

AT ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY THIS WEEK...

BELIEVE: Following on from last week's Gospel reading, Mark 9:30-38, our mission this week has been to put others first and look out for those who need our help.

ACHIEVE: We have introduced our new house saints, who are St John-Paul II, St Teresa of Calcutta, St Oscar Romero and St Kateri Tekakwitha.

SUCCEED: We have been supporting the Market Harborough Great Big Green Week by creating beautiful art work from our recycling. You can see some of our art work on our Twitter page

@StJosephsCVA

To find out more go to: <https://www.sustainableharboroughcommunity.co.uk/biggreenweek>

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY

"If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!" Moses words to Joshua who was scandalised by the fact that two of the Chosen helpers of Moses did not go to the Tent of meeting, but still prophesied. Moses desire was that all should hear and speak God's word – the more the merrier! Indeed, later the prophets would look forward to God pouring out his Spirit on all such as Joel 2:28-29. This was fulfilled at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down on the Church. Our Pentecost came with our Baptism and completed in Confirmation. We have all received the fulfilment of the prayer of Moses and we share in the Office of Christ the Prophet through the dwelling of the Holy Spirit within us. Being a prophet is not so much about making prophecies concerning the future, but rather about speaking the truth that comes from God through the Holy Spirit. The Hierarchy (The Pope and Bishops) have a particular role to teach in his Name and with Authority to keep us faithful to Christ in matters of faith and morals, but all the faithful have the vocation to be witness as we are anointed with the Holy Spirit to have an understanding of the faith and the grace of the Word. Both are necessary and indeed they are called to listen to each other for the good of all. This is part of the upcoming Synod process. We are all listeners and teachers according to our specific vocation. But also with an attractiveness of Speech and manner the laity are called to make the power of the Gospel shine out in their daily social and family life. (cf Lumen gentium 35). We must not hide this hope for those we know within the privacy of our heart. The Holy Spirit will help our witness to have a particular efficacy & power. What is God calling us to do in our unique lives? So the gift of prophecy is important for the Church and the world around us – ad intra and ad extra.

But the action of the Holy Spirit it's not just limited to where we might expect - to the church or even believers. As we see in our readings today his action often comes in unexpected ways. The Disciples are taken aback when some stranger casts out demons in Jesus name and they try to stop him! Jesus himself said that *the Spirit blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. We cannot limit the action of Holy Spirit or judge it, we have to be alert to him wherever or whoever he comes from. Particularly, he comes through those of good conscience even if they do not believe. We must not be jealous like Joshua when God works in the lives of other people or reject them because they are not one of us because they belong to a different Church or religion or none at all. Many more are open to Christ and influenced by his Holy Spirit than we realise. They have a certain unity with us through the Holy Spirit, We are open to all people of good will and can learn much through them.*



Our Lady of Victories

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26th September 2021
26th of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2

Times of Services

Sunday: 26th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: Sam Khackik RIP (Williams)

9.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am: Mass: Delaney Family Ints

Monday: St Vincent de Paul

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Clare Walsh - Good Health

Wednesday: Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Thursday: St Jerome

10.00am: Mass: Agnes Ash - Good Health (Andrews)

Friday: St Therese of the Child Jesus

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 3rd October - Tonya Burns Good health

Sunday: 27th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: Family Well Being (Sari)

11.00am Mass People of the Parish



*Anyone who is not
against us. If your
hand should cause
you to sin, cut it off.*

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 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

FR CHRIS WRITES: I had a visit From Fr Matthew Pittam of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham this Week. Fr Matthew (Also PP at Monks Kirby) is celebrating the Ordinariate Rite at Husbands Bosworth each Sunday particularly for former Anglicans. They are in full communion with the Catholic Church but use their particular rite for Mass somewhat similar to the Tridentine Mass but in English. He was pleased to say that all is going well.



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

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.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE: Following the IICSA (Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse) Report, the diocese is in the process of updating all of its Safeguarding policies and procedures. This has a number of implications for ALL volunteers within the parish including those whose role does not require a DBS and who until now have not had to complete any paperwork. The DBS process itself is also being restructured.

