

**GRAPEVINE:** Grapevine is the Diocesan Newsletter for Adult formation, Justice & Peace and Caritas in our diocese. **This week** there are various bits of news and events. Please ctrl + click on the image above or [this link](#): There is an address on Caritas by Bishop Patrick amongst other things.



Also please see:

**Mondays from 30 November, 7.45pm-9.00pm** [Introducing Laudato Si'](#) You are invited to an Advent series of online talks on *Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on care the Earth our common home. The series opens with Paul Bodenham on Reading Laudato Si' with heart, head and hands, and closes with Sr Margaret Atkins OSA from Boarbank Hall in Lancaster Diocese.* ([https://stgregorys.org.uk/laudato\\_si/](https://stgregorys.org.uk/laudato_si/))



**FR CHRIS: THOUGHTS ON THE READINGS:**

As we end our Churches year, appropriately the Liturgy takes us to the final Judgement. As we begin a new year of grace next week, we are compelled to wonder how will we fare at the moment of judgement. And judgment there will be as Our Lord makes clear in countless sayings. There is a drama to our lives. Will we receive eternal life or eternal punishment or perhaps we can say more accurately, will we choose one or the other? It is our choice whether we live that choice or not. Our choices matter. There should be a certain tension to our lives, together with longing, hope, trust in Our Lord and the power of his grace. This removes an unchristian anxiety which can also happen and is harmful. However, to deny God's judgement is not the answer. Judgement is part of the healing of the World as St Paul says in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. All evil is destroyed by Christ so that God finally may be all in all. That is something to look forward to and to strive for in our lives. But judgement applies to us just as much as it does to others.

In this parable Christ is presented as coming in glory, seated on his throne of glory. This contrasts with the past and present. The past of Our Lord's earthly life of self-emptying from his glory even unto the cross and the present when he comes to us gently through our faith in word and sacrament and in others. This is because the present time is the age of mercy when God offers salvation to all. However, at the end of time God's justice will be revealed in its truth and wonder, far greater than any human conception.

The parable is clear. Firstly, some will go to the eternal Kingdom: *a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace (Preface), others to eternal punishment.*

Secondly, Our Lord makes clear what we will be judged on. There can be no claim we did not know! It was not clear! These words are crystal clear. He even goes into categories of the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, those without clothes, the sick, the prisoner. We will be judged uniquely on our treatment of those in any kind of need. Christ quite simply identifies with those in need. Indeed, is present in those in need. Thus, one of the ways to meet our Lord is to help those in need. It is interesting that Our Lord does not mention the practices of Christian life such as prayer, self-discipline, penance or asceticism etcetera. Vital as these are, they are judged by their fruit. Their fruit should be love. St John of the Cross, that great man of prayer, summed it up. In the evening of our life we shall be judged on love.

Let us be encouraged in these dark times and always turn to his merciful love. Christ is King of Universe. His victory is assured. The time of evil is short. Christus vincit! Christ regnat! Christus imperat! Happy feast Day.



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020  
Week 34 of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 2

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## Times of Services

**Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Saturday: Private Mass: Margaret Cotter (Cotter)

Sunday: Private Mass: People of the Parish

**Monday: Feria**

Private Mass: Deceased Knights of Market Harborough and Family members

**Tuesday: St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions**

Private Mass: Stefania, Jozef, Wlodek & Emilia Fialkowski RIP

**Wednesday: Feria**

Private Mass: Ints Frs Terence, Paul & James (Nowakowski)

**Thursday: Feria**

Private Mass: November Dead List

**Friday: Feria**

Private Mass: Frieda Smith RIP Anniv (Kate & Rose)

**Saturday: Feria**

Private Mass: Ian Milner RIP (Beryl) Anniv

**Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent**

Private Mass: Trudi Blamires RIP

**Sadly, there are no Public Masses at the moment until the end of the Lockdown. However, Individual prayer is permitted: the church will be open at the following times:**

**Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays between 10.00am - 12 Noon**



*You have shown that you can be faithful in small things, come and join in your master's happiness.*

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** We continue with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We pray that we may be able to celebrate Mass at the beginning of December. Many have spent time with the Lord. Come along spend time with Our Lord in person in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays between 10.00am – 12 Noon,**



Fr. Chris, Parish Priest

Please keep Sunday special by reading the Scriptures of the Sunday as a family (or on your own if you live alone) and praying about them together. What do the readings say? What do they say to me or to us is a Good and simple method. Then pray prayers of intercession as a family for the needs of the Church world and your own needs. It is particularly important to pray together at this time when we cannot gather as a Community. You can then follow Mass online as well having prayed together. I will continue to celebrate Mass each day holding you all in my intentions. God bless you all

**DAILY PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC:** We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer **each day at 6pm**, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (22 November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. With many others we will be praying before the Blessed sacrament from 10.00am – Noon on Saturday. Also Bishop Patrick and Fr Jonathan will be streaming an hour of Adoration from the Chapel in Bishop's House from 4 - 5pm [www.YouTube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney](http://www.YouTube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney)  
**PS** Those of you with internet please print off a copy of the Newsletter for Parishioners who do not have the internet. Paper copies are available at church.

