

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY (Foundation Year) - Children born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019

The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15th January 2023**. Application forms are available on the [Leicestershire Local Authority Admissions](http://Leicestershire Local Authority Admissions website) website. When applying to a Catholic school, if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *must also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to St Joseph's by the deadline, (Please contact the School Office on 01858 465359 to obtain a form)*. You **MUST** also include the supporting evidence as required eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked is a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

NEW CATECHIST FORMATION COURSE: There is a new formation course for catechists which begins in January. It is designed to build confidence and knowledge to live this wonderful ministry. If you are starting out as a Catechist or have been one for a number of years there will be something here for you. It looks rather good and can be attended in person or online. It is less burdensome than the previous one. It involves three shorter courses that feed into each other. Pick up a leaflet from the table in the cloister to find out more. The parish will pay any cost for the course.

WELCOMERS NEEDED: We're very short of welcomers at the 11am Mass, so if you mostly go to that Mass and think that you could spare a half hour or so, once a month (or less often if that's what you can manage) to welcome your fellow parishioners we'd love to hear from you. New volunteers to welcome at other Masses would be very helpful too. Please contact Theresa Kendrick on 07748 591398 or Beatrice Stewart on 01858 465492, or just have a word with Fr Chris.

THIRD WORLD GROUP: Due to the ongoing limitations on social events for fund-raising, our main source of income at the moment is selling items on eBay, but our stock is dwindling. If we are to keep our promises to our beneficiaries we must maintain this activity. Please look through your cupboards, drawers, lofts, even sheds and garages, for good quality items that you no longer need. Clothing is the most popular but anything as long as it is in good condition and still has some value. Our box is under the table opposite the noticeboard in the cloister.



Our Lady of Victories

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15th January 2023
2nd Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2

Times of Services

Sunday: 2nd of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: November Dead List
9.00am Mass: Gurmen Sari (Family)
11.00am Mass: People of the Parish
3.30pm Rosary

Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Sr Rita Lee RIP

Tuesday: St Antony

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

11.00am: Elizabeth Tuohy funeral

Thursday: Sts Timothy & Titus

9.45am Rosary
10.00am Mass: Mirek Nowakowski RIP anniv

Friday: Feria

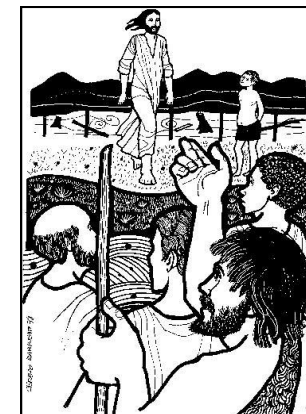
7.00pm Mass: Patricia & Gerry White (Rita)

Saturday: St Thomas Aquinas

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Sunday: 3rd of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Penelope Phelan RIP (John Masding)



*Look, there is the
Lamb of God that
takes away the sins of
the world.*

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:

This week on Wednesday we begin the Octave of prayer for Christian Unity. The details of prayer meetings are in the Newsletter. As Christians we pray together at various times particularly at this time seeking the unity that Christ willed for his Church so that the world may believe. We have come a long way as Christians both on a local level and also in the relationships between churches and communities as such. One of the achievements of Pope Benedict the 16th as cardinal was to reach an ecumenical agreement with the Lutheran Church on the nature of justification of the Christian which you may remember was one of the breaking points at the time of the Reformation. Much sadly of the issue at the time of the reformation was a failure to listen to each other. It was basically found that we agreed. That is important but also is important the daily witness of Christians working together in outreach which goes on very quietly in different ways. Our churches together in Market Harborough sponsors some things such as the food bank, The Bower House the action for justice and peace and of course we have the Cube and the Torch Trust for the Blind and many other hidden things. There are prayer sessions during the week as well as the United service on Sunday 22nd January at 3.00pm at the Baptist church which forms the final of prayer and worship together.

Funerals: **Rosina Lanni** died at Sibbertoft manor on Christmas day *cum sanctis*. Her funeral will be on 27th January at 10.00am. Also **Liz Tuoy** died and her funeral will be 18th January at 11.00am.

'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 17 January at 6.30pm** and continue thereafter on the third Tuesday of the month. It will begin 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 or phone him on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756.

THE WEEKLY ROSARY GROUP meets outside in front of Our Lady's Statue Sunday 3.30-4pm. For more information contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115 (UKPrays.org)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2022. We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion in 2023. Application forms are now available from Fr Chris after any of the Masses. Please return the form by 8 January 2023. It is for children in year 3 and above, The first meeting for parents will take place on **Thursday 19th January 2023 at 7.00pm in the Octagonal Hall** when we will introduce the course and give out the plan. The first session for children will take place on Sunday 22 January 2023 from 10.20am- 11.20am and each session will take place in between the Masses with the children joining their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word.

FIRST COMMUNION: We are still looking for new people and some from a Younger generation who would like to be part of a team to prepare our children for next July. This is a very great ministry and full of great blessings. Please speak or ring Fr Chris. A DBS clearance would need to be done.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18th – 25th January.

To mark this special octave of prayer, there are various ecumenical prayer meetings take place in town. **The meetings are:**

Wednesday 18 January, 7.00 pm, Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church

Friday 20 January - 12.30 pm, Congregational Church

Tuesday 24 January 7.00 pm by Zoom, organised by the Anglican Team.

The culmination is the united service on Sunday 22 January, 3.00pm at the Baptist Church,



VICTORY PRIZE DRAW WINNERS: January 2023 winners:

1st Prize £60 M O'Malley ticket number 140

2nd Prize £25 P Armstrong ticket number 55

3rd Prize £15 B Stewart ticket number 16

Due to the lack of members re-joining we have had to lower the prize money to comply with the law it is hoped this may be only a short measure.

Annual members are reminded that their fees are due in January 2023 and can be forwarded to K Shiers 23 Fairfax Road Market Harborough LE16 9JT cheques made out to Victory Prize Draw. Thank you all for your support.

The Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers (Betharram) invite you to a '**COME AND SEE WEEK-END**' to explore the Gift of Vocation to the Religious Life and Priesthood. The Weekend will take from Friday (Evening) 24th February to after lunch on Sunday 26th February at Shallowford House Retreat Centre, Staffordshire, ST15 0NZ. For more information please contact Brother Andrew Ferris SCJ (br.andrewscj@holynome.org.uk) or Father Wilfred Joseph SCJ (wilfred15@hotmail.com).

SHARE, INSPIRE, SUPPORT: The Caritas Hub for Leicester and Leicestershire warmly invite you to Saint Peter's church, Hinckley Road, Leicester LE3 0TA for its next meeting on **Tuesday 17th January at 7.00pm**. The Hub brings people together from across parishes in the city and county to explore new ways of working together for outreach. This time we will reflect on our experiences during the pandemic and beyond, with a focus on communication and inclusion. For information contact Karen Scott karencott070663@gmail.com

TOWARDS THE POLITICS OF COMMUNION on Wednesday 18th January at 7.00pm on Zoom: an ideal taster for anyone who wants to know about Catholic social teaching but was afraid to ask! Paul Bodenham from Nottingham Caritas is hosting a talk by Dr Anna Rowlands, professor of Catholic social thought and practice at the University of Durham, and one of the most engaging experts on the topic in Britain today. To book a place visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcrduGrrj8sGdy6URaIMR2GQdREBWWu2tTC>

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	14/15 January	N. Williamson	M. Crook	R. Lewin
	21/22 January	J. Rowland	S. Acton	P. Green