

Unveiled Faces: Healing and Transformation with the Saints; a **WEEKEND RETREAT** between **Friday 27th and Sunday 29th June** led by Father Emmanuel Mansford, CFR at the Christian Heritage Centre, contemplating the healing and transformational work of grace in the ordinary and imperfect lives of the saints. In the light of their example, the retreat will offer an opportunity to reflect on and to seek healing for the wounds in our own lives. To book, visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/unveiled-faces/>

Bishop Patrick invites parishioners to join the **Nottingham Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage** taking place between **Monday 14th and Friday 18th July**. The Pilgrimage includes a full liturgical programme, with Mass each day; return direct flights from East Midlands Airport to Lourdes; full board for four nights in a three- or four- star hotel; assistance (for those who need it) from the Diocesan Hospitalité and Health Team. Prices start from £899, and more details are at: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes

SAFEGUARDING SOURCES OF SUPPORT

Safe Places – a free and independent support service that provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with the Catholic Church. Phone 0300 303 1056 Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

The Bower House – Harborough Christian Counselling Service offers counselling to those who live in the Harborough District 01858 469257

NAPAC offers support and advice to adult survivors of childhood abuse 0808 8010331

Spiritual Abuse - www.spiritualabuse.com

Action on Elder Abuse Helpline – 0808 808 8141

<u>MAY</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
10/11 May	M O'Malley	K Crawford	P Green	W Kwacz
17/18 May	A Hall	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary
24/25 May	J Mugoni	A Randle	T Page	T Ruane

<u>READERS</u>			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
10/11 May	M Mihovilovic	M Lewin	R Lewin
17/18 May	M Atkins	J Thayaseelan	P Green
24/25 May	J Rowland	C McHugh	S McGlone
31/1 June	P Green	B Tyrell	D Chappell



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

11th May 2025
4th Week of Eastertide
Psalter Week 4

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY: 4TH OF EASTER TIDE (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

2nd Collection for the Clergy Formation Fund this weekend

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Coffee after Mass

MONDAY: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: Private Int

TUESDAY: Easter Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

WEDNESDAY: STR MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

THURSDAY: Easter Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Private Int (P. Bebb)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

FRIDAY: Easter Feria

7.00pm Mass: Peace in the World

SATURDAY: Easter Feria

6.00pm: Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday: 5th of Eastertide

10.00am Mass: The New Holy Father



*I give eternal
life to the
sheep that be-
long to me.*

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am
& 5.15pm

***Habemus Papam!
Pope Leo XIV!
May God Bless him!***

FR CHRIS WRITES This Sunday we are praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and indeed - as Pope Francis said in his message for this Sunday written in Hospital - that young people become aware that we all have a vocation to discern as he wrote: *A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service. Every vocation in the Church, whether lay, ordained or consecrated, is a sign of the hope that God has for this world and for each of his children.* ...Dear young people, "your youth is not an 'in-between time.' You are the *now* of God" (*Christus Vivit*, 178). Realize that the gift of life calls for a generous and faithful response. *Look to the young saints and blessed who responded joyfully to the Lord's call: Saint Rose of Lima, Saint Dominic Savio, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, the soon-to-be Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, and many others. They experienced their vocation as a path towards true happiness through friendship with the risen Lord. Whenever we listen to Jesus' words, our hearts burn within us (cf. Lk 24:32) and we feel the desire to consecrate our lives to God. Naturally, we want to find the way of life that will best allow us to return the love with which he loved us first.* Cf [Message for the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2025 | Francis](#)



On this **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**, please keep in your prayers Michael and Lukas currently at Saint Mary's College Oscott and for Markanthy who will be starting Valladolid in September for the Pre-Seminary year. This weekend's collection is proposed to be spent on making the chapel at The Briars a focus of prayer for vocations in the Diocese. Thanks for your continued prayers.

The funeral of **Jim Atherton** will take place on Monday 19th May at 11.00am at Countesthorpe Crematorium. You may remember Jim as a recent Sunday Mass attendee when he came down from Wigan. He loved to join us for Sunday Coffee with his Son in Law. His funeral Mass will be back at his home Parish in Wigan. Also **Margaret Monk** died a long time parishioner here. Our condolences to Frankie and her family. Her funeral will be on Wednesday the 21st May, 11.00am

SPUC: Eileen Hill invites you to a Coffee day with strawberries, cream cake etc from 9.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday 7th June at 56 Granville St. Also on Sun 1st June a SPUC meeting in the Kavanagh Room after the 10.00am Mass:

Walsingham 2025: Join Bishop Patrick on the **Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on **Saturday 14th June**. From 11:30am there will be youth activities in the Anglican Shrine. The opening liturgy will be at 12:45pm with the procession to the Catholic Shrine. At 3pm there will be Divine Mercy and youth Stations, ending with Mass at 4pm.

Could we get a coach/ minibus together? Please sign up if you would like to come
Speak to Robert Van der Liet 07977531236 for any further information:

PS new Jubilee pray books are available "The prayer of Jesus"

New year Diocesan year Books are available £6. With up to date Diocesan information and various articles and obituaries.

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 please contact Kate Crawford 01858 446873 / 07814629927.

The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham



ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Please pick up an update handout for Our Parish.

Thank you everyone for your generosity to date! We have now secured over 80% of our target and over £108,000 from 25 families! We are confident of reaching £135,000 if as many parishioners as possible provide support. With the campaign coming to an end in our parish soon, we need everyone to play their part. **If you did not receive a pack through the post please pick one up in the Cloister.** <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/mission-enabling-fund>

SUMMER FETE: Saturday May 17, 2025 11:00 – 3.00pm: The St Joseph's PTFA are holding the Summer Fete which includes

Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Fire Engine Visit (1-3pm), 3D Printing Demos Craft Fair, Games & Live Entertainment BBQ, Ice Cream Van, Cocktails and so much more! Raffle and thanks to the generosity of a range of companies we have a fantastic range of prizes on offer including lots of amazing days out. If you would like to be in with a chance to win, tickets are £1 each and can be purchased online at www.pta-events.co.uk/stjosephsptfa



Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from **Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August**, the **Youth 2000 Summer Festival** provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025 Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. If you have any questions, please email events@youth2000.org.

RED BOXES It is time once again for the red Missio boxes to be returned for emptying. Could you please leave your boxes in the Sacristy area or hand to Father Chris or to Bob and Chris Shepherd, They will be returned as soon as possible for you to collect from the table in the cloister. Sincere appreciation to everyone for having a red box - we appreciate that loose change is in short supply these days but over £600 was raised last year. Thank you so much for continuing to support Missio.

ADC Many thanks to everyone for helping to support our overseas efforts in providing help for some of the poorest people in the world through donations and providing clothes and goods to be sold on eBay.

The white envelopes for monthly offerings are now available on the table in the cloister. Could we please ask you to remember ADC when you are clearing out your wardrobes and cupboards, or if you are disposing of unwanted goods - items can be left under the table in the cloister or could be collected by arrangement. We are so grateful for your help with the envelopes or by contributing clothes etc which are now our major sources of income for our needy causes. Thank you.