

HARBOROUGH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY TRUST in Market Harborough is advertising for a **Youth Work Manager for The CUBE youth centre.**

We are looking for someone experienced in managing work with young people and their communities. This is a full time permanent post and a great opportunity for the right candidate to impact the opportunities available to young people.

The advert and more information is available on the Diocese of Leicester website at <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/job-vacancies-/youth-work-manager--hyact-market-harborough.php> If anyone would like to find out more about the post we would encourage them to arrange a conversation with one of the trustees, by contacting our Charity Administrator Julie, julie@thecubeyouth.onmicrosoft.org (Please be aware that there is a genuine requirement for the post to be filled by a Christian.)

THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S READINGS:

I always find it encouraging that in the Bible there are lots of feasts! Whether in the luscious trees of the Garden of Eden, the feast of the Covenant on Mt Sinai, the banquets of the Kings of Israel, and in the New Testament, Jesus presence at Cana, his meals with sinners, his parables as today, and then the promise of the Wedding Feast of the Lamb in heaven. These are images we should appreciate more as we have all missed so many feasts and celebrations during this Pandemic whether family ones or meals with friends or the great Feasts of the Churches year. I remember what a joy it was to sit outside with others for a supper after a wedding I celebrated in July. I began to appreciate what I had been missing.

In fact, Heaven is seen as one great wedding feast in which we are the bride and Christ is the bridegroom. Our Eucharist of course is a taste of that, of what is to come as we share, pre-emptively we could say, in the feast to come. What generosity of God, what mercy what unmerited goodness he shows us. What joy and wonder should fill as we celebrate Mass even if without the singing that we should have to lift us up!

Certainly, we see the generosity of God in today's readings. Even in the time of Isaiah we see the invitation to the feast extends to all peoples (which the Israelites failed to learn) and in the Gospel Jesus makes it clear the invitation goes to good and bad alike (and here we too fail to learn). The Church should be a community that invites all and is made up of sinners and Saints, as were Jesus's followers. We should not judge others or push them away. Judgement comes only at the end when God separates the wheat and the weeds. Rather, we should invite people in and back. Of Catholics who no longer come to Church, many do not come because they feel they are unworthy, that they are not good enough to be at Church. One of my often-repeated sayings is that we do not go to Church because we are good, but because we need God's help.

But what of the man without the wedding garment? There are many interpretations. The wedding garment was given out by the host in this case the king. He refused to accept it. We can refuse the generosity of God, mad as that seems. Also, the wedding garment is a standard Jewish image for works of generosity expected of every faithful Jew. Generosity covers a multitude of sins, I believe. It opens our heart to God's mercy despite our many failures. I have found great generosity amongst the down and outs. In Grantham, there is a charity, the Grantham passage, which normally provides meals for people whether a breakfast, supper or lunch. Amongst the clients I found a great generosity of mutual support even though they may be battling drugs or alcohol. They would help each other from the little they had. That will help them and heal them. Perhaps their own recognition of being in need and weak opened them up to the needs of others. What is true is that such generosity will cover a multitude of sins. May we be the same.



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

11th October 2020
Week 28 of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4

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Times of Services

Sunday: 28th of Ordinary Time

Saturday: 6.00pm - June Brown R.I.P.

N.B. 9.00am Mass - People of the Parish R.I.P.

N.B. 11.00am Mass - Pat Weldon's Intentions

Monday: Feria

Private Mass - Fr Joseph McGovern R.I.P.

Tuesday: Saint Edward the Confessor

Private Mass - Fr John Seabrook R.I.P.

Wednesday: Saint Callistus

N.B. 10.am Mass in Church: Fr Antony Conlon R.I.P.

Thursday: Saint Teresa of Jesus

Private Mass: Fr Paul Dynan R.I.P.

Friday: St Margaret Mary Alacoque

N.B. 10.am Mass in Church - Canon John Duckett

Saturday: St Ignatius of Antioch

NO MORNING MASS

11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday October 18th - Personal Intention

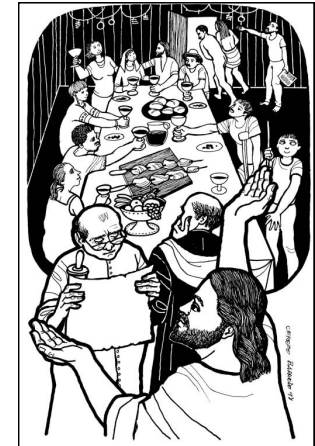
Sunday: 29th of Ordinary Time

N.B. 9.00am: Mass - People of the Parish

N.B. 11.00am: Mass - Private Intention

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:

Prayers are asked for Arthur Johnson, Stephen Cliff, Joan Ritchie David Percival, Nigel Stokes, Ann Coates, Maureen Clearkin & Barbara Read.



Invite
everyone you
can to the
wedding.

TO PRE BOOK TO COME TO MASS:

You can only make your booking on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings between 5pm and 7pm.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 6PM MASS, please ring Angela Wade on 01858 462293.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 9AM MASS, please ring Jo Shellard on 01858 440983.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 11AM MASS, please ring Stephen McGlone on 01858 465939.

