

Take part in a nationwide act of witness to the lives of the 10 million unborn babies killed by abortion since the implementation of the Abortion Act in April 1968. The **Nottingham SPUC Pro-Life Chain** will be on Trent Bridge, West Bridgford, from 10am until midday on **Saturday 20th April**. Meet at the Brewhouse and Kitchen pub on the north side of the bridge, at 9.55am. For more information, please contact John on 07757 815 625 or email [pro-life@nottinghamspuc.org](mailto:pro-life@nottinghamspuc.org)

The **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** will be led by Bishop Patrick between **Monday 15th and Friday 19th July**. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for the full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes) or email the Pilgrimage Deputy Director at [simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER,, Palm Sunday:** At the darkest hour of his suffering on the cross, Jesus continues to pray, using the traditional words of the Psalms, identifying himself with the poor and abandoned of our world. In those moments, the crucified Lord takes upon himself the burden of all the sins of the world; of all our sins. To read the full reflection and find more resources at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer) A prayer sheet is available.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARBOROUGH EASTER EVENT 2024 WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHTS** On Good Friday 2024, we will be sharing the full Easter story of Jesus with our community on Good Friday, in ways that are accessible, relevant and fruitful, utilising the creative gifts, skills and talents of the church body in Harborough. To support this event there will be a series of worship and prayer nights, where brothers and sisters in Christ from across the churches in the town gather together to seek the Lord together, to intercede and pray over the town together, and to ask God to move in power at the event itself. Your support and participation in these nights will have a real impact for the Gospel in our town.

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER NIGHT #3: Sunday 24th March, 6pm. Market Harborough Community Church** 121 Bath Street, Market Harborough, LE16 9JL.

[www.harboroughcommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.harboroughcommunitychurch.org.uk)  
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	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
24th March	J Lowe	S McGlone	C McInnes	J O'Leary
31st March	B O'Malley	T Ruane	J Shellard	T Page

READERS				FINANCE	17/03/24
	Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am	Envelopes	£292.93
23/24 Mar	M Mihovilovic	J Thayaseelan	P Green	Loose	£242.75
30/31 Mar	N Williamson	C McHugh	S McGlone	Standing Order	
				Total	£535.68



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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24th March 2024  
 6th Week Lent  
 Psalter Week 2  
 Palm Sunday

## TIMES OF SERVICES

### Sunday: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish  
 10.00am Mass: Arthur & Ann Johnson  
 Coffee after Mass

### Monday: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

9.00am: November Dead List  
 6.30pm: Confessions

### Tuesday: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

12.00noon: Funeral Mass Tom Connelly

### Wednesday: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

11.30am Mass: Chrism Mass at Cathedral  
 6.30pm: Confessions

7.00pm: November Dead List

### Thursday: MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00pm: For Priests - Mass of the Lords Super Followed by watching till 11.00am

### Friday: GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am: Ecumenical Witness in the Square  
 3.00pm: Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion  
 7.00pm: Stations of the Cross  
 7.30pm: Confessions

### Saturday: HOLY SATURDAY

11.00am: Confessions  
 12.00pm: Blessing of Easter Food  
 7.30pm: Easter Vigil - People of the Parish

### Sunday: EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

10.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP Anniv in thanks



*Blessings on him  
 who comes in the  
 name of the Lord.*



**FR CHRIS WRITES:** This weekend we begin Holy Week or the Great week as it is often called. Simply put with Jesus we enter Jerusalem. We seek to take part in the events of our Salvation through our Liturgies in Church and our devotions at home such as a family Stations of the Cross and the rosary. If we are watching television perhaps we could view more religious films on TV or You Tube. We also try to live the Spirit of the Triduum. These are the three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

We can also give witness this week by placing some branches in our windows or on our door and a cross or crucifix in our window in Holy week and then maybe flowers or white cloth on Easter Sunday or the children could do some drawings!

One of the things I remember from being a child was the sombre solemnity of Good Friday, then the sense of silence and waiting on Holy Saturday looking forward to the joy of the resurrection. We sit by the tomb waiting with Mary, Mother of the Lord. For our family, it was a day of preparation and quiet with no television or radio! Then the great joy of Easter broke forth with the village bells ringing again, the Liturgy and Easter egg hunts in the Garden!

