

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PATRICK: Our vision for the Diocese of Nottingham is to become a more outward-looking missionary Catholic community. We are currently reorganising our parish and deanery structures, and to ensure we are supported in mission-focused initiatives the Diocese has launched a Mission Enabling Programme. We must also develop a financial plan, one that is well informed and meets our needs. Therefore after Easter we are commencing a consultative phase, with professional support, to gather opinions from parishioners about our funding strategies. If you are asked please consider giving your views, through a one-to-one conversation or an at-Mass survey. Please also pray for our mission and for this journey of discernment, that we can share the love and message of Christ more widely. For the full message from Bishop Patrick, visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/consultation

"THE FRIENDS OF NOTTINGHAM CATHEDRAL" aims to support the work and mission of the Cathedral through prayer, encouragement of social and cultural opportunities, and financially in order to maintain its position as a magnificent spiritual and culture gem at the heart of the city and Diocese. Our Mother Church needs your support. To find out more about the Friends please see the St Barnabas Cathedral website under Community. [Friends of Nottingham Cathedral: Nottingham Cathedral \(stbarnabascathedral.org.uk\)](http://Friends of Nottingham Cathedral: Nottingham Cathedral (stbarnabascathedral.org.uk))

CATHOLIC LISTENERS is a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, the helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are welcoming, friendly, empathetic and non-judgemental. The helpline is also based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Operating three days a week from 4pm - 7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free to the helpline on 0800 448 0704 or by email at catholiclisteners@gmail.com

Our **FIRST COMMUNION SESSIONS** begin again after the Easter Holidays. They 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.



PUBLIC PRAYING OF THE ROSARY at Our Lady's Statue outside in front of the church. 4.30 -5pm every Sunday. As Catholics we pray the Rosary for cohesion and reconciliation in society, for peace, and freedom. We pray for the people, for the rulers, and for the kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ in society. At the same time always for the freedom of the Church, for the clergy, for the bishops, for the Pope, and in reparation for the sins committed against God Almighty and His Holy Mother. For more details contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115.

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	29/30 April	M. Atkins	D. Chappell	M. Douglas
	6/7 May	C. Baldam	M. Crook	R. van der Liet

FINANCE	23/04/23
Envelopes	£190.09
Loose	£242.47
Standing Order	£761.38
Total	£1193.94

THE LADIES MIDSUMMER LUNCH
in support of Saint Joseph school will be on Thursday the 29th of June 2023 at Marston Trussell hall at 12:30 PM. tickets are 40 pounds. Four tickets please contact Kate Crawford: 07814629927



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

30th April 2023
4th Week of Easter
Psalter Week 4

Times of Services

Sunday: 4th of Easter

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
9.00am Mass: Betty Ruane (Phil & family)
11.00am Mass: Philip Monk RIP anniv
4.30pm: Rosary

Monday: St Joseph the Worker

10.00am: Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Gregory O'Connor RIP

Wednesday: Ata Philip & James

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00pm Mass: Betty Ruane (AW)

Thursday: The English Martyrs

9.45am: Rosary
10.00pm Mass: O'Malley family Ints -Coffee after Mass
7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Mass for his Majesty the King

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: Cash family
Sunday: 5th of Easter
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Jim Cooper RIP (family)



I am the gate of the sheepfold.

CONFESSIONS
11am & 5.15pm
Saturday

2nd Collection this weekend for the Clergy Formation fund

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 is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday in which we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. There is also a 2nd collection for the Clergy formation Fund.

As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind, single people. There is nobody who is not being called. What is God calling you for? That is a question we can ask our young people whether as Parents on grandparents. It is a fundamental question of existence. We often ask what do I want to do? But the much better question is what does God want? Surely this must be the right question for our Happiness. We pray that young people may have the courage to respond to our Lord's call especially to the Priesthood and religious life,

Next Saturday the whole country will be celebrating the **CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III**. The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us for three days of prayer from Wednesday to Friday culminating with a Mass on the Friday before for his intentions and for our Country, So we will celebrate a special Mass at 7.00pm on Friday. There are special prayer cards as you enter Church. *May God bless His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort, preserve them both in health of mind and body and grant them every grace and blessing now and for the years to come*

MONTH OF MAY This is the special month of Mary. I encourage you all to pray the rosary especially that families pray together. In Church we have A public Rosary outside on a Sunday at 4.30pm and on a Thursday before Mass. We pray especially for Peace and the family and that all sinners may turn to the merciful heart of Jesus.

