



PRISONS WEEK: we begin prisons week this Sunday which runs from 10th October - 16th October. Please pray every day. "Respair" is an Old English word which fell out of use many centuries ago but means "the return of hope after a period of despair". The prayer tradition of lament helps us to make that journey from a dark place of pain, suffering, fear or sorrow to somewhere that the light can get in. Maybe only through a tiny crack to begin with but bringing a gradual dawning of hope and sense of God's promise, that we are loved and will never be abandoned or alone. Please pray with us each day during Prisons Week. **There is a prayer sheet in the entrance to the church.** You could add the prayers on to your Rosary. Cf www.prisonweek.org

THE PRISONS WEEK PRAYER.

Lord, you offer freedom all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the action of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen.



**The Church is open for Private prayer each day
Please sign in on the list or use the Covid NHS App Q code displayed**

COVID-19: We need to proceed carefully and slowly. This is the opinion of those whom I have consulted. With the Delta variant on the rise in our areas **Hands, Face, Space, Ventilate** is just as important as ever. So we will still have to wear **masks** in Church as before: this is to protect all concerned and is an act of Christian charity. Mostly There will still be the 2m **social distancing** in Church back to back., but we will be closer along the benches. We will still **sanitise** hands as we enter and leave Church. Stewards will operate at the weekend Masses with booking for Mass as we do now. However, **on weekdays** there will not be a steward. We ask people to sign in or use the NHS QR code. **It will be easier if people book in online on a weekday.** On a weekday we will alternate sitting: on the Sacred Heart side on Monday, Our Lady's on a Tuesday and Sacred heart on a Wednesday etc. If people could help sanitise the touch points after Mass that would be helpful i.e. the tops of the benches. I think we are now all accustomed to how to act in a safe way. We will review this every few weeks in the light of local conditions.

Hall Cleaner: We are looking for a Hall Cleaner: about 6 hours a week. If anyone is interested, Please contact Fr. Chris

Many thanks for the magnificent total so far of £817.00



It's time to come back to Torch House! It's been a long time that Covid has stopped us being together but we feel the situation now allows us to gather once again.



On Thursday 21st October from 10.30 to 11.30am we are running the first Drop-In Coffee Morning at Torch House. The plan is for folk to come and reconnect together over a drink and biscuit (or maybe even cake). At 11.30 we'll have a time of sung worship and then some prayer. Whilst this first one is a trial, we hope to continue running these mornings on the third Thursday of the month at the same time. Torch House is on Torch way just near the Two Shires Medical centre off the roundabout on the Northampton Rd.

THE BOWER HOUSE Christian Counselling service are looking for a Volunteer Treasurer. It takes about 1.5 hours a week for further info please contact: John Stride – 01858 468136; Jd.stride@outlook.com

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW RESULTS FOR OCTOBER DRAW:

1st Prize £70 ticket No 53 A Whelan
2nd Prize £30 ticket No 127 PK Nelson
3rd Prize £20 ticket No 26 T Ruane

THE ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021: What can you do? From the 14-22 October, in the lead up to the Second Reading, the bishops encourage the faithful to unite for nine days of prayer, seeking the intercession of St. John Paul II, as part of our efforts to help defeat this attempt to legalise assisted suicide. **Prayer** Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen. Then Our father Hail Mary & Glory be. See www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-to-john-paul-ii for each day's intention

The Catholic Church teaches that this represents a crime against human life, we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The Bishops therefore urge you to **PRAY** this Bill is defeated, **WRITE** to Peers and MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation and **SHARE** our resources and those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family and friends, especially via social media. Guidance on how to write to politicians can be found here: parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/