Sadly we have had two recent deaths. Bill Reid on 4th September. His funeral will be on Thursday 21st September at 2.00pm. Also David Hill died this last Friday. May they both rest in peace.

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL, A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR WOMEN, from 12.15pm until 4.00pm at The Rosmini Centre, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake LE7 4SJ. The day includes tea/coffee (provided) at 12.15pm, then the Rosary; lunch at 1.00pm (please bring a packed lunch); then at 2.00pm Carmelite author and speaker Dr Cyprian Blamires OCDS: Praying with the Heart; finally a Holy Hour. More information from Paulette: 07825 040375.

JOIN MEN from across the Diocese of Nottingham for a DAY OF FRATERNITY in Leicester. On Saturday 7th October we will be meeting in Bradgate Park Leicester, celebrating Mass, walking round the park and then going for a pub lunch. Mass will be at 10.30am at All Saints Church, just at the edge of Bradgate Park, we will then walk for just about an hour and then head out for a pub lunch. Please book by 30th September so that we know numbers for the lunch. Please note that this event is for those aged 18 years or over only. Book via: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or contact adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

#### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023**

Date for your diaries: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	9/10 September	C. Baldam	F.Thompson	R. van der Liet
	16/17 September	M. Mihovilovic	10.00AM	R. Lewin & M. Lewin

FINANCE	3/09/23	
Envelopes	£217.00	
Loose	£228.99	
Standing Order	£761.38	
Total	£1207.37	

Victory Prize Draw Winners: August 2023: 1st Prize £60 PK Nelson ticket number 127: 2nd Prize £25 T Davis ticket number 263: 3rd Prize £15 JF Nowakowski ticket number 126

September 2023:1st Prize £60 J Masding ticket number 98;2nd Prize £25 J Lowe ticket number 288; 3rd Prize £15 M Packer ticket number 48.



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

10th September 2023 23rd Week of Ordinary Time Psalter Week 3

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#### TIMES OF SERVICES

### **Sunday: 23rd of Ordinary Time**

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela) 9.00am Mass: Mary Cluskey (Williams) 11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

4.30pm Rosary

Monday: Feria

9.00am: Mass: Private Int.

Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Marie Gilmour RIP (Mackle)

Wednesday: St John Chrysostom

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Fr Duncan Campbell OP RIP

# Thursday: EXHALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9.45am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: School Mass Beginning of Term

Coffee after Mass **No Holy Hour** 

Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows

7.00pm Mass: Jennefer Tobin RIP Saturday: Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish **Sunday: 24th of Ordinary Time** 

10.00am Mass: Bill Reid (Ruane)

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

## CONFESSIONS

11.00am 5.15pm

NB Sunday Mass is 10.00am from next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September onwards

FR CHRIS WRITES: Dear All, I hope you are enjoying the lovely weather. As you may have noticed we have been doing work on the church recently. This has involved repairing the main window behind the altar and the brickwork above it and various repairs on that side of the church. We will also be looking to repair the church doors to make them more draught free as well as looking at the leaks between the roof and the church walls. I don't know if you have noticed the downdraft from various parts but where I am it is rather like Niagara Falls above my chair! They are also repairing and painting the windows in the House which had become rotten in parts. There will be other bits and pieces and we have found that some coping stones have disintegrated above the cloister. I thank Browns for the good work that they are doing. We are hoping to complete the final bits of the last guinguennial survey. We have a **CHURCHES TOGETHER** meeting on Thursday 14th 7.15pm @ the Baptist Church so no Holy Hour.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** Education Sunday: In our pastoral letter today, Bishop Patrick is seeking to appoint new foundation directors and governors for our Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts and schools. If you would like to know more about these rewarding voluntary roles, please contact Peter Giorgio (Director of Education) by emailing the Director's PA, Julie Sweeney (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk) or by telephoning 01332 293833.

Ahead of Education Sunday the Catholic Union is encouraging people to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary calling for the 50 percent cap on faithbased admissions to new free schools to be lifted. The cap is preventing the Catholic Church in England from taking part in the free schools programme. The letter is available to sign at www.catholicunion.org.uk or using the QR code:



A RUMMAGE SALE will take place in the octagonal hall on Saturday 30th of September 9.00am – 12 noon. Usual Stall tea & coffee etcetera in aid of the Bazaar.



The **SPANNED Annual Mass**, celebrated by Bishop Patrick, takes place at Saint Peter's Church, Leicester Road Hinckley LE10 1LW on **Saturday 16th September** at 2.30pm. All are welcome. It is good opportunity to discover what the work of SPANNED entails and this year's project "Our House is on Fire" has been a consideration of climate change. You may also subscribe to the agency's quarterly magazine. SPANNED, which has been in existence since March 1976, is the only organisation of its kind where individual programmes of spiritual formation are written and delivered for people with additional needs, with groups meeting in Hinckley, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester and Scunthorpe. For more details contact Father Frank Daly on 01455 634443 or hinckleypriory@gmail.com

With a special focus on the 'RESTORING PUGIN' project, guided tours, expert talks, an exhibition of Cathedral treasures and family art workshops (including provision for families with additional needs) will form the Cathedral's offering for this year's Heritage Opening Days, being held in the Cathedral Friday 8th - Saturday 16th September. All are welcome. For timings and more details visit www.nottinghamcathedral.co.uk/what-s-on/latest-news/heritageopen-days-2023/

The Guild of Saint Stephen in Nottingham Diocese would like to invite all Altar Servers to join for the ANNUAL DIOCESAN SERVERS' MASS, on Saturday 23rd September at 11.30am at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Patrick, and all are invited to be part of the day. Please email James Noakes for further details or see the poster in church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: As we are returning to one Mass on a Sunday morning at 10.00am, we are hoping to start Children's Liturgy again. However we will need volunteers. Two are needed for each session. They will follow the pattern of school terms If you would like to help, please contact Fr. Chris via the Parish email. parishpriest@olvic.com As this involves Children we have to do a DBS check and follow our Safer Recruiting proce-

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.



THE PRESENTATION SISTERS: I have had a communication from the leadership team of the presentation sisters in this province To say that the sisters here have been assigned two other communities and at the convent here will close in due course. The sisters are sorry to leave Market Harborough after so many years of serving the Parish community and school. We will of course have a mass of Thanksgiving when everything is finalised. Please keep the sisters in your prayers.

ARE YOU A PARENT OR CARER OF A SCHOOL AGED CHILD? Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith? Why not join a programme that brings parents together from across the Diocese of Nottingham to do just that? Starting in the Academic Year 2023-2024 the Diocese of Nottingham will be offering Belief in Brief, a space twice every half-term for parents to meet online for an hour (just after school drop off) to explore a different aspect of the Catholic faith. It will take place on a Tuesday from 10.00am to 11.15am starting 12 September. Each session will have a short input followed by the opportunity to discuss this together and ask questions that you have. More information is on the poster at the noticeboard, and to book a place visit www.bookwhen.com/nrcdes

A VOCATION DAY OF DISCERNMENT: is being held on Saturday 7th October from 10.00am until 3.00pm at The Rosmini Centre, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake. LE7 4SJ. There will be the opportunity of talking to Fathers Antonio, Ted, and Philip about the calling to Religious Life in general, and to the Institute of Charity (Rosminians) in particular: an opportunity to join the Community in prayer, and to ask the Lord for clarity and courage. To book telephone 01509 813078.