

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, Friday 3rd March 2-3pm.**Theme: I Have Heard Of Your Faith.**

Methodist Church, Northampton Rd. The service this year has been prepared by the Christian Women of Taiwan. All are welcome. Refreshments following service.

Would you like a new spiritual challenge this Lent? Do you want a challenge which is more than giving something up? From Wednesday 22nd February (Ash Wednesday), you're invited to join other Christians in **40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in our community**. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the BPAS abortion clinic in Stapleford, offer practical alternatives to abortion for women who need it, and help spread the word about this important community outreach. More information about this global prayer movement, which has saved the lives of thousands of unborn children, is at www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham Contact John on 07757 815625 or 40daysforlife-notts@gmail.com Jesus said, *Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*

THE WEEKLY ROSARY GROUP meets outside in front of Our Lady's Statue Sunday 3.30-4pm.

For more information contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115(UKPrays.org)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our children have started their first communion sessions and each session will take place in between the Masses with the Children joining their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word. Please pray for them and their Catechists.



INTER CARE WITH LACY : Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth warmly invite all young people, families and friends to join them on Sunday 12th March at **2.00 p.m.** in a social walk, doing laps of Knighton Park, Leicester to raise funds for **Inter Care**. **Inter Care provides free access to medical aid for vulnerable patients across sub-Saharan Africa.** Take on board as short or long a walk as you wish. All monies received will help towards medical aid for the people of Africa. **4.00 p.m.** hot drinks and cake will be provided at St. Thomas More Church, 75 Knighton Road, LE2 3HN. **5.00 p.m.** a Youth Mass - which will be celebrated for us by Fr. Simon Gillespie. (Lifts available from Knighton Park to the Church if required). The Mass will be offered for the vulnerable people of sub-Saharan South Africa. Sponsor forms available from paulinepayne@hotmail.com and fundraising@intercare.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you! Help us to make this the most amazing event ever! All donations to Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/lacysponsoredwalk2023>.

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
Readers	25/26 February	N. Williamson	C. Reed	M. Douglas
	4/5 March	J. Rowland	D. Chappell	R. van der Liet

FINANCE	19/02/23
Envelopes	£201.53
Loose	£317.91
Standing Order	£761.38
Total	£1280.82

COACH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE County Mayo from the 7th -12 May 2023 led by Fr John Joe Maloney. A few places left. See poster for details



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

26th February 2023
First Week of Lent
Psalter Week 1

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

Times of Services

Sunday: 1st of Lent

Sat. 6.00pm: November Dead List
9.00am Mass: Grace Cotter RIP (Phil & Family)
11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

Monday: Lenten Feria

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Tuesday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: Francis Wilson - Good Health E.M's

Wednesday: St David, Patron of Wales

9.45am Morning prayer
10.00am: Sybil RIP (Sperry Family)

Thursday: Lenten Feria

11.00am Funeral Jim Cooper RIP

7.00pm: Holy Hour- exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday: Lenten Feria

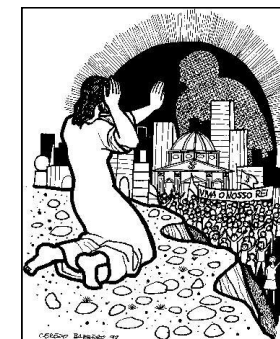
7.00pm: Stations of the cross
7.30pm Mass: Christopher Roberts RIP (Family) 1st Anniv

Saturday: Lenten Feria

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Sunday: 2nd of Lent

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Ann McGuire RIP (McGlone)



*Jesus fasted for
forty days and
temptation came.*

CONFESSIONS
11am & 5.15pm
SATURDAY

PLEASE NOTE: Please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.

FR CHRIS WRITES: This weekend we have a pastoral letter from the Bishop on the Eucharist. Please pick up a sheet which gives some points of meditation for the coming weeks of Lent on different aspects of our mass. Please read and reflect prayerfully on each section which will help to deepen our understanding of the mass which lies at the heart of our Catholic faith. You could also give a copy to someone who has not been at church for some time. Our communion with God and with one another is expressed most beautifully when we gather, in our parishes and other communities, to celebrate the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Church's life.

