

**JUBILEE FOOD BANK:** The Most Useful Foods Cartons of long life semi-skimmed milk, Tinned Meat / Chicken, Instant Mash Potato sachets, Porridge Oats, 1 Litre Cartons of Fruit Juice, Sandwich Paste, Tinned Vegetables (potatoes, carrots,

**JUBILEE  
FOODBANK**

sweetcorn, peas), Soap The following supermarkets are still kindly collecting for us: Sainsbury's, Waitrose, B&M and both Coops. Refill Revolution at the Eco Village is our newest donation point. Lidl is on board now too! Thank you to the supermarkets and the work of their teams! **We do not need:** Beans, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, soup, fizzy drinks, pasta & meatballs, pasta sauce, rice, cereal, tins or large/family size packets of biscuits



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

21st February 2021  
First Week of Lent  
Psalter Week 1

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## FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS ON THE READINGS:

My thoughts today about our readings today seem to be a bit troubled as the story of the sacrifice of Isaac always brings me up short. Why should God ask such a thing? It raises all sort of questions from a merely human point of view. We can say that it was a test of trust for Abraham and Isaac (who was probably a strong young man at this time) and as the letter to the Hebrews indicates that Abraham had faith in the power of God even to raise the dead. Indeed I think his faith and trust in God is indicted by his answer to Isaac's question about the offering by saying the Lord would provide the offering (missed out in the lectionary). It certainly is a passage that bears a lifetime of reflection. Certain, too is the ultimate point of teaching for the Jewish nation that God wants no such thing as human sacrifice ever and that at the end of the trial Abraham knew that much better. That is encouraging for us if we go through trials that test us, that we cannot understand with a trust in God. We will know him better through them – a step at a time. Trust is a key virtue in our Christian life. God is God. But the story, seen in the light of the whole of Scripture, is a type of Christ. The mountain is that of Jerusalem, Isaac carried his own wood and is a willing victim carrying his own cross, as it were, offered by his father and the words of Abraham a prophesy that God himself would provide the means of reconciling himself and humanity in giving his one and only Son. The truth about God is totally opposite to what we would think. Our redemption is first and foremost something that comes from God. It is in these term that we must understand the sacrifice of Christ which in no way indicates a God who needs appeasing through a sacrificial offering. It is something far richer which unites justice and mercy in the mystery of the cross. God himself provides the sacrificial offering of reconciliation, but we are invited to participate or share in.

Abraham and Isaac are asked a question that we are asked as well: "Are you willing to participate in the kind of self-sacrificial love that I, the Holy Trinity, will have to demonstrate in order to save mankind?" Abraham and Isaac respond: "We are," and confirm it by their actions. So must we live the same sacrificial love of God in all that we do and say. We must die to ourselves to rise with Christ. Jesus gives us the model of how to live such a life in his own life, death and resurrection and in living it for us, in being the one to bear the wood of the cross (all the burdens we must carry). Thus we can follow and imitate him by being one with him. Sometimes we may feel that God is asking too much of us. Like Abraham we must trust and simply say God will provide through Christ. The prayer so universal through the Divine Mercy devotion is key: Jesus I trust in you or the alternative: Sacred heart of Jesus, I trust in you. Five words or so but the key that unlocks all.

## Times of Services

### Sunday: 2nd of Lent

Sat 6.00pm: Mass - Bokar & Nowakowski Families  
9.00am: Mass: Sr Jenny Coyne OLC RIP (Reed)  
11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

### Monday: St David, Patron of Wales

Private Mass: Gerry White Ints (birthday)

### Tuesday: Lenten Feria

10.00am Mass: Sr Margaret Duggan RIP (The Sisters)

### Wednesday: Lenten Feria

Private Mass: Arthur Johnson RIP (Lowe)

Funeral Liturgy Alison Smith

### Thursday: Lenten Feria

Private Mass: Bernie Spicknell RIP (EM's)

### Friday: Lenten Feria

9.30am: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10.00am: Public Mass: Sheila Plowright (McCabe family))

### Saturday: Lenten Feria

11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 14th March: Fr Owen (Catenians)

### Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am: Mass: Timmy Kelliher RIP

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

**BOOK NOW**

### TO PRE BOOK TO COME TO MASS:

You can only make your booking on Thursday or Friday evenings between 5pm and 7pm.

