

**THE SYNOD - CONTINENTAL STAGE CONSULTATION:** All the Synod feedback from parishes, dioceses, and national Bishops' Conferences around the world has been gathered, considered, discerned, and distilled into a Report which is now being given to each continent to consider in light of their own tradition, history, experience, and religious perspective. Within Europe we now have the opportunity to consider the Synodal feedback from around the world and to report on: A) What we feel resonates with our own experiences – list the top three priorities from those given. B) Consider what are the challenges and tensions in each of those three areas. C) Define the next steps which move us (parish, deanery, diocese, the Church) forward. Please engage with this consultation by: Completing the form available in church or Complete the feedback form on-line at: <https://forms.office.com/e/2Yfs77hHsp> or Follow the QR code and access the on-line diocesan consultation. Synod. <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/synod> **All responses should be received by 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023** so they can be included in the overall diocesan response. Let us dream of the Church the Holy Spirit is calling us to become.



**NEW CATECHIST FORMATION COURSE:** There is a new formation course for catechists which begins in January. It is designed to build confidence and knowledge to live this wonderful ministry. If you are starting out as a Catechist or have been one for a number of years there will be something here for you. It looks rather good and can be attended in person or online. It is less burdensome than the previous one. It involves three shorter courses that feed into each other. Pick up a leaflet from the table in the cloister to find out more. The parish will pay any cost for the course.

**WELCOMERS NEEDED:** We're very short of welcomers at the 11am Mass, so if you mostly go to that Mass and think that you could spare a half hour or so, once a month (or less often if that's what you can manage) to welcome your fellow parishioners we'd love to hear from you. New volunteers to welcome at other Masses would be very helpful too. Please contact Theresa Kendrick on 07748 591398 or Beatrice Stewart on 01858 465492, or just have a word with Fr Chris.

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TO ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY (Foundation Year) - Children born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019** The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. Application forms are available on the [Leicestershire Local Authority Admissions](#) website. When applying to a Catholic school, if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *must also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to St Joseph's by the deadline, (Please contact the School Office on 01858 465359 to obtain a form).* You **MUST** also include the supporting evidence as required eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked is a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
<b>Readers</b>	17/18 December	E. Andrews	C. Reed	M. Lewin
	31/1 January	J. Rowland	S. Acton	R van der Liet
	7/8 January	M Mihovilovic	D. Chappell	C. Sellechia



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

18<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Forth Week of Advent  
Psalter Week 4

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## Times of Services

### Sunday: 4th of Advent

Sat. 6.00pm: Mary Maguire RIP anniv (Scott)  
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Michael Gatens RIP (Taylor)

### Monday: Advent FERIA

9.00am Mass: November Dead List  
7.00pm: Confessions with visiting priests

### Tuesday: Advent FERIA

9.00am Mass: Malcolm Wallace RIP (Maureen)

### Wednesday: Advent FERIA

9.45am: Morning Prayer  
10.00am Mass: Sally & Gordon Wyatt (C. Goddard)  
12.00pm: Funeral Service for Jim Freer

### Thursday: Advent FERIA

9.45am Rosary  
10.00am: Charles Thomas (Jopling RIP)

### Friday: Advent FERIA

6.30pm: Exposition  
7.00pm Mass: Pat Butters RIP

### Saturday: CHRISTMAS EVE - Advent FERIA

6.00pm Mass: Peter Northway RIP (Olivant)  
10.00pm Mass: Priest Int

### Sunday: CHRISTMAS DAY - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9.00am Mass: Mass in memory of 10 Million lost to abortion (Prolife group)  
11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.