Changes include::

1. All volunteers are required to complete the form: "Written Agreement for volunteers" and will be contacted in due course. We understand that this includes Flower Arrangers, Cleaners, Welcomers, Counters and even those who help with the Bazaar.
2. All those who have a DBS and have joined the Update Service will now be required to complete a "Self-Declaration Form" DBS4 every 3 years (as the Diocese now has to have permission to access each individual's Update Service Record).
3. In some cases a DBS check may need to be redone as volunteers are no longer able to have a DBS which covers Adults and Children if they are only working with children or vice versa.

There are a number of changes which will affect a significant number of people. It may take some time before our Church life returns to a new normal and ministries resume. Please bear with us but if you have any questions please feel free to contact either of us. Theresa Kendrick and Christine Reed.

The Diocese is looking to appoint 2 roles within our Safeguarding department:: a Safeguarding Officer/ Caseworker & Safeguarding Training Officer. The application pack is available via <https://uk.indeed.com/jobs?q=safeguarding&l=nottingham>
Fr Chris has job descriptions.

HALL CLEANER: We are looking for a Hall Cleaner: about 6 hours a week. If anyone is interested, Please contact Fr. Chris

ALTER SERVERS: It's been 6 months since we were allowed Altar Servers back on the Sanctuary and introduced our current rota system. At the moment we have a rota of 4 for the Saturday Vigil Mass and 3 each for the Sunday Services. Can I appeal to our Altar Servers who are not on the rota to consider coming back and helping out? Most weeks we are fine but holidays & family commitments can present a challenge. As the numbers show, your turn would be one week in three/four, and you would be making a valuable contribution to the Parish. My mobile number is 07981 205861 You are welcome to call just for a chat about things, no pressure but please help out if you can. Thanks to everyone and Stay Safe. Dave Percival

HARBOROUGH THEATRE COFFEE MORNING: At last, the ever popular Saturday coffee mornings are starting again at the beginning of October. The **THIRD WORLD GROUP** have managed to book **Saturday, 9th October, from 9.00 to 11.00.** As well as tea, coffee and biscuits, there will be a raffle and cake stall and, hopefully, tombola and handicraft items from Peru. Most of all we would love the pleasure of your company but we would also be grateful for donations of cakes, delivered to the Theatre on the morning, and items for the raffle and tombola which can be placed in our box in the cloister. We have enough wine but other gifts would add variety. Our income, all of which goes to our six projects, has been greatly reduced for nearly two years and the developing countries have suffered much more from the pandemic than we have here in UK. Please support us as we restart our fund-raising efforts.

St Paul's Catholic School
Spencefield Lane
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Sixth Form Open Evening
Wednesday 6th October 2021
4.30pm - 7.00pm
All Welcome
No booking required, just turn up!

Sixth Form Open Evening

Last OFSTED

- The sixth form is outstanding
- The students make very strong progress
- Staff know and care about their students as individuals
- Students are ambitious and want to do well

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Why St Paul's?
How to apply
Course information
Application Process

LEICESTERSHIRE ACTIVE CATHOLIC YOUTH (LACY) are sending out a warm invitation to all young people, their families and friends to an amazing "First Physical Event" since the beginning of COVID. "What Do You Know About Angels?" **SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER.** Lots of interesting activities, sharing Faith, Fun and Food! Fr. Simon Gillespie will be leading us in thoughts, ideas and the Celebration of an uplifting Mass especially for young people. Come and share the time with the LACY Team at St. Thomas More, Catholic Parish Rooms and Field, Knighton, Leicester, LE2 3HN. **2.00 P.M. – 5.00 P.M.** See poster on LACY facebook page, your own parish media and newsletter. For further information or booking onto the day contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com or claudiacox-on@googlemail.com. We're looking forward to sharing this day with YOU!

CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 1 October : Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day(2nd Collection next Sunday) you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580. Cf www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis