

**SAVE THE DATE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY:** Saturday 3rd May 2025: 10am-1pm **ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC SCHOOL** ANSTEY LANE, LEICESTER, LE4 0F

**SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR DBS VOLUNTEERS:** The Diocesan Safeguarding Office has notified us of a change for volunteers with a Subscription to the Update Service, (which now should be almost everybody with a DBS). Anyone who is subscribed to the Update Service currently receives an email every 12 months, confirming their subscription. DBS has now changed this process, and an email will still be received, but the volunteer is now required to log into their subscription and confirm its renewal, by clicking the link in that email. We need to make everyone aware of this, because if the subscription is not renewed annually when the email is received, then it will be deactivated, and this means that a full DBS check (with ID verification etc) will be required when the next 3 year re-check becomes due. At the moment a re-check just involves the completion of one form. If anyone has any questions, please speak to Christine or Theresa, and we'll be happy to try to answer them.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION – what happens next?** Bishop John Sherrington writes regarding an update on the assisted suicide legislation, known as the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill*, that the next stage is evidence-gathering by the committee examining the Bill, and Bishop John will submit written evidence to that. This committee will examine the Bill in detail, after which it will then return to the floor of the House of Commons for a further substantive vote. This vote will probably take place in late April or early May. The Bill could be defeated in that important division. Individuals and interested organisations can submit written evidence to the committee, and further details can be found at [www.parliament.uk/business/news/2025/january/terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill-call-for-evidence/](http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2025/january/terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill-call-for-evidence/)

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE:** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom, **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** please email: [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk), telephone 07887 296983, or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

<u>JANUARY</u>	EUCCHARISTIC	MINISTERS		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
15/16 February	B Mugoni	K Crawford	P Green	W Kwacz
22/23 February	J Lowe	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary

READERS			
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am
15/16 February	M Mihovilovic	J Thayaseelan	P Green
22/23 February	M Atkins	C McHugh	S McGlone



# Our Lady of Victories

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16th February 2025  
6th Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 2  
Year C

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### Sunday: 6th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Thanksgiving And Blessings on Smreczak Families

10.00am Mass: Phil Danks RIP

Coffee after Mass

### Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Tony Crump RIP (Blamires)

### Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

### Wednesday:

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: Sharon Bishop - ill (family)

1.00pm: Funeral Don Hackett

### Thursday: Feria

9.40am: Rosary

10.00am Mass: In Thanks to St Anthony (MJ)

Coffee after Mass

7.00pm: Holy Hour

### Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Brenda Galvin RIP (Brooks)

### Saturday: THE CHAIR OF ST PETER

6.00pm Mass: Betty Ruane RIP Anniv

### Sunday: 7th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: People of the Parish



*How happy are  
you who are  
poor. Alas for  
you who are rich.*

### CONFESSIONS

Sat. 11.00am &  
5.15pm

**White Flower Appeal and Retiring Collection for SPUC on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February and Coffee and cake Sale after Mass.** All in aid of saving the lives of little babies in the womb.

**THE JUBILEE YEAR ~ Pilgrims of Hope**, Jubilee Prayer Cards have been printed and are available. A Jubilee year is celebrated every 25 years. It is a year of favour of the Lord. (Luke 4;18-19) and intended as a time of conversion and emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins. We will be having various events during the year to emphasise prayer, the Passion of Christ and our Christian faith as these years also marks the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicea from which came our Creed..



#### THE JUBILEE YEAR

Our parish will undertake three initiatives in response to this special Year focusing on the theme of Pilgrimage:

- 1) Pilgrimage of Prayer: the availability of eight beautifully produced booklets during the Year.
- 2) Pilgrimage to the Passion: Fr. John Farrell, OP to lead four consecutive Saturday morning Retreats in Lent: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, preparing us to hear St John's Passion story on Good Friday.
- 3) Pilgrimage of Faith: a informal 'Refresher Course' in our Catholic Faith for everyone and also for those wanting to enquire about the Faith with a view to being received into the Church. Further information from: Peter Green, 01858 414964, email: [green853@btinternet.com](mailto:green853@btinternet.com)

**More of the prayer books and Jubilee books are available**

**UPDATE ON FR OWEN'S WINDOW:** Our Window Andrew Brepi designer and installer has promised to install the window in March. He apologises for the Delay.

