

A **VOCATION DAY OF DISCERNMENT**: is being held on **Saturday 7th October** from 10.00am until 3.00pm at The Rosmini Centre, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake. LE7 4SJ. There will be the opportunity of talking to Fathers Antonio, Ted, and Philip about the calling to Religious Life in general, and to the Institute of Charity (Rosminians) in particular: an opportunity to join the Community in prayer, and to ask the Lord for clarity and courage. To book telephone 01509 813078.

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL, A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR WOMEN, from 12.15pm until 4.00pm at The Rosmini Centre, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake LE7 4SJ. The day includes tea/coffee (provided) at 12.15pm, then the Rosary; lunch at 1.00pm (please bring a packed lunch); then at 2.00pm Carmelite author and speaker Dr Cyprian Blamires OCDS: *Praying with the Heart; finally a Holy Hour*. More information from Paulette: 07825 040375.

Ahead of **EDUCATION SUNDAY** the Catholic Union is encouraging people to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary calling for the **50 percent cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools to be lifted**. The cap is preventing the Catholic Church in England from taking part in the free schools programme. The letter is available to sign at www.catholicunion.org.uk or using the QR code:



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023

Date for your diaries: Saturday 2nd 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.

| Readers | | Sat. 6.00pm | Sun 10.00am | |
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| | 9/10 September | C. Baldam | F. Thompson | R. van der Liet |
| | 16/17 September | M. Mihovilovic | R. Lewin | M. Lewin |

| FINANCE | 10/09/23 |
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| Envelopes | £257.02 |
| Loose | £333.15 |
| Standing Order | £761.38 |
| Total | £1351.55 |

Victory Prize Draw Winners: August 2023: 1st Prize £60 PK Nelson ticket number 127; 2nd Prize £25 T Davis ticket number 263; 3rd Prize £15 JF Nowakowski ticket number 126
September 2023: 1st Prize £60 J Masding ticket number 98; 2nd Prize £25 J Lowe ticket number 288; 3rd Prize £15 M Packer ticket number 48



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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17th September 2023
24th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday: 24th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

10.00am Mass: Bill Reid (Ruane)

Coffee after mass in the Octagonal Hall

4.30pm Rosary

Monday: Feria

9.00am: Mass: Agnes Ash health (Andrews family)

Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Personal Int

Wednesday: St Andrew Kim Taegon & Comps

9.45am: Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass: C Keeney RIP (Langford)

Thursday: St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

2.00pm: Funeral of Bill Reed

7.00pm: Holy Hour

7.30pm: Meeting of Em's

Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Thomas Livingstone RIP

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday: 25th of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Bill Reed RIP (Jo & Phil)



*I do not tell you
to forgive seven
times, but
seventy-seven
times.*

CONFESSIONS

11.00am
5.15pm


2nd Collection this weekend for Home Mission Sunday.

FR CHRIS WRITES: Dear All, For the first time since Covid began almost 3 1/2 years ago we will gather at one Mass on Sunday morning this weekend. We are hoping that it will bring our community more together and we will feel a bigger and closer community. And there will be coffee after Mass as well which will be a great opportunity to meet each other. Many thanks to all who have helped with this. We could still do with some more volunteers for children's liturgy. So far we have 7. And to anyone who would like to join the coffee rota you would be most welcome.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM - PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF FAITH AND PRAYER: *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Home Mission Sunday) calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through: Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023. Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024. To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>*

Sadly we have had two recent deaths. **Bill Reed** on 4th September. His funeral will be this Thursday 21st September at 2.00pm. Also **David Hill** died this last Friday. His funeral will be on Thursday 5th October at 10.00am. May they rest in peace.

A RUMMAGE SALE will take place in the octagonal hall on **Saturday 30th of September 9.00am – 12 noon**. Usual Stall tea & coffee etcetera in aid of the Bazaar. 

'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 19 September 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 or phone him on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756.

JOIN MEN from across the Diocese of Nottingham for a **DAY OF FRATERNITY** in Leicester. On **Saturday 7th October** we will be meeting in Bradgate Park Leicester, celebrating Mass, walking round the park and then going for a pub lunch. Mass will be at 10.30am at All Saints Church, just at the edge of Bradgate Park, we will then walk for just about an hour and then head out for a pub lunch. Please book by 30th September so that we know numbers for the lunch. Please note that this event is for those aged 18 years or over only. Book via: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or contact adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

We welcome Fr Michael Moore to our Parish. He has just retired from being Parish Priest at St Thomas Moore in Knighton. We wish him a happy and blessed retirement.

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. As this involves Children we have to do a DBS check and follow our Safer Recruiting procedures.

BRIEF GENERAL UPDATE FROM BISHOP PATRICK for all parishioners with regard to the consultation that took place across the diocese just before the school holidays

I want to update you on the recent consultative phase we conducted across the Diocese. I was so pleased that we received a fairly high level of participation. Over 2,100 opinions were gathered through one-to-one conversations, the at-Mass questionnaires and the e-survey. Thank you so much to parishioners and clergy who took the time and interest to share their thoughts. I was encouraged by the overall reaction, and I recognise from your feedback that, while there is recognition that diocesan communication has greatly improved over the past year or so, there needs to be more regular communication across the diocese. Feedback also suggested that work needs to be done on simplifying how we convey our spiritual themes, encounter, discipleship and missionary discipleship. I am currently working on this. There was also an understanding of the financial needs across our diocese, especially prioritising parishes, and the feedback indicated that parishioners and clergy are willing to be supportive of a fundraising initiative. The Diocesan leadership is currently considering the feedback and the next steps. In October, I will provide you with a more detailed summary. But, in the meantime, I would greatly appreciate your prayers that, in the light of the feedback received, I, and those who advise me, will be guided by the Holy Spirit to make the best decisions for the future sustainability and growth of our vibrant and hopeful diocesan family. With gratitude and prayer, Rt Rev Patrick McKinney.

ARE YOU A PARENT OR CARER OF A SCHOOL AGED CHILD? Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith? Why not join a programme that brings parents together from across the Diocese of Nottingham to do just that? Starting in the Academic Year 2023-2024 the Diocese of Nottingham will be offering **Belief in Brief**, a space twice every half-term for parents to meet online for an hour (just after school drop off) to explore a different aspect of the Catholic faith. It will take place on a Tuesday from 10.00am to 11.15am starting 12 September. Each session will have a short input followed by the opportunity to discuss this together and ask questions that you have. More information is on the poster at the noticeboard, and to book a place visit www.bookwhen.com/nrcdes

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 is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament is 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?*



The Guild of Saint Stephen in Nottingham Diocese would like to invite all Altar Servers to join for the **ANNUAL DIOCESAN SERVERS' MASS**, on **Saturday 23rd September** at 11.30am at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Patrick, and all are invited to be part of the day. Please email James Noakes for further details or see the poster in church.