

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection this weekend Lent Appeal Final total £1168.84. Your generous donations, rooted in love, will support families around the world grow in strength to fight the climate crisis. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk/lent.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2023-24: thank you to all the parishioners who donate using the offertory envelopes. Envelopes for the next financial year beginning 2nd April 2023 will be available for collection at all masses on the weekend 18th/19th March.

Anyone who would like to give through Standing Order or is new to the parish please pick up a form in the Narthex.

Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough RCP**

Sort Code: **30 - 95- 47**

Account: **00068953**

Just put a note to say it is church donation. If You are a Tax payer you can pick up a gift Aid Form. If you have not completed one) at the Church or email Fr Chris parish-priest@olvic.com and I can send you one by email. We can claim an extra 25% on top of anything you give if you are tax payer.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH. We are managing to take collections in Church once again. Thank you to those who have begun to do it. We had a few volunteers for collections sadly the list I had put out disappeared during the time of the Bazaar. My fault. Apologies! Could I ask people to sign up again. There is a list in the Cloister for you to sign up with name Mass and contact details. Many thanks:

RETREATS IN THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM THIS LENT –The Diocese of Nottingham is again offering day retreats to help you grow closer to God this Lent through talks, discussion, prayer, Mass, confession and social time.

The **Women's Retreat** given by Sr Ann Swailes on **Saturday 25th March** will be following the theme of 'Here I am Lord I Come to do your will' – How can we know and accept God's will for our lives? The Men's and Women's Retreat will be held at the Rosmini House of Prayer (LE7 4SJ) and cost £20 which will include lunch and a light breakfast. **To book your place or for more information visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events, email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham or call 0115 953 9841.**



		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
Readers	18/19 March	M. Atkins	S. Acton	J. Thayaseelan
	25/26 March	J. Snaith	M. Crook	C. Sellechia

FINANCE	12/03/23
Envelopes	£267.00
Loose	£249.00
Standing Order	£761.38
Total	£1277.38

THE WEEKLY ROSARY GROUP meets outside in front of Our Lady's Statue Sunday 3.30-4pm. For more information contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115 (UKPrays.org)



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

19th March 2023
Fourth Week of Lent
Psalter Week 4

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Times of Services

Sunday: 4th of Lent - Laetare Sunday

Sat. 6.00pm: Leszek & Teresa wedding Day (Izabella & Maria)

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: John Adams RIP

4.30pm : Rosary

Monday: St Joseph, Husband of Mary(Solemnity)

9.00am: November Dead List

Tuesday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: Jim Goodwin RIP (Hall)

Wednesday: Lenten Feria

11.00am: Funeral Betty Ruane

Thursday: Lenten Feria

9.45am: Rosary

10.00am:: Ian & Barbara Abbott Diamond Wedding Anniv

7.00pm Holy Hour

Friday: Lenten Feria

7.00pm: Stations of the cross

7.30pm Mass: Ruth Adriens - wellbeing (Alison & Julia)

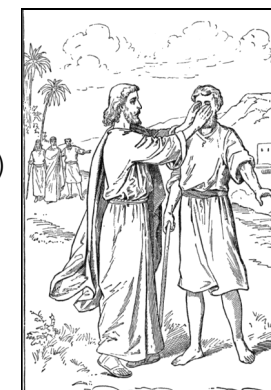
Saturday: Annunciation of the Lord

6.00pm Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Mary)

Sunday: 5th of Lent

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Antoniocarmine & Caterina Sellecchia



The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

CONFESSIONS
11am & 5.15pm
SATURDAY

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.

FR CHRIS WRITES:

Dear all. This Sunday we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the inaugural Mass of Pope Francis. We pray for him at this time that the Lord will bless protect and Strengthen him. There is much that has been written by people but perhaps the best insight are the words he spoke when accepting the ministry of Pope: "I am a sinner, but having trusted in the mercy and infinite patience of our Lord Jesus Christ and in a spirit of penance, I accept."

"For me," he said, "feeling oneself a sinner is one of the most beautiful things that can happen, if it leads to its ultimate consequences. ... When a person becomes conscious that he is a sinner and is saved by Jesus ... he discovers the greatest thing in life, that there is someone who loves him profoundly, who gave his life for him." He lamented that many Catholics have, sadly, not had this fundamental Christian experience.

"There are people who believe the right things, who have received catechesis and accepted the Christian faith in some way, but who do not have the experience of having been saved ... and who therefore lack the experience of who they are. I believe that only we great sinners have this grace." This acute awareness comes from knowing oneself a sinner. We need to experience this. Pope Francis learnt this from years of going to Confession where his vocation began. He continues to go every two weeks.

The Pope goes to Confession. Have you this Lent?

It is a truly wonderful sacrament that absolves us of our sins – sets us free! As we come to Holy week it is a great opportunity for us all.

On Thursday **30th March 7.00pm** instead of the Holy Hour, there will be visiting priests available for Confession as well as Exposition of the Blessed sacrament and Benediction. I have asked Fr Jim Cahill, Fr John Joe and Fr Peter to come for the Confessions.



Please note the School children are using the De Trafford room for the next few weeks the door in the cloister may not be used during school hours. Urgent heating repairs are being done in the school.

BACK AFTER COVID!! OUR ECUMENICAL LENT FRIDAY LUNCH TIME

SERVICE on the Fridays of Lent, In the Octagonal Hall from 12.30-1.00pm followed by the famous Soup etc, prepared by our Third World Group. This is an opportunity to pray together and get to know each other.

24th March – Harborough Community Church;
31st March – Methodist Church.



Funerals: The funeral Mass of **Betty Ruane** will be on Wednesday 22nd March at 11.00am. The funeral Service of **Joe Fitzpatrick** will be on Wednesday 29th March 2. 15pm. May they rest in peace.

THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH in support of Saint Joseph school will be on Thursday the 29th of June 2023 at Marston Trussell hall at 12:30 PM. tickets are 40 pounds. Four tickets please contact Kate Crawford: 07814629927

TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK:

Palm Sunday times as normal. However the 11.00am will have the procession with Palms starting outside hopefully!

Wednesday: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 11.30am

Maundy Thursday 7.00pm

Good Friday: Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

Easter vigil: 8.00pm – First Mass of Easter: Mother of all Masses

Easter Sunday: 9.00 & 11.00am

Lenten devotions:

Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass

Holy Hour with Benediction: Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm.. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration before the Blessed Sacrament especially at this time. Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

The Christian Heritage Centre's 2023 **CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAMME** for Sixth Formers is open for applications until Friday 31st March. Further information about the programme can be found at www.christianheritagecentre.com/clf or by emailing admin@christianheritagecentre.com

CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS: If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on **Wednesday 29th March** from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. See the poster on the parish notice board for further information, and to book contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk).

COME TO LOURDES! Bishop Patrick invites everyone in our diocese to join him in coming to this beautiful Marian Shrine between Saturday 15th and Thursday 20th July. Travel will be by air from East Midlands Airport, and the five-night all inclusive prices (full board) start at £709. See the poster at the back of church for more details, or visit <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-nottingham>

'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 21st March 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 or phone him on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756.'