#### **SOME LINKS FOR FOLLOWING MASS ONLINE**

There is a good website: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) with regular Masses from all over the country. **St Barnabas Cathedral** will be live streaming Mass accessed at [www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01\\_Community/livestream.html](http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html) Also Walsingham is very popular at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/> Bishop Patrick tends to stream his Mass on Sundays via [www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaf7upUMsn3KI8GD79FotjQ/featured) (This can be found by searching for 'Bishop Patrick McKinney' on YouTube)

#### **For our Little Church age group & youth:**

CAFOD also have Children's Liturgy activity resources on their website. Please see the link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy> There is also <https://video.ewtn.com/kids/> which has videos for children including Stations of the Cross. Also **St Mary's Parish and School Derby** have a podcast channel - <https://www.mixcloud.com/DerbyCatholic/> Sundays 9am - Children's Liturgy Also check out our **Youth Service NDCYS** for their live streaming on you tube: <https://ndcys.com/> NDCYS (Nottingham Diocese Catholic Youth Service) have a "You Tube" Channel, [NDCYS Live!](https://www.ndcys.com/)

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:** Our thanks go to Mike Hall has looked after our Health & Safety for many years and has retired from that service to the community. We are looking for someone with experience in that area to serve the Parish. Please Contact Fr Chris.

#### **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:**

As part of RED WEDNESDAY Week **Aid to the Church in Need** has organized a LIVESTREAM Piano Recital on Monday 23rd November from 7pm to 9pm from the 1901 Arts Club in London. Two world class pianists, Imma Setiadi and Nigel Clayton, have created a programme of pieces reflecting hope in difficult times. You can watch live on You Tube by searching 1901 Arts Club PR at [www.acnuk.org/rwpiano](http://www.acnuk.org/rwpiano). An opportunity will be given to make a donation, if you wish, for ACN work in the Middle East.



#### **VOCATIONS CAFÉ:**

The Diocesan Vocations Team are holding a Zoom Café for men and women on Tuesday 1st December at 7 pm to chat about vocation and what it means. If you would like to meet the team, ask any questions or simply just listen in, email Diane at: [vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for the link and password to enable you to join them on your device with your drink and cake. Find out what it means!!!

#### **HAVE YOU SAVED THE DATE? HERE'S A SECOND CHANCE!**

**LACY**(Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth) will be holding their Zoom Celebration for the Feast of Christ the King this Sunday evening at 6.30 p.m. We are hoping that many young people and their families will come along and share this time with us.

The theme is "TOGETHER" and the uplifting Young People's Liturgy will be supported by Fr. Simon Gillespie, hosted by LACY and led by young people. We will also have a chance to hear about the work of Menphys and be able to support them, if we wish, with our suggestion of "home fundraising" – our gift for Christmas. For more information E mail LACY at [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com) or [claudiacoxon@googlemail.com](mailto:claudiacoxon@googlemail.com). The ID for the occasion is **864 5877 0122** and the password is: **051306**. **Please note that all people under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by an adult when linking in.** This will be an exciting occasion for all of us to be involved in the celebration, through prayer, readings, music and games! We look forward to seeing you!

**PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE PROJECT: Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Project: The local Prison Fellowship group will be running the Angel Tree project this year at HMP Gar-tree and would like your help.** Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions please would you kindly consider making a donation of £15 to Prison Fellowship (Angel Tree). This is instead of purchasing a gift for a child whose parent is in prison. A member from Prison Fellowship will buy a gift and post it to the child on your behalf. Thank you for your support. **For more information on how to make a donation please contact Maureen Douglas on 07966 515115**

**MARY'S MEALS:** "So much can be asked of us at this time of year. It may be hard to always say yes. Mary said yes to being the Mother of Jesus and as a young, unmarried girl this must have been a terrifying moment for her. Yet her "yes" brought Jesus into the world and changed lives forever. Throughout this year of many challenges, thanks to our generous supporters, Mary's Meals has continued to say yes to feeding desperately hungry children with a daily meal in a place of education. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide 43,000 hungry children in Bong County, Liberia, with a life-changing meal at school. From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, donations made to our Double The Love campaign will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Please consider setting a place at our [Big Family Christmas dinner table](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doubletheLove) or buying a Christmas gift card on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/doubletheLove](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doubletheLove) Thank you