St Joseph's After School Club: We are currently recruiting for someone to work at the after school club between 3pm - 4:30pm Monday to Thursday. It will be subject to DBS clearance and reference checks and is £10.50ph, Leicestershire Term Time. You can email the manager, Jess, at stjoesasc@gmail.com. Our latest OFSTED report is now available to view online and we passed with flying colours, with outstanding qualities! The report can be found at: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50207840](https://efaidnbmnnnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50207840) I would like to add my congratulations to the team. There is always an outstanding atmosphere in the Club.

9th May: National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse: The Isaiah Journey group (who prepare resources for the Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse) is promoting a week of guided prayer online 11th – 17th May for all who have been affected by clerical abuse in the Catholic Church. join us in this safe space one to one confidential sessions of guided prayer with your fully trained personal prayer guide between. See poster and leaflets info: journeytogetherij@gmail.com

RED BOXES: It is time yet again for the Missio boxes to be brought in for emptying. As usual could you please leave your box on the table in the cloister and collect it the following week or two). Nearly £900 was raised for the missions from our boxes last year. Thank you very much indeed for taking part in supporting the poor in our world.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PATRICK REGARDING SUDAN: As the situation worsens, the Church in Sudan asks for our prayers. I invite you to join me in praying for the horrendous situation in Sudan, and especially for all God's children who are affected most deeply by it. *Lord, that there might be, in the short term, a ceasefire and in the long term, a complete end to this divisive fighting which is tearing the country and children apart. Bring justice and healing to this divided land, we pray. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us Saint Josephine Bakhita, pray for us Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.*

On 21st April Kinga von Schierstaedt, Project Co-ordinator for ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) in Africa and Head of Projects in Sudan, gave an interview detailing the dangers and uncertainties facing our brothers and sisters in Sudan. Let it inform and guide our heartfelt prayers. It is available to view on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottigham.uk/news/sudan

There are **New Year Books** available for £5 with a few articles and of course obituaries from last year.

AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: The green envelopes for ADC are now available for collection on the table in the cloister. Our very sincere thanks to everyone for continuing to help our charities through our envelope scheme. Our appreciation is also extended to all who are donating their unwanted goods and gifts for us to sell through eBay. This invaluable support brought in over £4000 during the past year and together with the envelope donations enabled us to make payments to Father Ed, Father John, Water for Kids, The Philippines Schools Project and Aid for Chad. Some donated clothes, books and household goods were crated up and sent out to the Philippines for distribution to the school children and our money was used to help build a classroom extension. Further boreholes have provided water for two more communities in Chad. Thank you so very much for making this work possible through your generosity. If anyone would like to join the monthly envelope scheme please have a word with Father Chris, Margaret Atkinson or Chris Shepherd.

Applications are now open for the **Gap Year Programme with NDCYS**. Applicants should be aged 18-25 with a willingness to share the Catholic faith with young people. Applicants should be able to commit a full academic year (August-July), and no previous experience necessary as full training and support will be provided. In exchange successful candidates can experience the beauty of the Derbyshire countryside; live, work and grow with other young people, making memories that will last a lifetime; gain confidence, skills and experience which will enhance a CV and help individuals stand out from the crowd; become a volunteer worker, receiving a bursary worth over £3,000, plus meals and accommodation included. **NDCYS Gap Year** the Diocesan Youth Service is holding an Open Evening at The Briars (DE4 5BW) on **Friday 5th May** for anyone interested in being part of the Gap Year Team in 2023/24. Starting at 6.00pm the evening will show what it's like to be part of the Briars Team, with questions answered and pizza available. More information is available at www.ndcys.com