



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

14th May 2023  
6th Week of Easter  
Psalter Week 2

**'NEOPHYTES MASS Mass 2023** – Bishop Patrick is coming to Leicester to celebrate Mass with and for those who have recently joined the Catholic Church (known as Neophytes). If you, a friend or family member have joined the Catholic Church in the last few years Bishop Patrick is inviting you to this special Mass on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at St Mary's South Wigston (LE18 4PG) at 3pm**. Please do pass this invitation on!

There are **New Year Books** available for £5 with a few articles and of course obituaries from last year.

**AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:** The green envelopes for ADC are now available for collection on the table in the cloister. Our very sincere thanks to everyone for continuing to help our charities through our envelope scheme. Our appreciation is also extended to all who are donating their unwanted goods and gifts for us to sell through EBay. This invaluable support brought in over £4000 during the past year and together with the envelope donations enabled us to make payments to Father Ed, Father John, Water for Kids, The Philippines Schools Project and Aid for Chad. Some donated clothes, books and household goods were crated up and sent out to the Philippines for distribution to the school children and our money was used to help build a classroom extension. Further boreholes have provided water for two more communities in Chad. Thank you so very much for making this work possible through your generosity. If anyone would like to join the monthly envelope scheme please have a word with Father Chris, Margaret Atkins or Chris Shepherd.

**RED BOXES:** It is time yet again for the Missio boxes to be brought in for emptying. As usual could you please leave your box on the table in the cloister and collect it the following week (or two). Nearly £900 was raised for the missions from our boxes last year. Thank you very much indeed for taking part in supporting the poor in our world.

A **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT** for couples to rediscover the beauty and significance of the marital covenant in today's world is being held between Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Under the theme 'A Great Mystery: Man and Wife as an image of Christ and his Church' the weekend will be held in the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, and includes full board and accommodation, as well as renowned speakers. More information is available from <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/a-great-mystery-marriage-enrichment/>. **Looks very good!!**

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	13/14 May	M. Mihovilovic	S. Acton	C. Sellecchia
	20/21 May	N. Williamson	F. Thompson	J. Thayaseelan

FINANCE	7/05/23
Envelopes	£325.98
Loose	£301.50
Standing Order	£761.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1388.86</b>

**THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH**  
in support of Saint Joseph school will be on Thursday the 29th of June 2023 at Marston Trussell hall at 12:30 PM. tickets are 40 pounds. Four tickets please contact Kate Crawford: 07814629927

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## Times of Services

### Sunday: 6th of Easter

6.00pm Mass: Olivant Ints  
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP anniv  
4.30pm: Rosary

### Monday: Feria

9.00am: Mass: November Dead List

### Tuesday: Feria

NO MASS

### Wednesday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

### Thursday: THE ASCENSION - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

9.45am: Rosary  
10.00pm Mass: Bill & Christine Ints (MW) (with the school)  
Coffee after Mass  
7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

### Friday: Feria

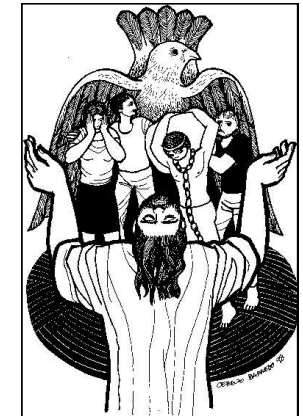
7.00pm Mass: For Vocations (Catenians)

### Saturday: St Bernadine of Siena

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

### Sunday: 7th of Easter

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Nellie & Martin Grogan RIP



*I shall ask the  
Father and he will  
give you another  
Advocate.*

**CONFESSIONS**  
11am & 5.15pm  
Saturday

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.*

**.FR CHRIS WRITES:** Dear All, This Sunday we mark Safeguarding Sunday. Below is a note from the Bishop about this part of our Christian Mission and indeed identity as he says. And can I say a big thank you to Christine and Teresa who are our safeguarding ministers and do such an excellent job with their considerable skills. I remember the words of St John Paul II who always said a person can never be used as a means to an end or treated as an object but should be loved and respected for their own sake. If there is anyone who has suffered abuse in any context and would like to talk about it, we are always here to listen and help. Our Diocesan team has great support for Victims.

This week I am away for a couple of days at the Clergy Conference. Please pray for us. Also we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension on Thursday which is a Holyday of Obligation. The school will be joining us for Mass in the Morning

#### **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: A Letter for Safeguarding Sunday from Bishop Patrick**

Today is Safeguarding Sunday, an opportunity to reflect a little on our ongoing journey as a diocese to build a safer environment for every person. You will recall that the Elliott review in 2020 recommended that the Catholic Church in England and Wales put in place a national Safeguarding body. In July 2021 the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency was formed. Its task is to ensure that all dioceses are regulated to meet the national standards in Safeguarding. As a diocese, we have worked well to develop clear structures and guidance for our Safeguarding practices so as to help ensure safe environments through the promotion of best practice. This has included, regular training in Safeguarding for the clergy, diocesan staff and parish volunteers; ensuring that everyone is safely recruited; that victims and survivors are carefully listened to and supported, and that we are always transparent and accountable in the way that allegations and concerns are managed effectively. I welcome this opportunity to thank our central Safeguarding team, Rachael Campion, Alan Booth and Jane Black, for all their good work. I would also like to express my gratitude to the parish Safeguarding Representatives for their hard work and commitment. Through them we are now embedding excellent Safeguarding practice across our parishes and chaplaincies to make our churches safe and welcoming. The diocesan website has all our Safeguarding information and the support that is offered to our parishes and chaplaincies.

