



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

29th January 2023
4th Week of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4

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ST THOMAS AQUINAS CMAT is seeking an enthusiastic, energetic faith leader with a passion for working with children and young people helping them to explore and engage with their faith. As **school lay chaplain** working in St Martin (secondary) and the local primary schools, Saint Peter, Earl Shilton; Saint Peter, Hinckley; and Saint Charles, Measham. For more information contact Tom Shannon tshannon@aquinas-cmat.org

GIVING IN MARKET HARBOROUGH: Many thanks to all who continue giving to the Parish. For anyone who is new there are Gift Aid Form in the cloister near the wall. Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough RCP**
Sort Code: **30 - 95- 47**
Account: **00068953**
Just put a note to say it is church donation. If You are a Tax payer you can pick up a gift Aid Form (if you have not completed one) at the Church or email Fr Chris parish-priest@olvic.com and I can send you one by email. We can claim an extra 25% on top of anything you give if you are tax payer.

The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service is looking to recruit a new **Director of Youth Services** to start work later this year. This is an exciting opportunity for a highly skilled and experienced individual to be at the helm of Catholic Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Nottingham. For more information visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers/director-of-youth-services or see the poster at the back of church.

Calling Young Adults of the Diocese (those aged 18-35) The diocese will also be bringing a group of young adults to World Youth in Lisbon next August: if you would like to be part of this exciting pilgrimage there are 20 spaces available, please visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/wyd23 for more information and how to book.

THIRD WORLD GROUP: Due to the ongoing limitations on social events for fund-raising, our main source of income at the moment is selling items on eBay, but our stock is dwindling. If we are to keep our promises to our beneficiaries we must maintain this activity. Please look through your cupboards, drawers, lofts, even sheds and garages, for good quality items that you no longer need. Clothing is the most popular but anything as long as it is in good condition and still has some value. Our box is under the table opposite the noticeboard in the cloister.

| | | Sat. 6.00 pm | Sunday, 9.00 am | 11.00 a.m. |
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| Readers | 28/29 January | J. Snaith | F. Thompson | B. Tyrrell |
| | 4/5 February | J. Rowland | D. Chappell | R. van der Liet |

Times of Services

Sunday: 4th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Maureen Hackett RIP
Coffee in Hall after mass with John Edwards

Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Nuala Harnson Int & and MH Ints

Tuesday: St John Bosco

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: Feria

10.00am: Maggie Sparks Int

Thursday: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9.45am Rosary
10.00am Mass: Fr Owen O'Neill RIP (Jacobs)

Friday: Feria

10.00am: Grace Cotter's funeral

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Sunday: 5th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: Sally Wyatt RIP Anniv(Goddard)
11.00am Mass: People of the Parish



How happy are the poor in spirit?

CONFESSIONS
11am & 5.15pm
SATURDAY

Retiring Collection for White flower appeal this weekend

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 welcome John Edwards the Bishop's pro life coordinator who will give the white flower appeal and will be available after the 11.00am Mass for coffee and discussion in the Hall

We have managed this week to install the new boiler in the hall which went well thank God. So I hope such we have no further problems with the heating there. Thank you for the patience that the various users have shown. Thank you to Jon Randle for their excellent work It was lovely to gather in the Baptist church for the Christian Unity Service and experience their more free flowing style of prayer and worship.

PS There is a lady in Fleckney who needs a lift to church. Is there anyone who can oblige?

Grace Cotter died on 14th January. Her funeral will be on 3rd February at 10.00am. Our condolences to Mary, Trish and Eammon.

SPUC White Flower appeal 2023: the society for the protection of unborn children will be holding its annual appeal next weekend SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independent poll, 87% of GP's are concerned that the governments "pills by post" scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to contend this abhorrent tragedy. as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

the appeal will be made by **John Edwards** who was a deputy head teacher in the Becket school in Nottingham. The Bishop Patrick has asked him to be the pro-life coordinator in the diocese which he does on a voluntary basis. He will also fill us in I am sure with an update of the pro-life activities and indeed situation in this country. I am sure he will encourage us and our small pro-life group which needs further members for this vital work.

There will be Coffee after the 11.00am Mass for people to meet John when he will answer any questions and speak further.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY, 27 January: Bishop Declan Lang, Chair of the Bishop's Conference's International Affairs department, is encouraging to pause and remember the millions who were murdered and pray that "love will triumph over evil." On Holocaust Memorial Day, we pray for the six million people who were murdered and all those affected by the Holocaust. We also remember those who suffered and died in the genocides that followed. "This year's theme is Ordinary People, recognizing that it was ordinary people who fell victim to ordinary people perpetrating evil acts, while so many ordinary people stood by. It was also the bravery and selflessness of ordinary people that helped to rescue others. "Each one of us has the capacity for both immense good and for evil. As we take a moment to pause from our daily lives, let us reflect upon our own responsibility to prevent future genocides and consider how we view marginalised people in our communities. We commit ourselves to stand against anti-semitism, injustice and prejudice wherever it might be found. "Together we remember the Holocaust and pray that love will triumph over evil."

Some words from Pope Francis in an address to Participants in a liturgical Conference in Rome on Saturday.

One of the aims of the Council was to accompany the faithful in recovering the capacity to live liturgical action fully and to be astonished at what happens in the celebration under our very eyes (cf. *Desiderio desideravi*, 31). Note that it does not speak about aesthetic joy, for example, or the aesthetic sense, no, but rather wonder. Wonder is different to aesthetic pleasure: it is the encounter with God. Only the encounter with the Lord gives you wonder. And finally, I urge you to cultivate silence. In this age, we talk, we talk... Silence. Especially before the celebrations – a moment that is at times taken for a social gathering. We talk: "Ah, how are you? Is everything going well? Why not?". Silence helps the assembly and concelebrants to concentrate on what is to be done. Often sacristies are noisy before and after celebrations, but silence opens and prepares for the mystery: it is silence that enables you to prepare for the mystery, it permits its assimilation, and lets the echo of the Word that is listened to resound. Fraternity is beautiful; greeting one another is beautiful, but it is the encounter with Jesus that gives meaning to our gathering, to our coming together. We must rediscover and cherish silence!

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>.

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

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.



VICTORY PRIZE DRAW WINNERS: Due to the lack of members re-joining we have had to lower the prize money to comply with the law it is hoped this may be only a short measure. Annual members are reminded that their fees are due in January 2023 and can be forwarded to K Shiers 23 Fairfax Road Market Harborough LE16 9JT cheques made out to Victory Prize Draw. Thank you all for your support.