Walk with me booklets: These have a meditation for each day to bolster your prayer. Also available are Activity booklets and a calendar for children.

Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm on Fridays. Normally followed by Mass

Holy Hour with Benediction: Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm.. This is an opportunity for the most powerful prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Bishop and the Holy Father have called us to adoration before the Blessed Sacrament especially at this time.

Many graces are received before the Blessed Sacrament.

Some Lent Resources can be found at: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-easter/tide/lent-and-easter-tide-resources/>

So what will we do this Lent? Many people like to give up something for Lent. Many do something positive, like greater emphasis and time on prayer, scripture readings, charitable acts, trying to be especially kind, willing and cooperative and generally more helpful and cheerful to a family member whether as parent or child. We can make an effort to attend an extra Mass on a weekday and to come to the Stations of the Cross on a Friday evening, that lovely traditional Catholic devotion, which is so special, reflective and prayerful for a Lenten devotion. Or we can make a time to pop into Church during the day and waste some time with Jesus instead of the TV! We also have our Ecumenical prayer groups as below.

BACK AFTER COVID!! OUR ECUMENICAL LENT FRIDAY LUNCH TIME SERVICE on the Fridays of Lent,

In the Octagonal Hall from 12.30 – 1.00pm followed by the famous Soup etc, prepared by our Third World Group.. This is an opportunity to pray together and get to know each other.

3rd March – Harborough Anglican Team;

10th March – Baptist Church;

17th March – Congregational Church;

24th March – Harborough Community Church;



FUNERALS: The Funeral of **Jim Cooper** will be on Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 11.00am. May he rest in peace. Our condolences to Mary John and Jackie and family. Our condolences to **Tom Ruane** & his family on the death of his wife **Betty**.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH: We are managing to take collections in Church once again. Thank you to those who have begun to do it. We had a few volunteers for collections sadly the list I had put out disappeared during the time of the Bazaar. My fault. Apologies! Could I ask people to sign up again. There is a list in the Cloister for you to sign up with name Mass and contact details. Many thanks.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 3rd March – Lent Appeal



This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. See Lenten appeal video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULTqHsawCZU>

SHARE, INSPIRE, INSPIRE, SUPPORT: SHARING GOOD NEWS, BUILDING RESILIENCE

- parishioners and clergy in Leicester and Leicestershire are invited to the third bi-monthly meeting of Caritas Leicester hub, to share ideas and experience, to inspire and support each other and to explore new ways of working together. Please come along to St Peter's parish, Hinckley (Mary Forryan Centre) on Thursday March 9th from 7-9pm, when there will be a short presentation of local projects and an opportunity to discuss how to support resilience in projects which take off. (Just turning up is fine, but it would be helpful to have some idea of numbers, so if you're able to let us know, drop an email to cmdanaher66@gmail.com)

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PTFA: Friday 3rd March, 7pm – Quiz night at the school is back!

Tickets will be £10 and you can come on your own or as part of a team. There will be fish and chips and a raffle and prizes for the winning team! You can email rjfox31@gmail.com to reserve your tickets. Tickets also available from the school office.

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RETREATS IN THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM THIS LENT – After the great success last year, The Diocese of Nottingham is again offering day retreats to help you grow closer to God this Lent through talks, discussion, prayer, Mass, confession and social time. There is a **FREE Young Adults (18-35)** retreat in Derby on **Saturday 11th March** given by Jack Valero (Founder of Catholic Voices) focusing on how we live our faith out in the challenges of our daily life.



The Men's Retreat on Saturday 18th March given by Fr Julian Green (Priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham) will be focused on men of scripture and what we can learn from them, and the **Women's Retreat** given by Sr Ann Swailes on **Saturday 25th March** will be following the theme of 'Here I am Lord I Come to do your will' – How can we know and accept God's will for our lives? The Men's and Women's Retreat will be held at the Rosmini House of Prayer (LE7 4SJ) and cost £20 which will include lunch and a light breakfast. To book your place or for more information visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events, email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham or call 0115 953 9841.