

Also We are having a  
**Remembrance Mass** for all  
Who have died this last year On  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm



### FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY

World mission Sunday it's a great reminder and indeed should lift our spirits. *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad* is the cry of the psalm today and great things are happening around the world. Today we are aware of that our Christian culture is struggling in the West but in many parts of the world the Faith in Christ continues to grow even in the most difficult circumstances. So many people priests religious and lay faithful heed the call to serve the Gospel far from their homes. They cannot help themselves. They "cannot but speak of what they have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). The encounter with Christ that gives life, life to the full. In his introduction to his encyclical 'God is Love', often quoted by Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI states that 'Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.' We see this movement or experience, clearly in our Gospel story today. Bartimaeus cries out to Jesus to have mercy on him and Jesus does in every way not just healing his physical blindness but giving him a vision to see the Truth: Jesus as Lord and Saviour so much so that he follows Jesus along the road to Jerusalem in his company. Because he has been healed by Jesus, his life now has a new horizon and a decisive direction. Because of his encounter with Jesus, and the healing mercy he has received, Bartimaeus follows the Lord on the road to Jerusalem to take part in the proclamation of God's reign of mercy and compassion.

All Christians who have this encounter are missionaries in their lives. Today we honour those who have left home. We rejoice in their witness and courage. We rejoice in the flowering of faith in so many Countries where there are vibrant expanding Christian Communities. They bring healing to so many people both spiritually and in being able to live better human lives.: Integral Salvation Missio this year features the work of women in Northern Nigeria. They are helping Christian and Muslim women bring peace and healing in the midst of the violence of raiding herdsman galvanising their gifts as Mothers. The Women's Interfaith Council was formed to bring mutual understanding between the women through training in skills which led to a better mutual respect and understanding for each other. They went home to their friends, their families and said: 'these people are not what we think: we have spent time with them and we saw they are good'. Such that when they suffered another raid of herdsman (mostly Muslim) which killed many men woman and children, they were able to heal their relationships despite the great hurts and forgive each other. They stopped the circle of violence. Missionaries provided spiritual, material and medical help. Please read about it on the [www.Missio.org.uk](http://www.Missio.org.uk) Website. There are some amazing stories such as the woman Elizabeth who suffered the loss of her sister's family. Today we support the young Churches throughout the world with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection and prayers. They pray for us. From Pope Francis message for World mission Sunday: On World Mission Day, which we celebrate each year on the penultimate Sunday of October, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people thirsting for its saving message. Contemplating their missionary witness, we are inspired to be courageous ourselves and to beg 'the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest' (Lk 10:2). We know that the call to mission is not a thing of the past, or a romantic leftover from earlier times. Today too Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion.



# Our Lady of Victories

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24th October 2021  
30th of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 2

### Times of Services

#### Sunday: 30th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: Ewaryst Nowakowski (Anniv)  
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am: Mass: Joan Cosgrove RIP (McGlone)

#### Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Patrick Horan RIP (Sisters)

#### Tuesday: Feria

NO MASS

#### Wednesday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Marjorie & Dennis Bennett RIP (Armstrong)

#### Thursday: Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles

10.00am Mass: Emma O'Malley RIP (Anniv)

#### Friday: Feria

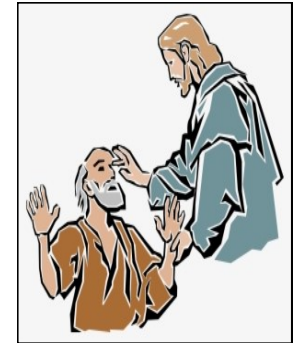
7.00pm Mass: Lily Murphy anniv RIP (Crocker)

#### Saturday: Feria

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 31st - Maria Mecatti RIP (Olivant)

#### Sunday: 31st of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish  
11.00am Mass: Patrick Curran Birthday



*Master, let me  
see again.*

**CONFESSIONS**  
11am Saturdays

#### **PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:**

*Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, though not necessary at the moment as we are not full.*

**Booking is now online:** [www.Massbooking.uk](http://www.Massbooking.uk) You can sign up there and then book. If you do not have the internet you can ask someone else to book for you, a child or grandchild or ring or email Fr. Chris on 01858 462359 giving your name and phone number. Please see instructions on our website: [www.olvic.com/news.htm](http://www.olvic.com/news.htm)

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** writes Synod 2021-2023: The PPC and I discussed and reflected on the Synod process we have asked to be part of and how best to participate in these COVID times. We have prepared a simple handout to help discussions. Please pick one up from Church or download from the website. The Bishop hopes that as many will participate as possible. You can reflect individually or as part of a Parish group or a group of friends. YOU can also send in emails letters and so on. There will be the opportunity to also come to a Parish meeting in November one during the day and one in the evening.

