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### FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY

#### Pastoral Letter from Bishop Patrick McKinney on the opening of the Synodal process in the Diocese

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, It's so encouraging to see that our churches are beginning to fill up again. My grateful thanks to all of you who continued to serve your parishes and wider communities with such selflessness and creativity during what have been very challenging circumstances. Prior to the pandemic, with all its restrictions, it was easy to take for granted our access to the sacraments. But the experience of the past eighteen months in our parishes, chaplaincies and schools has made us more appreciative of the grace, the help of God in our lives, that comes to us through our active participation in the sacramental life of the Church. It has also encouraged us to consider what we could do better to be a more outward looking, more missionary Church. Last Sunday in Rome, Pope Francis launched a 'Church-wide listening process'. He has asked that each diocese begins this process today as the first phase of preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023, which is entitled, 'For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission'. The word 'synod' simply means 'journeying together'. Pope Francis is inviting us all, the People of God, to listen to each other, and to others around us, to discern together how God is calling us to be Church in the third millennium. This synodal process is not to be seen as a burden that competes with our own diocesan priorities, but rather the local circumstances of each diocese are to be the starting point. So I would like to encourage you to see this 'listening process' as something that is very much in harmony with all that we are already trying to do in our diocese; as a means to help support our desire, as Christ's disciples, to be more missionary and outward-looking. Let's look upon it as an invitation to all of us, the People of God in this diocese, to dream about the Church the Holy Spirit is calling us to become. It is, first and foremost, a spiritual process, and so I invite you to make use of the Prayer-card that has been produced, so that together we may seek to hear and respond to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please take one for yourself and another for a non-practising family member, friend or neighbour so that they too can be a part of this 'listening exercise'. The diocesan phase of this process is meant to offer as many people as possible, the lapsed members of our parish communities as well as the poor and the marginalised, an experience of a Church that desires to listen to and to walk alongside people, as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Like every other diocese we are asked to have our reflections ready by next February, so a Timeline (and guidance) for parish, chaplaincy and school participation in this 'listening process' has been produced to enable us to meet this deadline. You will find these details at the back of church and on the parish and diocesan website. As a diocese, we will gather to share together on 22nd February 2022, the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, what this first phase of the 'listening process' has produced. Each parish, school, and chaplaincy is then asked to begin implementing the two actions it has decided to take forward. Then, next Pentecost, we will celebrate the movement so far of God's Holy Spirit within our diocese, and then begin afresh to discern where the Holy Spirit continues to lead us, the People of God, in this diocese of Nottingham.

Please do your best to join in this process, in whatever way you can. Your contribution is important. May God bless our efforts to hear and respond to the promptings and guidance of his Holy Spirit



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

17th October 2021  
29th of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 1

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### Times of Services

#### Sunday: 29th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: In Thanksgiving & Blessing - Maria

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am: Mass: Rose deacon RIP Hill

5.00pm Vespers & Exposition for Synod

#### Monday: St Luke, Evangelist

9.00am Mass: Jim McCabe RIP (Joan)

#### Tuesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Mary Jackson RIP (McGlone)

#### Wednesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Gertrude & Herbert O'Brien RIP (Phillips)

#### Thursday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Ann Fagg RIP (SPUC)

#### Friday: St John Paul II

7.00pm Mass: Father John Cairns RIP

#### Saturday: Feria

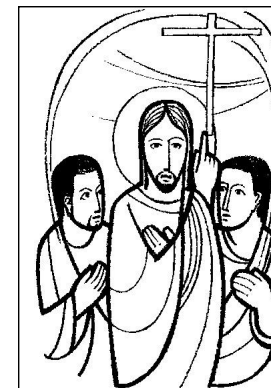
12 noon Wedding of Joseph Pollard & Monica Kenny

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 24th - Ewaryst Nowakowski (Anniv)

#### Sunday: 30th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Joan Cosgrove RIP (McGlone)



*The Son of Man  
came to give his  
life as a ransom for  
many.*

**CONFESSIONS**  
11am Saturdays

#### **PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:**

*Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, though not necessary at the moment as we are not full.*

**Booking is now online:** [www.Massbooking.uk](http://www.Massbooking.uk) You can sign up there and then book. If you do not have the internet you can ask someone else to book for you, a child or grandchild or ring or email Fr. Chris on 01858 462359 giving your name and phone number. Please see instructions on our website: [www.olvic.com/news.htm](http://www.olvic.com/news.htm)

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** The Holy father opened the Synod last Saturday and Sunday. The Bishop opens it in our Diocese at Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday. We are asked to begin this time with a celebration of Vespers with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday afternoon (17th Oct) to pray for the Diocese and whole Church. We will have the opportunity to renew our Baptism promises, This will be at 5.00pm. The diocesan phase will take place over the Coming months until February. Hopefully, we will have some prayerful Consultation.



