Would you like to learn how to have a meaningful and productive conversation on abortion with those around you? In our secular society most people think abortion is okay, because it is legal. So how can we discuss our views with others on this sensitive but important issue? Come to the **RETHINK ABORTION INTERACTIVE TRAINING DAY** on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May and meet other like-minded people and so become confident in sharing our beliefs in the most effective way. The day is held at Trinity School, Aspley (NG8 3EP), from 10.00am until 4.30pm, and the cost is £25 per person, including a sandwich lunch and drinks. Bookings can be made at: <a href="https://TimetoRethinkAbortionNottingham.eventbrite.com">https://TimetoRethinkAbortionNottingham.eventbrite.com</a>

'Do you want to <u>GO DEEPER</u> into the treasures of our Catholic faith? Join us on the third Tuesday (this month that's 16<sup>th</sup> April) in the Kavanagh Room 6.30pm to 8pm where we will say Evening Prayer together, discuss a text from St Teresa of Avila (a great teacher of prayer) and share a period of silent prayer together. For more info phone 07714 651756 or email <a href="mailto:cpblamires@aol.com">cpblamires@aol.com</a>

Retrouvaille – Do you need help in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email <a href="mailto:retrouvaille.winfo@gmail.com">retrouvaille.winfo@gmail.com</a> - or visit <a href="www.retrouvaille.org.uk">www.retrouvaille.org.uk</a>

The **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** will be led by Bishop Patrick between **Monday 15**th **and Friday 19**th **July**. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for the full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit <a href="https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes">www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes</a> or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at <a href="mailto:si-mon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk">si-mon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a>

<u>APRIL</u>	EUCHARISTIC	MINISTERS	ROTA	
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
13/14 April	P Bebb	K Crawford	P Green	W Kwacz
20/21 April	A Hall	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes
27/28 April	M O'Malley	J Shellard	T Page	T Ruane

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
13/14 Apr	J Rowland	B Tyrell	D Chappell
20/21 Apr	J Snaith	M Douglas	M Blake

FINANCE	7/04/24
Envelopes	£416.98
Loose	£249.93
Standing Order	
Total	£666.91



## Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

14th April 2024 3rd Week of Eastertide Psalter Week 3

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## **TIMES OF SERVICES**

Sunday: 3rd of Eastertide

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish 10.00am Mass: Gurmen Sari RIP

Coffee after Mass

**Monday: Easter Feria** 

9.00am Mass: Patson & Suwinanji Ints (Abbott)

**Tuesday: Easter Feria** 

9.00am Mass: November Dead List 6.30pm: Go deeper in Kavanagh Room

Wednesday: Easter Feria 9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Mary Jackson RIP (Malley)

Thursday: Easter Feria
1.00pm: Bill O'Reilly funeral

7.00pm: Holy Hour Friday: Easter Feria

7.00pm Mass: Kate & Jim Crawford 50th Wedding Anniv

Saturday: Easter Feria

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

**Sunday: 4th OF EASTER** 

10.00am Mass: Linden Molle RP



So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

## **CONFESSIONS**

Sat. 11am & 5.15pm



Our Children's Liturgy this Sunday 14th April. Many thanks to all who support this ministry

FR CHRIS WRITES: The missionary sisters of Saint Peter Claver will be here on 27th and 28th April to appeal on behalf of the sisters mission committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their missionary work and will be grateful for your support.

**Sadly** we have two funerals, **Bill O'Reilly** this week on 18<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm.Please pray for all the family.

Also we have the funeral of young **Matthew Liddle** who died on Good Friday. His funeral will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm. Please pray for Jon & Karen.

<u>WALSINGHAM 2024</u>: Join people from around the Diocese of Nottingham for the annual <u>Pilgrimage to Walsingham</u>. Gather together with Bishop Patrick on <u>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June</u> at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham as we seek Our Lady of Walsingham's intercession for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese. <u>Could we get a coach together? Please sign up if you are interested</u>

## VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: Winners March and April:

March 1st Prize £60 JF Nowakowski ticket number 124; 2nd Prize £25 J Masding ticket number 107: 3rd Prize £15 J Davis ticket number 59.

**April** 1st Prize £60 M Naef ticket number 76;2nd Prize £25 M Packer ticket number 46; 3rd Prize £15 P Armstrong ticket number 55

There **are New Year Books** available for £6 with a few articles and of course obituaries from last year. You can buy them on the card reader.

THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH in support of Saint Joseph school will be on Thursday the 13th of June 2023 at Marston Trussell Hall at 12:00 – 4.00pm. Tickets are £40. For tickets please contact Kate Crawford 01858 446873.

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS: You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the cloister. Just use your contactless. debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation, there are options for other church funds such as "General donation to the Parish / Repository/ candles or 2<sup>nd</sup> collection".



Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. for the Church. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. It is of course better to give regularly to the Church through Standing order as this cost us less.

<u>CONFIRMATION 2024:</u> We are due to prepare our children for Confirmation. We aim to do this every three years . I am hoping that Bishop Patrick will come in the Autumn in October. I would like to a get a group together who might be interested in helping with catechesis, If you would like to help please contact or email Fr Chris. We are also looking for an organiser for this. <u>Parishpriest@olvic.com</u> As for all these roles we need to do a DBS

The government's flagship CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL has two important amendments, that will likely be debated and voted on shortly in the House of Commons, that could fundamentally change our laws on abortion. We uphold the dignity and value of every human life from conception to natural end and have clear views on these amendments. New Clause 1 (NC1) – Decriminalisation An amendment New Clause 1 (NC1) has been tabled by Dame Diana Johnson MP. This amendment would remove offences that make it illegal for a woman to perform her own abortion at any point right through to birth. These changes to the law would apply throughout all nine months of pregnancy and would create a situation where abortion, including sex-selective abortion, is legal at any stage.

As Pope Francis says: "It is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child". In England and Wales, both unborn child and pregnant mother deserve full protection under our laws, as some of the most vulnerable in our society. As such we oppose this amendment.

New Clause 15 (NC15) – Upper Limit This amendment has been tabled by Caroline Ansell MP, representing a cross-party group of 25 MPs, with a view to changing the law to lower the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Due to advances in medical science, many babies can now survive before Britain's 24-week limit. The current limit is also double that of most of our neighbouring countries. We would encourage MPs to support this amendment. Cf Opposing the Decriminalisation of Abortion - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk)

Take part in a nationwide act of witness to the lives of the 10 million unborn babies killed by abortion since the implementation of the Abortion Act in April 1968. The **Nottingham SPUC Pro-Life Chain** will be on Trent Bridge, West Bridgford, from 10am until midday on **Saturday 20th April**. Meet at the Brewhouse and Kitchen pub on the north side of the bridge, at 9.55am. For more information, please contact John on 07757 815 625 or email <a href="mailto:pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk">pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk</a>. Be a voice for the voiceless.

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION: We continue our holy Hour on Thursdays: With Exposition from 7.00pm: There will be some meditations and finishing with Benediction about 7.50pm. The Eucharist and the Real presence of our Lord in is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament exposed is a source of special graces. For families with Children Why not one of the parents come and pray for the whole family for a time during the hour?.

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, Third Sunday of Easter: The beauty and mystery of Creation create in the human heart the first impulse that evokes prayer (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2566). It is an experience that many of us have had. If life's events, with all their bitterness, sometimes risk choking the gift of prayer that is within us, it is enough to contemplate a starry sky, a sunset, a flower..., in order to rekindle a spark of thanksgiving. You can download or stream it from Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts and more or by visiting www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer A prayer sheet is available