Above all we must pray for the Holy Spirit to speak and that we listen. **Please pray the Synod prayer or whatever prayer asking for a new vision for our Church both local and all love the world. This is Key. Please see the Synod page on our Website [www.olvic.com/synod.htm](http://www.olvic.com/synod.htm)**

I will be away this week from Monday to Wednesday with the Bishop and the Priests of the Diocese for a time of discussion and prayer.

**Sunday 24 October 2021 - Today is World Mission Sunday** World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

Also could People bring in their **Red Mission Boxes** for emptying. If anyone would like a box please let myself or Christine Shepherd know.

We Continue the month of the Holy Rosary This great prayer which is one both of Contemplation and intercession. I suggest we pray it for the family, an end of the Pandemic and that the assisted dying Bill does not pass.

We will be delighted to welcome all who would like to join us starting 20 minutes before the Masses. Please try and pray the Rosary at home as a family. There is a list on the Porch Table to sign up to lead the Rosary.

**Vocation Discernment Evening:** 'When a person is conquered by the Fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him' If you feel called to the Priesthood and want to know more, join us at the Vocation Centre, Our Lady & St Edward's, 247 Gordon Road, Nottingham, NG3 2LG on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm for a time of prayer, informal discussion and social time. For more information email: [vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Covid 19:** We need to proceed carefully and slowly. This is the opinion of those whom I have consulted. With the Delta variant on the rise in our areas **Hands, Face, Space, Ventilate** is just as important as ever. So we will still have to wear **masks** in Church as before: this is to protect all concerned and is an act of Christian charity. Mostly There will still be the 2m **social distancing** in Church back to back., but we will be closer along the benches. We will still **sanitise** hands as we enter and leave Church. Stewards will operate at the weekend Masses with booking for Mass as we do now. However, **on weekdays** there will not be a steward. We ask people to sign in or use the NHS QR code. **It will be easier if people book in online on a weekday.** On a weekday we will alternate sitting: on the Sacred Heart side on Monday, Our Lady's on a Tuesday and Sacred heart on a Wednesday etc. If people could help sanitise the touch points after Mass that would be helpful i.e. the tops of the benches. I think we are now all accustomed to how to act in a safe way. We will review this every few weeks in the light of local conditions.



**The Church is open for Private prayer each day**  
Please sign in on the list or use the Covid NHS App Q code displayed



**A message from CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal** for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)



**Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November.** There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see [cafod.org.uk/COP26](http://cafod.org.uk/COP26)

*May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable. Many thanks for the magnificent total which is now £960.00 not including the donations online.*

**GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION as world leaders gather at Glasgow for COP 26 for the climate summit.** On Saturday Nov 6th, The Climate Coalition, Friends of the Earth and many others are supporting a Global Day of Action. Sustainable Harborough Community is 'Gathering' on this Global Day of Action near the Old Grammar School from 1-3 pm. They will be coming with their friends and family, bringing placards, drums and whistles etc. More information on SHC's plans will follow on its website, and in its social media. [www.sustainableharboroughcommunity.co.uk](http://www.sustainableharboroughcommunity.co.uk)

**Third world Group: Unwanted Items** Heartfelt thanks from the Third World Group for the extremely generous response to our appeal for your unwanted clothes, shoes and goods which far exceeded all our hopes. To date, we have managed to raise just over £2,500 from selling your items which has enabled us to send donations to four of our very needy causes. We still need to send contributions to Father Ed and Father John so we hope that you will continue to leave any of your surplus goods in the Cloister to help us fulfil our commitments. Once again, very sincere thanks to you for enabling our parish to support very poor and disadvantaged communities in our world.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST** The Catholic Tradition of praying for the Holy Souls, particularly our own departed family and friends, takes on a special focus in November. During this month and during the rest of the year Masses will be offered with this intention in mind. If you would like to make a list of your deceased loved ones, it will be placed near the Altar during our November Masses. An offering is given and a series of Masses are offered for all our dead Loved ones in November and throughout the year. **Forms & Envelopes are available as you leave Church.**

#### **NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

**OUR ANNUAL VISIT TO MARKET HARBOROUGH CEMETERY:** Sunday 7th November at 3pm. We will meet at the cemetery gates and process through the cemetery in prayer with some of the Rosary.. When we reach the "Catholic Section" all those who have loved one buried in Harborough will go and stand at their graves and I will bless them with Holy water.

