

### COMPLETE THE SURVEY: HOW HAS COVID-19 AFFECTED YOU AND YOUR FAITH?

Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of Covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith> and fill out the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so. **The deadline for submissions is July 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

### FR CHRIS: THOUGHTS ON THE READINGS:

Our gospel today seems to be Luke's description of the appearance of our Lord which we heard last week from Saint John when the risen Lord gave his Church the ministry to forgive sins through the Power of the Holy Spirit which he breathed on them. That is the theme today too. It is as if the church wants to emphasise message of Easter of the forgiveness of sins - the gift of mercy again and again

St Peter does not mince his words in the first reading: he names the evil committed by the leaders and people of Israel in killing Jesus and simply calls them to repentance and conversion. It struck me how direct Peter is at various moments of his preaching in the Acts. I wonder how often we name evil and wrong. Do we challenge people - Our friends and family work colleagues as Peter did in a gentle but clear way? Or do we just keep quiet with our heads down and let moments pass, assenting to wrong by our silence. Yet there was a great response to Peter's call to repentance on the day of Pentecost.

Jesus in the Gospel sees this as an essential part of what it is to be a missionary disciple. He opens the hearts and minds of the disciples to understand the scriptures which all pointed to him in numerous ways particularly to his suffering, death and resurrection. But not only that but also that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations in his name through his witnesses. The witnesses of course are all of us in various ways. In our various vocations and spheres of life. This is the fruit of his death and resurrection that repentance and forgiveness should be preached and made present. We can put that in another way: to bring the resurrection to people.

But first we must repent and experience forgiveness. Easter is the time of forgiveness of sins because it is a fruit of Christ's passion death and resurrection. We often talk about "Easter duties" in respect of making a confession before Trinity Sunday as a minimum. However, it does remind us that this is precisely the time to make a good confession if we have not done so recently. Indeed, it may be many years since we have made a confession. We may be embarrassed or afraid. I say: do not be afraid to come during this time to meet the risen Lord to touch his wounds and encounter his merciful love as we said last week. We can thus share the Good News of repentance and forgiveness as true witnesses from personal experience with those we meet - that certain hope that things can change and that when we change a whole bright future is there waiting for us. God bless you and your families! Fr. Chris

Please remember those who have died **James Van Der Liet, Dennis White, Gorman Sari & Bridget West.** Condolences to their families. May they rest in peace.



# Our Lady of Victories

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18th April 2021  
3rd Week of Eastertide  
Psalter Week 3

### Times of Services

#### Sunday: 3rd of Easter

Sat. 6.00pm: Helena Nowakowska RIP Anniv

9.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am: Mass: In thanks St Joseph, St Michael & guardian Angels

#### Monday: Easter Feria

Private Mass: November Dead List

#### Tuesday: Easter Feria

10.00am Mass: John Kelly RIP (Sisters)

#### Wednesday: Easter Feria

9.30am: Funeral Mass of Gurmen Sari

#### Thursday: Easter Feria

10.00am Mass: Andrew Mitchell R.I.P.

#### Friday: St George, Patron of England

2.00pm: Funeral of James van der Liet

#### Saturday: Easter Feria

11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 25th - Bogush Nowakowski RIP Anniv

#### Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

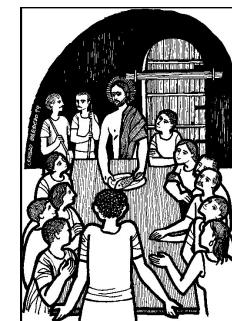
11.00am Mass: Sue & Frank Maley Gold Anniv (Lesley Lander)

#### **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 in this newsletter.

*So you see how it is written that Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*



## FR OWEN'S FUNERAL:

Sadly, due to Government COVID-19 restrictions it will not be possible for all those who would like to attend Fr Owen's Funeral Mass to be present. Government restrictions mean that a maximum of thirty people can be in attendance.



Fr Owen's mortal remains will be received Into Our Lady of Victories Church, Market Harborough, **at a 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 25 April 2021**. Mass will be celebrated for the repose of Fr Owen's soul led by Fr John Joe Maloney

Bishop Patrick will be the Principal Celebrant at Fr Owen's Funeral Mass which will take place **at 11.00 am on Monday 26 April 2021**. Only those who have been specifically invited will be allowed to attend in person.

However, both the Mass for the Reception and Fr Owen's Funeral Mass will be live streamed to enable family members, friends and parishioners who are unable to be present in person to join together in saying their farewell to Fr Owen. Also we will inform you of the route the hearse will take when he is received into Church on Sunday evening so you can pay your respects along the route in safety!

