

**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?*



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

16th July 2023  
15th Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 3

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## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023

Date for your diaries: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023  
9.00am until 3.00pm

Our Christmas Bazaar was so very successful last year. We have, therefore, decided to use our Church rooms again this year.

Would you like to help this year?  
If so, please put a note through Fr Chris's letterbox  
Together with your contact details.  
We'll get in touch with you to discuss.

For further information, please contact:  
Alan Sear (Chairman) on: 07850 252064.

**PUBLIC PRAYING OF THE ROSARY at Our Lady's Statue outside in front of the church. 4.30-5pm every Sunday.** As Catholics we pray the Rosary for cohesion and reconciliation in society, for peace, and freedom. We pray for the people, for the rulers, and for the kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ in society. At the same time always for the freedom of the Church, for the clergy, for the bishops, for the Pope, and in reparation for the sins committed against God Almighty and His Holy Mother. For more details contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115.

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	15/16 July	J. Snaith	F.Thompson	C. Sellechia
	22/23 July	M. Atkins	R. Lewin	J. Thayaseelan

FINANCE	9/07/23
Envelopes	£368.10
Loose	£161.02
Standing Order	£761.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1290.50</b>

### VICTORY PRIZE DRAW: JULY WINNERS:

1st Prize £60 E Kendall ticket number 194;  
2nd Prize £25 M Packer ticket number 46;  
3rd Prize £15 Y Shiers ticket number 69

## Times of Services

### Sunday: 15th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: John Cassidy RIP (Reed & Harford)  
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Joey & Joe Maloney RIP  
4.30pm Rosary

### Monday: Feria

9.00am: Mass: November Dead List

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### Wednesday: Feria

9.45am: Morning Prayer  
10.00am: Fr Gerard Byrne int (Carol)

### Thursday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary  
10.00pm Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Mary)  
Coffee after Mass  
7.00pm: Holy Hour

### Friday: Feria

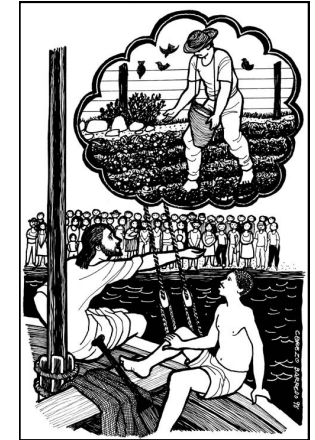
7.00pm Mass: Ludmilla McEvoy RIP (Goddard)

### Saturday: St Mary Magdalene

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

### Sunday: 16th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Marian Giez RIP (Hudson)



*A Sower went  
out to sow.*

### CONFESSIONS

11am & 5.15pm  
Saturday

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** I want to wish a good holiday to all our school community and especially our year 6 children who will move on to their new schools in September, congratulations to them! I would particularly like to congratulate the school on the year 6 Sats results which were outstanding. Reading 96% (Greater Depth 29%); Maths 92% (GD 25%); Grammar 75% (GD 21%). The national average was 73% in reading & maths and 72% in Grammar. Well done to all our children and teachers over the Years. But above all they are well prepared Humanly and above all spiritually for their next steps in life.

**STOP UK GOVERNMENT FUNDING CHINA'S GENOCIDAL REGIME SPUC:**

[The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children] will be holding a Petition Day next weekend Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. The petition calls for the Prime Minister to end the Government's unacceptable funding of China's totalitarian state. The Chinese state imposes forced abortion, sterilisation and infanticide on its own population, notably the Uyghur minority. According to the Chief Commissioner of the Independent Commission for Aid Impact, the UK Government sent over £60 million to China in 2020-21. **Please sign the petition to help SPUC defend unborn babies, and their mothers, by highlighting this terrible human rights abuse.**



**SEA SUNDAY :** Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Our parish raised £283.18. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need.



To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** As we are returning to one Mass on a Sunday morning at 10.00am, we are hoping to start Children's Liturgy again. However we will need volunteers. Two are needed for each session. They will follow the pattern of school terms. If you would like to help, please contact Fr. Chris via the Parish email. [parishpriest@olvic.com](mailto:parishpriest@olvic.com) As this involves Children we have to do a DBS check and follow our Safer Recruiting procedures.



Since we are returning to Sunday 10.00am Mass, we hope to restart our **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE** after Mass in September. **I wonder, is there someone who may be interested in coordinating this Community activity.** We will then look for Volunteers for a rota.



**'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 18 July 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.

**CHANGE TO SUNDAY MASS: on weekend 16/17 September.** At the moment we have two Masses on a Sunday morning. This came about because of COVID and the need to be socially distant at Mass to keep everyone safe. Our Parish was one of the first to reopen and it was brilliantly done. A big thank you to all involved to make that possible. However, our normal practice has been to have just the one Sunday morning Mass at Our Lady's. I have been consulting the PPC (and other Parishioners) and we feel it is now the time to return to one Mass for the good of the community of the Parish and other reasons.

The primary reason is to bring people together as a community to pray and worship in the best way possible. It will help us to have enough readers and indeed welcomers collectors and so on. Also, hopefully we will be able to recommence our Children's Liturgy group as well as Sunday Coffee.

I have also consulted with the deanery and the Bishop. We must decide these things together so that the needs of all the deanery Parishes are met. There are less priests now and many Parishes in Leicester are sharing a Priest sometimes two Parishes, sometimes three. The diocesan plan for our Parish of Market Harborough leaves us as a single Parish. However, I have to be able to support other Parishes on occasion such as sickness.

**We have decided now to return to our traditional time of 10.00am on Sunday morning as well as the 6.00pm Saturday night from the weekend of 16/17<sup>th</sup> September.** We have discerned that this is the best time for the Parish. However, if the needs of the Deanery demand it in the future, we may have to move to another time. We are blessed that we will have 2 weekend Masses at our Parish when many just have one. My thanks for all who have helped discern this decision.

**FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL:** We wish all of the children and families at St Joseph's Catholic Academy a very happy and restful summer break. **We look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Thursday 31st August.** Good luck to all of our Year 6 children moving on to Secondary School - continue to 'believe, achieve and succeed' in all you do.

**HOLIDAY AT HOME:** A week of activities and entertainment for seniors, August 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church, £6 per day or £30 for the week. Two course hot lunch, tea, coffee and biscuits included. To book, phone 01858 410878, if no reply please leave a message with your name and phone number.

**JOIN THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FROM HOME!** The Diocesan Communications Office will be sharing updates from the pilgrimage which begins on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, as well as live-streaming some of the Masses and services so that those who cannot join in person can engage virtually. There is also an opportunity for individuals to share their intentions, which will be printed and taken to the Grotto with the pilgrimage. For more information about all of the above, visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/lourdesfromhome](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/lourdesfromhome)

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