Sadly **Don Hackett** died last Sunday. His funeral will be on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 1.00pm. May he rest in peace.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** We are looking for new volunteers to help on the rota. Please contact Celia Wilson or Fr Chris.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please pray for our First Communion children who begin their preparation this Sunday and will join us after the Liturgy of the word.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, Friday 7th March 2025 @ 2pm.** Congregational Church, High St. The service has been written by the Christian women from the Cook Islands. **Theme:** I made you wonderful. All welcome. Refreshments after service.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** is an internationally coordinated 40 day campaign that seeks to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil close to places where abortions are carried out. There has been a campaign in Nottingham since 2016. Abortion hurts women as well as ending the lives of innocent unborn children, and since the introduction of 'pills by post' the number of abortions in our communities has risen to record levels. If you would like to do something to end this terrible injustice, join in prayer and witness during Lent 2025. To learn more come to the launch event on **Wednesday 19th February** at 7.00pm in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AE; or email [pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**HELP NEEDED WITH OUR TRAVELLERS COMMUNITY:** We no longer have Sister Helen with us who organised and prepared traveller basis for Holy Communion and Confirmation. Often they do not read. Sister Bernadette who was in the Convent will help with some training. She is the Diocesan Chaplain for travellers. A DBS children for the Sacraments. We are looking for Volunteers to help with this. It tends to be on an adhoc check is need for this role.

**QUIZ & CHIPS NIGHT at St Joseph's School Hall** Friday 28 February 2025 7.00 pm -7.30 pm start. See Poster for details.

**HARBOROUGH CLIMATE ACTION: Community action towards a sustainable future; Wednesday 19th February 2025 7.30pm-9.00pm** Octagonal Hall. Talk by Jenny Allen from the County Council on how Communities can reach net zero. See Poster.

**ENABLING OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN** A copy of Bishop Patrick's letter which was read out inviting our parish to take part in a fundraising initiative aimed at raising funds to help our Diocese in becoming more outward looking and missionary is now available in the cloister. As explained, it is **important that our parish has up to date parishioner contact details**. There will be an opportunity for you to do so this Saturday and Sunday if you were away from the parish last weekend. Please pick up a census form.

**ANGEL TREE PROJECT:** Thank you to all who bought a present or made a donation to the Angel Tree Project at Christmas a total of **130 presents** were sent to children who have an imprisoned dad in HMP Gartree & Five Wells Prison. Angel Tree is greatly appreciated by the families, chaplaincy and staff at the prison. Thank you for your support. God bless. Maureen Douglas Prison Fellowship Angel Tree coordinator.

**FAITH AND FOOTPRINT: Caring for Creation.** On **Monday 17th February** at 7.00pm. Join the next online diocesan workshop and find out about: why this and every Jubilee Year is an invitation to ecological conversion; the Laudato Si Animators' formation programme which starts on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April (details at [laudatosianimators.org](http://laudatosianimators.org)); the national walking Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope which converges on Nottingham Cathedral in September; practical ideas for reducing our parishes' environmental footprint and its buildings. Book now at [bit.ly/faithandfootprint](http://bit.ly/faithandfootprint)



**SICK AND RETIRED PRIEST FUND:** I have become aware that there is a 10 year impact report on the Sick & retired Priest fund on our Diocesan website which I find difficult to navigate!! But it is at <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/sick-and-retired-priests-fund> I have done a few copies for those not on the internet.

If you would like to deepen your faith, grow in community with other 18-35 years olds as well as engage more fully in your parish then the brand-new **Young Adult Formation Course** run by the Diocese of Nottingham is the course for you. For more information contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or sign up at: <https://forms.office.com/e/9qvH5SJRHh>