**EASTER VIGIL: Saturday 30th March, 7.30 p.m.** We need more readers for this liturgy. The texts consist of a psalm and a passage from the Old Testament. Even though you may not be on the list of regular readers, please consider assisting on this special night. If you would like to discuss this, please talk to Margaret Atkins after mass this weekend or call 01858 446369 or email [margaretatkins52@gmail.com](mailto:margaretatkins52@gmail.com)

#### **TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK:**

We have planned the times for Holy Week

**Palm Sunday** Sat 6.00pm & 10.00am (with blessing of Palms)

**Monday** Confessions: 6.30pm

**Wednesday:** Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 11.30am

Confessions 6.30pm Mass 7.00pm

**Maundy Thursday** 7.00pm followed by Watching

**Good Friday:**

Ecumenical Witness: Easter Live on the Square 10.30am

Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm followed by Confessions

**Holy Saturday:** 11.00am Confessions

12 noon Blessing of easter Food

**Easter vigil:** 7.30pm – First Mass of Easter: Mother of all Masses

**Easter Sunday:** 10.00am



**COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY:** Through the funds traditionally collected on Good Friday, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land is able to carry out the important mission to which it is called: preserving the Sacred Places, the stones of memory, and promoting the Christian presence, the living stones, through its many pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social facilities. **Of course with the war in Gaza this will be especially important to support our Christian brothers and sisters in Palestine.**

**Easter Offering:** Traditionally the Easter Offering goes to the Priest of the Parish and forms a major part of his income for the year. Envelopes for the Offering can be found at the back of the Church.

**WALSINGHAM 2024:** Join people from around the Diocese of Nottingham for the annual **Pilgrimage to Walsingham**. Gather together with Bishop Patrick on **Saturday 15th June** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham as we seek Our Lady of Walsingham's intercession for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese.  
**Could we get a coach together? Please sign up if you are interested**

**THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH** in support of Saint Joseph school will be on Thursday the 13th of June 2023 at Marston Trussell Hall at 12:00 – 4.00pm. Tickets are £40. For tickets please contact Kate Crawford 01858 446873.

**PRIESTS' FUNERALS:** The funeral arrangements for the late **Canon Anthony Dolan** are: Reception of Canon Anthony's body into Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on **Monday 8th April** at 6.00pm, with Mass of the Annunciation. Requiem Mass for Canon Anthony Dolan, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, celebrated by Bishop Patrick on **Tuesday 9th April** at 11.00am. The funeral arrangements for the late **Father John Daley IC** are: Reception of Father John's body into Saint Joseph's church, Leicester on **Wednesday 10th April** at 7.00pm, with Mass. Requiem Mass for Father John Daley IC, in Saint Joseph's church, Leicester, celebrated by Bishop Patrick on **Thursday 11th April** at 11.00am.

A number of **JOB VACANCIES** for parishes, and the central office, in the Nottingham Diocese are currently listed on the careers page of the diocesan website. The jobs are listed below; for more information, and to apply, visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers).

**Clergy Health and Wellbeing PA:** Nottingham / Hybrid (Apply by 8th April).

**Mission Support Assistant:** Nottingham / Hybrid (Apply by: 8th April).

**Assistant Communications Officer:** Nottingham / Hybrid (Apply by: 8th April).

**Parish Secretary:** Brigg, North Lincolnshire (Apply by: 8th April).

**Parish Administrator:** Shepshed and East Leake (Apply by: 8th April).

**Parish Facilities Manager:** East/North Nottingham (Apply by: 8th April)

**NOTTINGHAM CATHEDRAL ARTS AND CRAFTS GROUP** supported by the Friends of the Cathedral are holding an Art and Crafts Exhibition. It will take place on: **Friday 5th April** (invitation only preview evening); **Saturday 6th April** (10am-5pm), including tours of the Cathedral at 11am, 12pm, 2pm and 3pm; **Sunday 7th April** (10am-1pm). The exhibition includes paintings and drawings by local catholic artists, also quilting, embroidery, needlework by skilled needleworkers, and more. This is a free event and all are welcome.

For more information contact [anne.verdon@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:anne.verdon@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Confirmation 2024:** We are due to prepare our children for Confirmation. We aim to do this every three years. I am hoping that Bishop Patrick will come in the Autumn in October. I would like to get a group together who might be interested in helping with catechesis, If you would like to help please contact or email Fr Chris. We are also looking for an organiser for this. [Parish-priest@olvic.com](mailto:Parish-priest@olvic.com) As for all these roles we need to do a DBS