It was Fr Owen's wish to be buried in his native Ireland and so, after the Funeral Mass on Monday 26 April 2021, Fr Owen's mortal remains will be transported to Cappawhite, Co Tipperary, Ireland for a Funeral Mass and burial on Saturday 1 May 2021. Those closest to Fr Owen and responsible for ensuring that his wishes are met will be working on the practical arrangements and as soon as more details are available these will be published.

Some people have been asked to attend representing Fr. Owen's family some groups within the Parish and Community and indeed there will be one or two guests from his previous Parishes but I am hoping there will be space at the vigil Mass for more people from the Parish.

**To give the same fair opportunity to all those who would like to be present anyone who would like to attend in person is asked to email Fr Chris [parishpriest@olvic.com](mailto:parishpriest@olvic.com) by 12 noon on Thursday 22 April 2021 expressing their wish and giving contact details. Places will then be allocated "by drawing lots" and those whose names are drawn will be duly notified.**

We have [a live streaming viewing room](#): for both Masses for Fr. Owen. In addition to the livestreaming, you will see that the page contains some lovely photos, a link to the online donations page for CAFOD and a Tribute from Fr. John Joe Maloney and you can leave messages of condolences as well: : <https://www.funeralstreaming.co.uk/viewing-room/11260/>  
Also Fr Owen's family in Ireland have opened a Book of Condolence if you wish to add your own message: <https://rip.ie/death-notice/canon-owen-o-neill-cappawhite-tipperary/455373>

**THIRD WORLD GROUP:** *Just a gentle reminder that the Third World Group is still selling clothes and other items through Ebay to try and maintain donations to our six charities. Please could you possibly make us your first choice Charity Shop at the moment by leaving any unwanted clothing, shoes, books etc in our box in the cloister or arrangements could be made to collect from your home - with strictest safety measures in place. Please contact Chris 01536 711560, or Judith or Margaret at church.  
Many thanks to everyone for continuing to help all those in our world who are so very needy*

## ONLINE BOOKING FOR MASS:

**Latest News: If you are a couple living in the same house or bubble you only need to book one seat!**

As we gradually come out of Lockdown, after long reflection I have decided to move to online booking for Mass. I have been asked to do this by many of the younger families who find this much more convenient and it is easy for those who have internet access. Also you can see at a glance if a Mass is full. This will be happening more and more as numbers increase with the vaccine roll out but social distancing remains. We have our own diocesan website for all the Churches to book Mass:

<https://massbooking.uk/>

### How do I do it?

- You just sign up with your details and create a password (write it down! **& NB confirmation email could go to spam folder**)
- Click on the Churches tab & select our Church which is under Leicester & you will see a booking button next to the particular Mass. They appear about a week ahead.) Now you can book your seat or seats or choose to book for someone else.
- **For Couples or 3 people in a bubble**, I suggest you book **one Seat** as you can sit together giving all your names.
- Some seats are allocated as family benches which are particularly for those who are 4 or more in a family or part of a "social bubble". (there are 2 family benches at present)
- **For 4 people in a bubble** if there are no family benches left I suggest you book **2 places**
- **If you cannot come please cancel the booking.** You can go to **my details** on the web page when you have signed in. Someone else can use your place.
- **Booking closes 4 hours before the Mass.**

### How do I book if I am not online or find it difficult?

You can ask a family member or friend to do it for you. I would ask people to help those they know who do not have internet access. You can book for others with their details. That would help me. Otherwise you can email me ([parishpriest@olvic.com](mailto:parishpriest@olvic.com)) or ring me at the Church(01858 462359). It will only take me a couple of seconds to book you in.

### What about weekday Masses?

Booking is not strictly necessary at the moment as they are not full. However it is helpful to the Stewards who will only have to tick your name. *There is a very good help section on the website*

**ALTAR SERVERS:** We're on our way back! If you were fortunate enough to get a place at Mass over Easter you will have noticed Fr Chris has an assistant on the Sanctuary. Until restrictions are eased, we are allowed one Server or two from the same family or bubble at Mass. We have to wear a mask & Gloved and keep our 2m social distance. I am putting together a rota for existing Servers who are comfortable to come back and assist so am having a phone around, trouble is I don't have all the numbers (parents number for the younger Servers) so if I haven't called you please do get in touch on 07981 205861 and I'll add you to the rota. Absolutely no pressure to come back if you or your parents are not comfortable, we will be happy to see you as and when the world opens up a bit more. Thanks to everyone and Stay Safe. Dave Percival.



**SHARING THE CHURCH'S STORY:** Catholic Voices will be hosting an online conference exploring simple, powerful tips and workshops so that everyone can share the Church's story with charity, clarity, and confidence. Register for the conference on Saturday 17th April here: <https://smartcatholics.com/sharing-church-story/>