BOOK NOW

FR CHRIS WRITES:

This week saw the publication of Pope Francis third encyclical letter. An encyclical is the most important type of teaching a Pope gives. Entitled "Fratelli Tutti" the Holy Father addresses human fraternity and Solidarity drawing on the inspiration of St Francis of Assisi and the parable of the Good Samaritan. It is a theme he has long had in his heart and the pandemic has revealed more fully many fault lines in our Society and world. How will we respond to them is something he has been raising in recent times. I have not read it yet; it is quite a long document and Pope Francis requires time to read! However, over these months I have been thinking that we cannot go on as we have been. We cannot expect an economy to grow for ever unless it is at the expense of other people(& Creation) whom we exploit in our greed and unquenchable consumer appetite. Pope Francis challenges our individualistic mentalities whether on an individual local national or international level. Will we come out of the Pandemic better or worse than ever? Will we choose the way of human fraternity, friendship and respect to build a better world?

BAZAAR: Unfortunately as you will have guessed our Bazaar will have to be cancelled this year. Many thanks to all our Committee members.



CAFOD: On Friday, 9th October our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day. We've all felt the impact of coronavirus, but it is even worse for the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world and we are being asked to help them **survive, rebuild and heal**. With over half of the parish still not able to come to mass, responding with our usual generosity is going to be more complicated, but here are some suggestions:



1. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/give.
2. Ask a friend or neighbour who is able to come to mass to bring you an envelope, which will be distributed over the weekend 3/4 October to be returned the following weekend.
3. You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.:
Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.

For more information please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice. Whichever method you choose, please, if you are a taxpayer, apply Gift Aid. This is so important because, at no extra cost to you, your gift will be increased by 25p for every £1 given. **CAFOD:** Please note there will be a second Retiring Collection for CAFOD this weekend.

MASS IN CHURCH: After review we have decided that as a rule we should keep the door open during Masses at the present time. We are hoping to introduce a Monday Mass at 10.00am or 9.00am soon. Any Comments about the time? We need to keep praying as the infection rates seem to be rising. **PS New Stewards needed:** Information/ training evening on Thursday 22 October at 6.30 pm in the Small Hall. If you are interested in being a Steward please contact Judith Snaith on 419108 or come along.

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: The winners for October are:
1st Prize £70 - Ticket number 8 - A Tomlinson
2nd Prize £30 - Ticket number 35 - J Clarke
3rd Prize £20 - Ticket number 91 - D Bennett



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR PRISONS WEEK - 11th October to Sat 17th October.

A prayer leaflet for giving prayers for every day will be given out after each Mass next weekend. Please do join in this Week of prayer for Prisons to pray for those affected by Prisons. Thank you. There will also be a **Zoom Service** by Churches Together to promote the Week of Prayer for Prisons on Sunday 11th October at 4pm hosted by Rev James Pickersgill from St Dionysius Church and Rev Emma Higgins who is chaplain at HMP Gartree. All Welcome to attend. **For log-in details please contact Sue Macdonald at sue@harborough-anglican.org.uk** Details will be placed on the on the Parish Website.



GRAPEVINE: Grapevine is the Newsletter for Adult formation

Heal the World: The diocesan Justice and Peace Commission invites you to a series of gatherings by Zoom, Mondays at 5.30 p.m. and Fridays at 9.30am from 5 October. Heal the World is part online retreat, part formation, part springboard for action, inspired by Pope Francis' recent talks on Catholic social teaching and Covid-19. Everyone is very welcome - there's even an option to join by phone. Visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/healtheworld](https://mailchi.mp/12e875eee572/grapevine-1-news-from-adult-formation-justice-peace-and-caritas-5295222?e=6e6f801695) or call Paul on 07470 907656. <https://mailchi.mp/12e875eee572/grapevine-1-news-from-adult-formation-justice-peace-and-caritas-5295222?e=6e6f801695>



GIFT AID: Giving in Market Harborough:

Many thanks to all who continue giving to the Parish at this strange time. Many people have been dropping in their offering after Mass or through the Presbytery door. I know many are still shielding at home. You can of course give on line through direct transfer to the Parish Bank Account which is:

Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough RCP**

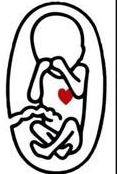
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Account: **00068953**

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 at parish-priest@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.

HELP STOP DIY ABORTIONS:

During the Coronavirus pandemic unborn babies and their mothers have been at even greater risk of abortion. The Government's "pills through the post", brought in as Covid measure, means that over 23,000 women in England and Wales aborted their baby at home during lockdown. Please help us to spread the truth about DIY abortion and save women and babies from the tragedy of abortion.



Will you deliver pro-life information leaflets about DIY abortions door-to-door in your area? Every leaflet could make the difference to a vulnerable woman and save a baby's life. Please go to our website to learn more and order some leaflets. Or you can order leaflets by calling SPUC on 020 7091 7091.