

To celebrate the amazing work of the wonderful Catechists who do so much in our diocese we will be having a **JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS** Day. The day will include the celebration of Mass and a conference to help them in their ministry. There will be two keynote talks from Dr Mark Nash Director for the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, with workshops and time to mingle. The day will be held on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at Saint Joseph's Church, Leicester, LE5 6SG; from 10.00am until 4.00pm, and will cost £10; please bring a packed lunch. More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/CatechistJubilee> or email [formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

The Diocese is seeking to recruit an **ADULT FORMATION OFFICER**, based at Saint Thomas More parish, Knighton, to coordinate and support opportunities in the parishes for the faith formation of adults, through the sacramental preparation programmes and other avenues. The role is for 10 hours per week, and more details are at [www.careers/adult-formation-officer](http://www.careers/adult-formation-officer). Application forms are available at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers) and should be sent by 9am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October to Christa Wardle [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham will host the **PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO** on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**, in commemoration of the Centenary of the Five First Saturdays devotion. The Visitation will include a procession and enthronement of the Fatima statue, followed by Mass; opportunities to venerate the saints' relics; praying the Rosary for world peace; and talks and videos about the Fatima messages. A book table with devotional materials will be available, and attendees can enrol in the Brown Scapular devotion. For further details visit: [www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk) or email: [membership@waf-ew.org.uk](mailto:membership@waf-ew.org.uk)

<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
13/14 Sept	A Hall	A Randle	T Ruane	T Page
20/21 Sept	J Mugoni	M Douglas	V Winter	J Shellard
27/28 Sept	M O'Malley	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford

<u>READERS</u>			
	<b>Sat. 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
13/14 Sept	M. Mihovilovic	C. Sellechia	R. van der Liet
20/21 Sept	M Atkins	R Lewin	M Lewin3



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

14th September 2025  
24th Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 4

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: For Peace Eileen

Coffee after Mass

4.30pm: Rosary outside church

### MONDAY: Our Lady of Sorrows

9.00am: Mass: Spec Int Donald Family (Slawek)

### TUESDAY: Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

9.00am Mass: Fr Derek Lavery (Andrews)

### WEDNESDAY: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Terry Green RIP (Reed)

### THURSDAY: Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: Emma O'Malley Anniv

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### FRIDAY: Feria

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

### SATURDAY: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang

### & Companions

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

### SUNDAY: 25th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Tom & Pauline Davis Wedding anniv

Coffee after Mass



*There will be  
rejoicing in heav-  
en over the one  
repentant sinner.*

**CONFESSIONS**  
Sat 11 am  
5.15am

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** This Sunday we celebrate **Education Sunday** and pray for all our schools and especially St Joseph's! We thank all our teachers and staff with governors for their excellent work and vocation to serve our children. The school continues to grow and develop academically and spiritually. We have had good inspections in both areas and great results yet again in the SATs tests. Well done and please all keep our school in your prayers as we do at every holy Hour in Church.

**We are delighted** to welcome the return of the **HARBOROUGH BAND** to Our Lady of victories Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm after evening Mass. **Tickets on sale at our Masses £10**

**NEXT SUNDAY ID EVANGELIUM SUNDAY:** This year, *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* will be celebrated in our parishes on 21 September 2024. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19. A [second collection](#) will also be taken on Evangelii Gaudium Sunday to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers

We remember **Bill Kerr** who died last week and also **Jonathan Chapell**. May they rest in peace

**WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY:** This is the title of a user-friendly course we are setting up in the parish in October. It is for those who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith and what it means to be a Catholic Christian in today's world. It will be of particular interest to those enquiring about the possibility of being received into the Church at Easter 2026. Those who are already members of the Church but would like to engage with others in refreshing their knowledge of the beauty and richness of our Faith are also most welcome on the course. If you are interested please contact (without obligation) Fr Chris or Peter Green ([green853@btinternet.com](mailto:green853@btinternet.com)) **A BRIEF PRELIMINARY MEETING FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THIS COURSE WILL BE HELD AFTER THE 10AM MASS ON SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER. THIS WILL INCLUDE DATES AND TIME OF MEETINGS., LEADERSHIP, etc.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASSES** for children aged 4-8 years has now started at the **10.00am Sunday Mass**. For safeguarding reasons registration forms must be filled in. The forms are available from members of the team when you bring your child to join the group. If your child is a little uncertain of attending at first, parents/carers are welcome to come with them. We are looking for more people to join the **Children's Liturgy** team whether to run a session or be a helper. We work in pairs and each session last about 30 minutes. The rota works out at once every six weeks in term time. A DBS check is necessary which can be arranged with the Safeguarding team. If you would like to discuss what this involves please contact Heather Powell 01858 463789



**LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR: St Joseph's Catholic Academy - Market Harborough** Are you passionate about making a difference in children's lives? Our friendly primary school is looking for a dedicated Lunchtime Supervisor to inspire fun and collaborative play at lunchtimes and instil kindness and friendship for all. What We're Looking For:

- Patience, positivity and a love for working with children.
- Strong communication and organisational skills.
- A team player who is eager to help children thrive.

Please contact St Joseph's school. 01858 465359; [office@stjosephs.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@stjosephs.leics.sch.uk)

**HELPING YOUNG CATHOLICS TO HELP OTHERS:** The Catenian Association Bursary Fund gives financial support to young Catholics volunteering to do something wonderful by helping those less fortunate than themselves. Whether this is an individual project, or with others, in a developing country; or travelling to Lourdes to help an assisted pilgrim, we would like to help you to achieve your aim of helping others. If you know someone planning to volunteer in such ways, take a look at <https://catenianbursary.com/> where further information and an application form can be found.

**YOUNG ADULT MASS:** In September Young Adults across the diocese are invited to start the new academic year at one of our Masses on: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross church, Leicestershire (Mass at 6:10) For more info contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

It's time to **RETHINK BAPTISM PREPARATION**. Join The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis for a Masterclass webinar on Infant Baptism Preparation on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm. The session will explore the Catechetical Institute's Infant Baptism Preparation resource with Dr Petroc Willey, Dr William J. Keimig, and Jacqueline and Michael van Hemert. The Masterclass will be perfect for priests, deacons, catechists and baptism preparation volunteers. Registration is £5, via [www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-infant-baptism-preparation](http://www.aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/masterclass-infant-baptism-preparation)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Between **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Help save lives In Leicester! You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilisation to Pray and Fast for an end to abortion, by taking part in 40 Days for life in our community, taking place at Across from Aylestone Road Gardens, Aylestone Road, Leicester, LE2 8PW, between 8.00am and 8.00pm daily. For more details contact Maureen: [leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com)

All Altar Servers are invited to the **DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF ALTER SERVERS**, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick in our Cathedral in Nottingham (Derby Road, NG1 5AE) on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. Bring your alb / cassock and cotta, and arrive for 10.30am onwards, for Mass at 11.30am. Bring a packed lunch too, and enjoy a picnic in the Cathedral Hall and gardens. All are welcome!

**CAFOD RUNNERS IN LEICESTER:** Anyone interested in running a half marathon or 10k in Leicester on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October**, please contact [nottingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:nottingham@cafod.org.uk)