The most important thing about this process is the opportunity for the Community to pray, share and listen to the Holy Spirit. Of course it's important to understand what has been discussed and prayed about, but our primary focus is to listen to each other and think about how to engage the most people we can. At the heart of the conversations, starting in prayer and ending in prayer, is the fundamental question posed by the Synod Office: **A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together."** How is this "journeying together" happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together? The initial questions suggested by the Bishop are: 1) What is my dream for the Church, for my parish/chaplaincy so that it can become more outward-looking, more missionary? 2) To achieve this dream, what do we need to stop doing? What are we doing that needs to be developed or done differently. We will discuss how we will best proceed at the upcoming PPC meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Meanwhile please pray about these questions

We Continue the month of the Holy Rosary This great prayer which is one both of Contemplation and intercession. I suggest we pray it for the family, an end of the Pandemic and that the assisted dying Bill does not pass.

We will be delighted to welcome all who would like to join us starting 20 minutes before the Masses. Please try and pray the Rosary at home as a family. There is a list on the Porch Table to sign up to lead the Rosary.



**Wedding:** Please pray for Joseph Pollard & Monica Kenny who get married here next Saturday.

**World Mission Sunday** – the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission – will happen **on 24 October 2021**. World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next Sunday. Envelopes available.

Also could People bring in their **Red Mission Boxes** for emptying. If anyone would like a box please let myself or Christine Shepherd know



**THE ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021: What can you do?** From the 14-22 October, in the lead up to the Second Reading, the bishops encourage the faithful to unite for nine days of prayer (Novena), seeking the intercession of St. John Paul II, as part of our efforts to help defeat this attempt to legalise assisted suicide. **Prayer:** Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen. Then Our father Hail Mary & Glory be. See [www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-to-john-paul-ii](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-to-john-paul-ii) for each day's intention.

The Catholic Church teaches that this represents a crime against human life, we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The Bishops therefore urge you to **PRAY** this Bill is defeated, **WRITE** to Peers and MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation and **SHARE** our resources and those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family and friends, especially via social media. Guidance on how to write to politicians can be found here: [parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/](http://parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/)

**The Church is open for Private prayer each day**  
Please sign in on the list or use the Covid NHS App Q code displayed



**THE THIRD WORLD GROUP** would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the Coffee Morning at the Harborough Theatre last Saturday, as helpers, donating prizes and cakes, coming on the day and creating a warm, sociable atmosphere or, if unable to be with us, donating to the fund. Thank you all. At the most recent count we have raised £210, an added bonus to complete a lovely morning.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST** The Catholic Tradition of praying for the Holy Souls, particularly our own departed family and friends, takes on a special focus in November. During this month and during the rest of the year Masses will be offered with this intention in mind. If you would like to make a list of your deceased loved ones, it will be placed near the Altar during our November Masses. An offering is given and a series of Masses are offered for all our dead Loved ones in November and throughout the year. **Forms & Envelopes are available as you leave Church.**

**It's time to come back to Torch House!** It's been a long time that Covid has stopped us being together but we feel the situation now allows us to gather once again.

On Thursday 21st October from 10.30 to 11.30am we are running the first Drop-In Coffee Morning at Torch House. The plan is for folk to come and reconnect together over a drink and biscuit (or maybe even cake). At 11.30 we'll have a time of sung worship and then some prayer. Whilst this first one is a trial, we hope to continue running these mornings on the third Thursday of the month at the same time. Torch House is on Torch way just near the Two Shires Medical centre off the roundabout on the Northampton Rd.



**THE BOWER HOUSE** Christian Counselling service are looking for a Volunteer Treasurer. It takes about 1.5 hours a week for further info please contact: John Stride – 01858 468136; [Jd.stride@outlook.com](mailto:Jd.stride@outlook.com)



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Service Thursday 21st October 2021, 10.30 – 11.30 am, Kibworth Methodist Church, School Road. All Welcome!** The annual World Day of Prayer Service is usually held on the first Friday in March, but because of Covid restrictions it was decided to postpone it until we could meet together again in person. The service this year has been produced by the women of Vanuatu. Vanuatu is a group of some 80 islands in the Pacific Ocean over 1,000 miles east of Australia. Before independence in 1980 the islands were known as the New Hebrides. The theme is 'Building on a Strong Foundation', something the people of Vanuatu understand very well having had their houses destroyed and beautiful islands devastated by two powerful cyclones in recent years. Come and learn something of the issues facing these brave and resilient women as we support them by taking part in the service they have written.