Finally, thank you for all that you each do to help ensure that our churches are safe and welcoming. I say this because we cannot simply delegate this duty to parish Safeguarding Representatives or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Keeping everyone safe is part and parcel of the DNA of every Christian; an essential characteristic of our identity as Christ's followers, and so it must be reflected in the way we respect, protect, and treat each other with care. Only if each one of us is engaged in this way of thinking and acting can we continue to embed a culture of safeguarding throughout our diocese. Your parish has 2 people who have generously volunteered to help support the parish community in making your church a safe place to be, particularly for children, young people and vulnerable adults. But building this safe culture in our parishes can't just be left to them – it is the responsibility of all of us. Today, I urge everyone to give your parish reps your full support. Please join with them in fostering a deeper and more evident culture of safeguarding, care and protection for everyone in your parish. We can all play our part in ensuring that every single individual feels respected, safe, and loved, just as Our Lord asked of us: "as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us." (John 4:12) With prayer and good wishes, Patrick Bishop of Nottingham

**VICTORY PRIZE DRAW:** 1st Prize £60 R Sambrook ticket number 113; 2nd Prize £25 P Clifton ticket number 114; 3rd Prize £15 KP Doyle ticket number 236



**ST JOSEPH'S FETE - Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 11am - 3pm:** St Joseph's school will be holding their school fete on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May between 11am and 3pm. We would like to invite you, your families and friends to join us. There will be lots of fun, including various stalls, BBQ, raffle, live entertainment and much more.

We should also be grateful for any donations for our raffle or tombola stalls (chocolate, sweets, wine, beer, soft drinks etc.) These can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for your kind support in advance, we hope to see you there to join our wonderful school and parish community.



**THE CROSS THE RESURRECTION AND THE SHROUD OF TURIN:** of Turin Blessed Sacrament Church, Gooding Avenue LE3 1JS Sunday 7th May—Sunday 21st May. This remarkable exhibition contains many exhibits, including a life size replica of the Shroud of Turin. The displays serve to focus our hearts and minds on the defining truths of Christianity and offer a profound opportunity for meditation and evangelisation. See poster for details of time and [www.westleicesteratholic.org](http://www.westleicesteratholic.org)

**MONTH OF MAY:** This is the special month of Mary. I encourage you all to pray the rosary especially that families pray together. In Church we have A public Rosary outside on a Sunday at 4.30pm and on a Thursday before Mass. We pray especially for Peace and the family and that all sinners may turn to the merciful heart of Jesus.

**'GOING DEEPER'** Do you want to go deeper into your Catholic spiritual life and prayer life? A monthly 'Going Deeper' gathering will continue on **Tuesday 16 May at 6.30pm** and continue thereafter on the third Tuesday of the month. It will be in the Kavanagh Room. The main components of the meeting will be: the evening prayer of the Church; discussion of a classic text on prayer by one of the great spiritual teachers, a period of silent prayer. The plan is to finish around 8pm. For more information, email Cyprian Blamires on [cpblamires@aol.com](mailto:cpblamires@aol.com) or phone him on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756.'

**PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS TODAY- Reflection and workshop.** The Diocesan Ecumenical Commission has arranged a day led by Teresa Kehoe (Aid to the Church in Need) at Infant of Prague parish hall, 63 Broad Street, Syston, LE7 1GH on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May; 10.00am to 1.00pm. Aid to the Church in Need supports the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. No need to book, just come on the day; refreshments available, please bring a packed lunch. For more information contact Fran Hazel at [ecumenicalcommission@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:ecumenicalcommission@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**OPEN GARDENS IN MELTON MOWBRAY, SUNDAY 4 JUNE, 11 AM TO 5 PM** Come for a day out in Melton Mowbray! The historic church will be open, with its garden, and the Convent garden, plus five other private gardens open for you to browse, have a cup of tea and a chat, and support the building of a new church hall at the same time. Admission is just £5 for adults (accompanied children free), and that admits you to all the gardens. Some are doing refreshments and plant sales. More details can be seen at [https://www.opengardens.co.uk/open\\_gardens.php?id=2433](https://www.opengardens.co.uk/open_gardens.php?id=2433) Tickets available to buy online or at any garden on the day. For a list, map and tickets contact Frances on 07790 631635 or [franceslevett@gmail.com](mailto:franceslevett@gmail.com).