



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

23rd July 2023
16th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4

JUBILEE FOOD BANK: You are asked to leave food bank items in the trolleys at various supermarkets when you shop. Henderson Connellan on the High Street, Spar on Coventry Road, Eco Village, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Both Coop supermarkets, B&M, Everyone's Active: Leisure Centre of <https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/> **Shopping List: MOST NEEDED:** (In order of how urgent they are.) **Jars of sandwich paste (such as salmon or chicken paste), Dried mashed potato (e.g., Smash), Tinned carrots Fray Bentos pies, UHT Milk (semi-skimmed or full fat) Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Tinned Fruit, Juice Drinks & Cordial, Jam**

Suggested Food Donations: Tinned carrots, Crackers, Fray Bentos Pies, Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned Peas, Mayonnaise, Hot dogs (tinned/jarred), Tinned Potatoes, Snacks, Smash, Sugar (small bags if possible, 500g), Pasta sauce, Sandwich Paste, Tinned chicken in sauce, Tinned red meat (bolognese, mince, stewed, chili, corned, ham...), Beans (red kidney beans, chick-peas...), Marmalade, Snacks (snack bars, small bags of nuts, dried fruit...), Porridge oats, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shower gel, Feminine products--sanitary towels and tampons, Used, clean, strong 'bags for life', strong carrier bags, Jars or pouches of baby food, Packets of Rice (500g if possible), Fruit (tinned), Cereal, Jars of curry sauce to go with rice, Biscuits, Tinned potatoes, Tinned meatballs, Jars of coffee, Hot chocolate,, Mild curry sauces,, Packet Rice
We don't currently need: Baked beans, Soup, Chopped tomatoes, Tinned pasta, Fish, Dried pasta

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Times of Services

Sunday: 16th of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Marian GIEZ RIP (Hudson)

Monday: Feria

9.00am: Mass: Malcolm Rigby RIP

Tuesday: St James

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of Mary

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00am: November Dead List

Thursday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary
10.00pm Mass: Maria's Int (Izabella & Anita)
Coffee after Mass
7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Mary Fraser RIP (Kim Douglas)

Saturday: Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday: 17th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: Monica Byrne RIP (Goddard)
11.00am Mass: Alfredo Alejandro (anniv)



*Let them both
grow until the
harvest.*

CONFESSIONS

11am & 5.15pm
Saturday

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023

Date for your diaries: Saturday 2nd December 2023
9.00am until 3.00pm

Our Christmas Bazaar was so very successful last year.
We have, therefore, decided to use our Church rooms again this year.

Would you like to help this year?
If so, please put a note through Fr Chris's letterbox
Together with your contact details.
We'll get in touch with you to discuss.

For further information, please contact:
Alan Sear (Chairman) on: 07850 252064.

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	22/23 July	M. Atkins	R. Lewin	J. Thayaseelan
	29/30 July	C. Baldam	C. Goddard	P. Green

FINANCE	16/07/23	
Envelopes	£252.00	<p>Sadly Pat Quirke died on the 11th July. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 11th August at 11.00am. Our Condolences to Mick and the family.</p> <p>Also Fr John Boakye will be visiting us next weekend.</p>
Loose	£240.94	
Standing Order	£761.38	
Total	£1254.32	

FR CHRIS WRITES: This Sunday is the world Day of prayer for grandparents - created by Pope Francis. He has a great love for them and how vital the friendship of the young and old are – for both.*That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time* The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment.. (FROM Pope Francis Message for Grandparents and the elderly) of [World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#) May God bless all our grandparents living and dead.

AN INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT THE FOODBANK: As a beginning of our 'Faith in Action' initiative within the community, we approached the Jubilee Food bank organisers to see if Our Lady of Victories could be of any assistance to them. They felt our fairly central location would offer a convenient reception and collection point for their clients' food parcels. There was general agreement we should trial this, in the first instance providing a once weekly 2 hour session from 12.00 - 2.00pm on a Tuesday. We hope to get underway on September 5th.2023. We envisage a couple of volunteers being required for each weekly session to deal with the parcels, with the potential for a further weekly session if there is support for the venture. Could any one who feels able to give a couple of hours of their time, weekly or fortnightly, in this respect, contact Brendan O'Malley (phone 01858 462890) or Father Chris in the near future.

STOP UK GOVERNMENT FUNDING CHINA'S GENOCIDAL REGIME SPUC:

Many thanks to all who signed our petition

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE ARCHBISHOP KEVIN MCDONALD will lead a pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 5th August under the theme 'Accepting the Gift' in reparation and prayer for the sanctity of life. See poster



CHILDREN'S LITURGY: As we are returning to one Mass on a Sunday morning at 10.00am, we are hoping to start Children's Liturgy again. However we will need volunteers. Two are needed for each session. They will follow the pattern of school terms If you would like to help, please contact Fr. Chris via the Parish email. parishpriest@olvic.com As this involves Children we have to do a DBS check and follow our Safer Recruiting procedures.



Since we are returning to Sunday 10.00am Mass, we hope to restart our **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE** after Mass in September. I wonder, is there someone who may be interested in coordinating this Community activity. We will then look for Volunteers for a rota.



CHANGE TO SUNDAY MASS: on weekend 16/17 September. At the moment we have two Masses on a Sunday morning. This came about because of COVID and the need to be socially distant at Mass to keep everyone safe. Our Parish was one of the first to reopen and it was brilliantly done. A big thank you to all involved to make that possible. However, our normal practice has been to have just the one Sunday morning Mass at Our Lady's. I have been consulting the PPC (and other Parishioners) and we feel it is now the time to return to one Mass for the good of the community of the Parish and other reasons.

The primary reason is to bring people together as a community to pray and worship in the best way possible. It will help us to have enough readers and indeed welcomers collectors and so on. Also, hopefully we will be able to recommence our Children's Liturgy group as well as Sunday Coffee.

I have also consulted with the deanery and the Bishop. We must decide these things together so that the needs of all the deanery Parishes are met. There are less priests now and many Parishes in Leicester are sharing a Priest sometimes two Parishes, sometimes three. The diocesan plan for our Parish of Market Harborough leaves us as a single Parish. However, I have to be able to support other Parishes on occasion such as sickness.

We have decided now to return to our traditional time of 10.00am on Sunday morning as well as the 6.00pm Saturday night from the weekend of 16/17th September. We have discerned that this is the best time for the Parish. However, if the needs of the Deanery demand it in the future, we may have to move to another time. We are blessed that we will have 2 weekend Masses at our Parish when many just have one. My thanks for all who have helped discern this decision.

FROM ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL: We wish all of the children and families at St Joseph's Catholic Academy a very happy and restful summer break. **We look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Thursday 31st August.** Good luck to all of our Year 6 children moving on to Secondary School - continue to 'believe, achieve and succeed' in all you do.

HOLIDAY AT HOME: A week of activities and entertainment for seniors, August 7th to 11th at the Methodist Church, £6 per day or £30 for the week. Two course hot lunch, tea, coffee and biscuits included. To book, phone 01858 410878, if no reply please leave a message with your name and phone number.

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION: We continue our holy Hour on Thursdays: With Exposition from 7.00pm: There will be some meditations and finishing with Benediction about 7.50pm. The Eucharist and the Real presence of our Lord in is so important for us. The opportunity to come and pray with Our Lord when the Blessed Sacrament exposed is a source of special graces. *For families with Children Why not one of the parents come and pray for the whole family for a time during the hour?.*



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