(Please note just Thursday and Friday Now)

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 6PM MASS, please ring Angela Wade on 01858 462293.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 9AM MASS, please ring Jo Shellard on 01858 440983.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 11AM MASS, please ring Stephen McGlone on 01858 465939.



*This is my  
Son, the  
beloved.*

### FR CHRIS WRITES:

This blessed season of Lent continues with the good news of a plan to open up society again. We pray that this will go successfully. Our school will fully reopen on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please pray for them

As a Parish we will be doing Stations of the cross before Friday Mass at 9.30am and also some zoom sessions on the Pope's letter on Holiness: see below:

**FR. OWEN** is comfortable at Peaker park. Please remember him in your prayers for which is very grateful.



**LENTEN SESSIONS ON DISCIPLESHIP AND HOLINESS:** One of our ongoing themes as a diocese is that of deepening our Discipleship of Christ. Indeed missionary discipleship. I thought a good help for that would be the wonderful letter of our Holy Father Pope Francis on "the Call to Holiness in today's world" ([Gaudete et Exultate](#)) which is down to earth. I propose some prayerful sessions on Zoom to study the document or better put be inspired by it to discover how Our Lord is calling us to holiness as a disciple in our everyday life.

I propose **each Wednesday at 7.00pm to about 8.00pm or so. 2nd Session on the 2nd Chapter on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**: each one will be based around a Chapter of the Popes exhortation. There will be a prayerful reflection and Discussion on each Chapter. Just underline those passages that stand out. The Document can be down loaded from <http://w2.vatican.va> under Pope Francis and Apostolic exhortations or [click here](#). Google will find it. There is an ebook too. If any need a printout I can do that too. Zoom link for the first session: is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86507671061?pwd=SEI5ci9vdTBLOTVOVjMwbjRWVDNZUT09>. Password Olvic. I can email it to anyone who requests which is the easiest & safest way of doing it. And also the document.



### VARIOUS ONLINE RESOURCES FOR LENT AND OTHER TIMES:

*"Walking with Christ on the Way of the Cross, in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic -Online Resource for Lent 2021. The Stations of the Cross begins and ends in the beautiful Pugin Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral of St. Barnabas. As we journey together with Christ on the road towards Calvary, so we meditate and pray at different Stations along the way, where we hear short meditations and reflections from a number of students, filmed by them from wherever they are based during this time of the Pandemic. <https://youtu.be/dQ09wqJcxX0> Accompanying Booklet: <https://www.uonatholiccommunity.com/prayer-resources> 'God of Mercy and Compassion' - sung by Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles, ...*

**Knowing Jesus Online Retreat** — Daily Prayer and reflection led by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, option for group discussion: [Retreat Information: https://www.onlineprayer.net/](https://www.onlineprayer.net/)

**Christian Heritage Centre** — The Christian Heritage Centre, based in Stonyhurst, have a range of courses, talks and conferences aimed at: young adults, healthcare professionals, parishioners and more: [CHC Events. https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/](https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/)

**Lenten Retreat on Hope** — The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph will lead a weekly 45min talk on how we can find hope by looking at a different biblical character every week in Lent. Register here: [Finding Hope: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtC-2grikiGtU8vPFJea2ktvR5U0MZ1mrL](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtC-2grikiGtU8vPFJea2ktvR5U0MZ1mrL) ;

Walking with Christ on the Way of the Cross, in the time of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### CATHOLIC NEWS in England & Wales

Please see the Bishop's website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/>

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Service (formerly known as Women's world day of prayer) on the 5<sup>th</sup> March in this town has been postponed until a later date. For those who would still like to pray on the day of the World Day of Prayer or would like to follow a pre-recorded service on YouTube on the 5<sup>th</sup> March @1pm please contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115 for a copy of the Order of Service in Standard, large print or braille. Thank you.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February:** This year's appeal, entitled **WALK FOR WATER**, tells us about Abdella who lives in an extremely remote and mountainous, dry part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else, and he is just one of many millions in the same situation. We urge everyone to go to [www.cafod.org.uk/lent](http://www.cafod.org.uk/lent) and play the video. It says more than words ever can. **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week or drop an envelope through the door or next week.** Other ways to donate are: Text LENT 10 to **70460** to give £10 (enough for sturdy water containers to store clean water safely). To give a different amount change the number, e.g to give £20 text LENT 20, and so on.

Donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/lent](http://www.cafod.org.uk/lent) or by phone, 0303 303 3030. By post, send a cheque to Freepost Plus RSSA-CLBY-TAAE, CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, LONDON, SE1 7JB. And don't forget, as always, if you are a taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation to increase it by 25% with no extra cost to you. Any queries or to request an envelope please call Margaret Atkins, 01858 446369 or email [margaretatkins52@gmail.com](mailto:margaretatkins52@gmail.com).

### REQUIESCANT IN PACE: (Anniversary 1<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> February)

James William Frederick Maidwell 1972; Vera Gwendoline Quinn 1988; Anna Bryan 1988; Edward Arthur Baker 1988; Yvonne Maria Murray 1988; Mario Orlindo Daggaianti 1989; John Patrick Hayden 1989; Edna Mary 1990; Eva Egie Ada Reedman 1991; Brenda Gwendoline Parsons 1991; Thomas Samuel David Bower 1992; Joseph Docherty Devine 1993; Adeline Bower 1993; Edna Mary Henry 1993; Kathleen Helen James 1994; Kathleen Mary Teear 1994; Michael Philip Wilson 1994; Herbert Henry Tomblin 1995; Omelan Luckyj 1995; Alice Henrietta Cross 1995; Keith Sarjeant 1996; Alexander Kavanagh 1996; Dorothy Hayden 1996; Evelyn Florence Robins 1996; Irene Maguire 1997; Mary Jane Connolly 1997; Marie Josephine Roeber 1998; Maurice Denzel Jones 1998; John Philip Weldon 1998; Dr. Peter Charles Smith 1999; Clare Beard 1999; Jenny Kelly 1999; Charles Denzel Gawler 2000; Patricia Charlotte Achurch 2002; Peter Frederick Crotty 2002; Winifred Gertrude Welch 2002; Monica Margaret Heighton 2003; Margaret Osocki 2004; Sheila Winifrid Smallman 2004; Kathleen Maud Loakes 2004; Helen Joanna Kennedy 2004; Margaret Illson 2005; Teena Shiers 2005; Gary John Hillyard 2006; Elizabeth Clare Hamer 2006; Nora Ziolkowski 2006; Mieczyslaw Czarnocki 2008; Giovanna Domenica DiCiccio 2008; Kay Riley 2008; Bridget Devine 2008; Derek Fortnum 2008; Paul Bennett 2009; George Ernest Mayes 2009; Paul Davis 2010; Jan Zemlok 2010; June Spence 2010; Vincent Melia 2011; Ewan James Bowen 2012; Terence Stray 2012; Stuart Taylor 2012; Jean Mary Elizabeth Webb 2013; Matilda Jane Gowing 2015; Nancy Lilian Burns 2015; Mikolaj Kociuba 2015; John Joseph Darcy 2015; Wadealene Hamer 2016; Carol Denise Drew 2016; William (Will) Brown 2018; Mary Marjorie Owens 2019; Mary Foley 2019; Sheila Carrara 2020; Franca Heathcote; Wladyslaw Fialkowski 2020; John Robert McCreedy 2019; Archbishop Bagshawe (3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop of Nottingham) 1915; Mgr John Hadican 1958; Mgr Edwin Henson 1961; Fr Francis Brennan 1962; Canon Leo Arendenzen 1963; Fr. Finian O'Sullivan 1972; Fr. Herbert Bowker 1981; Fr. Christopher O'Brien 1982; Fr. Stephen Hodkinson 1989; Fr. Albert Basil IC1990; Fr. Patrick Kelly SMA 1990; Fr. William O'Dowd 1992; Bishop Cyril Restieaux 1996; Fr. Edward Carrick 2004; Canon Leo McReavy 2004; Fr. William O'Neill 2005; 'Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.'