



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

21st May 2023
7th Week of Easter
Psalter Week 3

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MONTH OF MAY: This is the special month of Mary. I encourage you all to pray the rosary especially that families pray together. In Church we have A public Rosary outside on a Sunday at 4.30pm and on a Thursday before Mass. We pray especially for Peace and the family and that all sinners may turn to the merciful heart of Jesus.

'NEOPHYTES' MASS 2023 – Bishop Patrick is coming to Leicester to celebrate Mass with and for those who have recently joined the Catholic Church (known as Neophytes). If you, a friend or family member have joined the Catholic Church in the last few years Bishop Patrick is inviting you to this special Mass on **Sunday 21st May at St Mary's South Wigston (LE18 4PG) at 3pm.** Please do pass this invitation on!

There are **New Year Books** available for £5 with a few articles and of course obituaries from last year.

RED BOXES: It is time yet again for the Missio boxes to be brought in for emptying. As usual could you please leave your box on the table in the cloister and collect it the following week (or two). Nearly £900 was raised for the missions from our boxes last year . Thank you very much indeed for taking part in supporting the poor in our world.

PUBLIC PRAYING OF THE ROSARY at Our Lady's Statue outside in front of the church. 4.30-5pm every Sunday. As Catholics we pray the Rosary for cohesion and reconciliation in society, for peace, and freedom. We pray for the people, for the rulers, and for the kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ in society. At the same time always for the freedom of the Church, for the clergy, for the bishops, for the Pope, and in reparation for the sins committed against God Almighty and His Holy Mother. For more details contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115.

THE CROSS, THE RESURRECTION AND THE SHROUD OF TURIN: Blessed Sacrament Church, Gooding Avenue LE3 1JS Sunday 7th May—Sunday 21st May. This remarkable exhibition contains many exhibits, including a life size replica of the Shroud of Turin. The displays serve to focus our hearts and minds on the defining truths of Christianity and offer a profound opportunity for meditation and evangelisation. See poster for details of time and www.westleicestercatholic.org

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	20/21 May	N. Williamson	F.Thompson	J. Thayaseelan
	27/28 May	J. Rowland	R. Lewin	P. Green

FINANCE	14/05/23
Envelopes	£193.00
Loose	£268.76
Standing Order	£761.38
Total	£1223.14

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 of Services

Sunday: 7th of Easter

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Nellie & Martin Grogan RIP
4.30pm: Rosary

Monday: Feria

9.00am: Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Father Kieran Dodd RIP

Wednesday: Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer
10.00am Mass: Doris & Stanley Wood RIP

Thursday: St Bede the Venerable

9.45am: Rosary
10.00pm Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Mary)

Coffee after Mass:

7.00pm Holy Hour

Friday: St Philip Neri

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

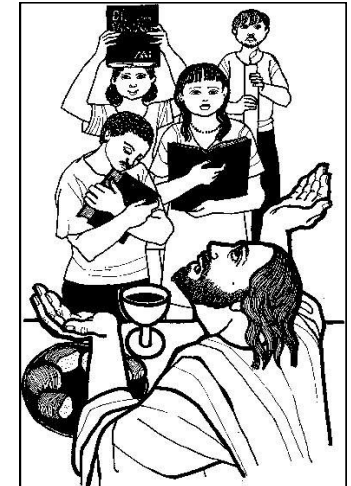
Saturday: St Augustine of Canterbury

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Sunday: Pentecost

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Maureen & Keith Douglas 40th Wedd Anniv

This weekend we have a 2nd Collection for World Communications Sunday for the Communications work of the Church in England and Wales



*Father, glorify
your Son.*

CONFESSIONS
11am & 5.15pm
Saturday


.FR CHRIS WRITES: Dear All, I had a good couple of days at the Clergy Conference which was stimulating as well as a good get together of the clergy – priests and deacons. We have talks from Bishop John Sherrington auxiliary in Westminster and a former priest of our Diocese. He is the lead on ethical & Life issues. His talk was entitled for the love of Christ urges us on. He talked about the cultural situation we live in and the relationship between truth and mercy and how they interact in the context of the Synod. He referred to one of the statements of our English summary which was carried on to the continental Document. The need for a formation that holds in tension scripture tradition and the teaching of the Church with personal experience and the invitation to an ongoing conversion. He also touched all their importance of encountering Christ for a true witness. He also reflected on the issue of euthanasia and how it is becoming more widespread each year across the world and the Christian response to the human being in their suffering and their great dignity. He also reflected on the Pope's letter on the family and various pastoral situations that we encounter and how we help people to grow as Christians through those difficulties. He was wonderful and in good form. We also had a talk from Kerri Christopher from the Humanum institute entitled What is Woman. This was a less heavy presentation but very helpful on the human embodiment and the truth that God made us as a man or woman.

We then had a very powerful talk and witness from Rachael Mackenzie from Rachel's Vineyard who helps those who have had abortion and has a ministry of healing whether for women or men who have been scarred by abortion. She herself had two abortions. This was a most powerful witness of hope, healing and forgiveness and the grieving of Mothers and Fathers for the Children they have killed who find a new hope and meaning for their lives. Words of John Paul II: Pope Saint John Paul II's Message to Women who've had an abortion: *"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision and she does not doubt that in many cases, it was a painful even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed... But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly."* www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk Sadly I had to return on Wednesday morning which was to look at Gender ideology from different perspectives. From Church teaching to pastoral care and legal issues in our work.

This Sunday we find ourselves between the Ascension which we celebrated last Thursday and the Feast of Pentecost which comes next Sunday. We are in the same period as was that first Christian Community as they gathered in the Upper Room- the cenacle- as they awaited the words of Jesus concerning the coming of the Holy Spirit to be fulfilled. We should be like them: praying continuously. There is that great tradition of the Church of Making a Novena to the Holy Spirit – nine days of prayer asking for the Gift of the Holy Spirit. I love the psalm which is the first Psalm of the Easter Vigil: Send forth your spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth. Let us get on our knees each of us, and together as families and ask God to send forth his Holy Spirit and renew each of us, our families, our Church, our World. That little as we are through the power of the Holy Spirit we can accomplish great things. (cf. Mary's Magnificat).

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick: Saturday 17th June 2023; see poster.

As many of you have heard **Maureen Clarkin** died. Her funeral will be at Holy Cross Priory, Leicester on 25 May at 1.30pm. The funeral will be in the Old Latin Rite. Our Condolence to Ron, Dominic and the family. Also our condolences to Fr John Owens who recently lost his father also **John Owens**. I will be doing a graveside service on the 1st June at 2.00pm.

 **Caritas FAITH AND FOOTPRINT': Monday 5th June at 7.00pm – 8.30pm.** Caritas invite you to their next online workshop with CAFOD on caring for Creation in our parishes and homes. The session is a chance to meet others who are praying and working for a greener Church, or interested in the parish earning the Live Simply Award. This time we'll focus on: Planning for activities for the Season of Creation, which starts on 1st September Designing a 'campaign journey' and assembling resources to engage parishioners Hosting a screening in your parish of The Letter, a film about putting *Laudato Si into action*. To receive the Zoom link book your place at bit.ly/FaithandFootprint

SEE, I DO A NEW THING: Bringing the Church's social mission to life, being held from 10.00am to 2.00pm on *Leicestershire & Rutland Saturday 17 June at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rushey Mead, Leicester.* This workshop from Caritas is for anyone who wants to see the Gospel come alive in their parish, neighbourhood and wider world. Join fellow Catholics to grow in skills and confidence for outreach, whether for the isolated and vulnerable, for asylum seekers and migrants or for the environment. Volunteers who have run a parish 'warm space' or drop-in are especially encouraged to attend to share their experience and build mutual support. For further details visit bit.ly/new-thing-poster or book your place at bit.ly/new-thing or by calling Paul on 0115 648 1509.

An email from Will Cruddace Community Participation Co-ordinator – CAFOD Nottingham: I wanted to drop you an email as I'm just going through our Lent donations and have seen that Our Lady of Victories donated over £1,300 to our Emergency appeal for Turkey and Syria, this is incredible!! Thank you so much!!

OPEN GARDENS IN MELTON MOWBRAY, SUNDAY 4 JUNE, 11 AM TO 5 PM Come for a day out in Melton Mowbray! The historic church will be open, with its garden, and the Convent garden, plus five other private gardens open for you to browse, have a cup of tea and a chat, and support the building of a new church hall at the same time. Admission is just £5 for adults (accompanied children free), and that admits you to all the gardens. Some are doing refreshments and plant sales. More details can be seen at https://www.opengardens.co.uk/open_gardens.php?id=2433 Tickets available to buy online or at any garden on the day. For a list, map and tickets contact Frances on 07790 631635 or franceslevett@gmail.com.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS TODAY – Reflection and workshop. The Diocesan Ecumenical Commission has arranged a day led by Teresa Kehoe (Aid to the Church in Need) at Infant of Prague parish hall, 63 Broad Street, Syston, LE7 1GH on Saturday 27th May; 10.00am to 1.00pm. Aid to the Church in Need supports the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. No need to book, just come on the day; refreshments available, please bring a packed lunch. For more information contact Fran Hazel at ecumenicalcommission@dioceseofnottingham.uk