*Jesus will be born of  
Mary, betrothed to  
Joseph, son of  
David.*



**CONFESSIONS**  
**11AM**  
**SATURDAY**

**Monday 26th: St Stephen**

11.00am Mass: Wilson & Langley family

**Tuesday 27th: St John**

10.00am Mass: Joan Hartnett RIP (Sisters)

**Wednesday 28th: The Holy Innocents**

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

**Thursday 29th: St Thomas Becket**

10.00am: Blanche Phillips Ints (Lowe)

**Friday 30th: The Holy Family**

7.00pm Mass: Mary Marston RIP (Davis)

**Saturday 31st: Pope St Sylvester I**

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

**Sunday 1st January: Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

9.00am Mass: Plowright & Webb families

11.00am Mass: People of the Parish



*They hurried away  
and found Mary and  
Joseph, and the ba-  
by lying in the man-  
ger.*

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** As is traditional this Newsletter covers the 2 weeks of the Christmas Period. As you will see there are various times for you to come to Mass over this Christmas period.. I remind people that Christmas is celebrated over 8 days finishing with Mary the Mother of God next Sunday on January 1st .Why not come to Mass during the Christmas period?

May I take this opportunity of wishing you and all your families a very Happy Christmas and blessings for the New Year May I thank everyone who helps in the Parish in the various areas of our Parish Life: Church, Hall, House, our School, and our outreach and at this time all our Stewards. There are so many involved in our Parish Life here! And may I say, personally, thank you for the help and prayers you give me. Fr. Chris PP

Sadly we have lost some Parishioners in the last week:

**Jim Freer** whose funeral Liturgy will be on Wednesday at 12 noon.

**Giuseppe Olivetti** whose funeral Mass will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am. Also

**Judith Thrapston** and **Mike Preen** have also died. Our Condolences and prayers go to their families. May they rest in peace.

**COLLECTION AT ALL OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES** will be your Christmas gift to Fr Chris. Envelopes available as you come into Church. Thank you in anticipation.



**CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS:** We are going to have to have a special service for the Sacrament of reconciliation on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. There will a few visiting priests available. Many parishes have the celebrations in advent and lent and it is an opportunity to go to another priest other than the parish priest. I know it's been difficult with COVID but so many to go to confession over these last two or so years. We can make it a great opportunity to prepare for Christmas in a special way this year with the sacrament of confession. There will be a little introduction a couple of prayers and examination of conscience and the blessed sacrament will be exposed while its confessions are heard. Come along and meet the merciful Lord.

**ALSO CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK ON:**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.30am

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm after Mass

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am



**CHRISTMAS MASSES:** As Christmas fall on a Sunday we will follow the usual weekend mass times with the addition of the 10pm Mass

**Christmas eve:** 6.00pm & 10.00pm. (Preceded by carols 9.30pm)

**Christmas day:** 9.00am & 11.00am:

On Sunday the Masses will be the normal 9.00am & 11.00am.

St Stephen's day (Boxing day) 11.00am



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR 2022.** We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion in 2022. Applications forms are now available from Fr Chris after any of the Masses. Please return the form by 6 January 2023. It is for children in year 3 and above, The first meeting for parents will take place on Wednesday // January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Octagonal Hall when we will introduce the course and give out the plan. The first session for children will take place on ????? from 3.30-4.30pm in the same place and then the 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January. Depending on the numbers & COVID there will be two first communion days: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022 & 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** We are still looking for new people and some from A younger generation who would like to be part of a team to prepare our children for next July. This is a very great ministry and full of great blessings. Please speak or ring Fr Chris. A DBS clearance would need to be done.

**'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 20 December at 6.30pm** and continue thereafter on the third Tuesday of the month. It will begin 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.'

**VICTORY PRIZE DRAW WINNERS:** 1st Prize £100 M Sparks ticket number 175: 2nd Prize £50 B Stewart ticket number 16: 3rd Prize £30 M Ockenden ticket number 272.

Annual members are reminded that their fees are due in January 2023 and can be forwarded to K Shiers 23 Fairfax Road Market Harborough LE16 9JT cheques made out to Victory Prize Draw. Thank you all for your support,

**READERS FOR 2023:** Reading at mass is a very important and satisfying ministry. If you would like to read at one of the weekend masses please could you contact Margaret Atkins, in person or phone 01858 446369 or email [margaretatkins52@gmail.com](mailto:margaretatkins52@gmail.com), giving your name, the time of the mass you normally attend and your contact details, phone and email, or write down these details and hand to Fr Chris.