

Cont..... Also all users on a permanent basis, in addition to their Risk Assessment will have to produce evidence of their own Insurance Cover. It also looks as if a “contract and agreement for hiring” will have to be properly signed and acceptable to the Diocese and to the hirer. What used to be so simple and straight forward has now become so demanding, essential and legalistic for everybody's safety.

**PASTORAL CARE:** As you will know there are a number of Residential Care Homes and “Senior Retirement Homes” together with Nursing Homes and Warden Assisted homes in our parish. All of those will have elderly and very elderly residents with some Catholics in some or all of them. Before Lockdown, between our special Ministers of the Eucharist and myself, those who were Catholics and who wished, received Holy Communion on a regular basis. Obviously because of Covid, no one has been able to receive Holy Communion in any of the establishments or in their own homes. I shall be passing on all this information to my successor, Fr Chris, who obviously has the same situation in his current parish. I am sure he will be arranging a meeting with all our Eucharistic Ministers shortly after his arrival to discuss with you how you might proceed and plan for the future.



**OUR SUNDAY READINGS THIS WEEK:**

Our 1st Reading is from the Old Testament from the prophet Jeremiah Ch. 20: 7-9. Jeremiah speaks of the insults and mockery he has had to endure, simply because he was speaking God's message to the people. But he says that because it is God's message he must endure. He cannot remain silent. We have all been in similar situations. Despite the mockery and insults hurled at us from time to time because of religion and belief, we too like Jeremiah, must continue in love and with calm, to give witness by word and by our actions, to the truth of the message of Christ in the Gospels.

The 2nd Reading is from the New Testament from the letter of St Paul to the Romans, when he encourages his readers and listeners not to live like the pagans, but to model their lives on Christ and the Gospel message.

The Gospel Reading is from St Matthew Ch. 16: v. 21-27. Jesus foretells his sufferings and death, and tells his disciples that they too must be prepared to suffer for their faith. Notice the link between the first reading and the Gospel Reading.

**HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED WEEK EVERYBODY - GOD BLESS- Fr. Owen**



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

30th August 2020  
Week 22 of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 2

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**Times of Services**

**Sunday: 22nd of Ordinary Time**

Saturday: 6.00pm - George Boyko R.I.P.

**N.B.** 9.00am Mass - The Parishioners

**N.B.** 11.00am Mass - Bill Brown R.I.P.

**Monday: Feria**

Private Mass - Sr Anna Manyonga - Silver Jubilee

**Tuesday: Feria**

Private Mass - Fr Bernie Duffy R.I.P.

**Wednesday: Feria**

Private Mass: Kathleen Gibbon R.I.P.

**Thursday: St Gregory the Great, Apostle of the English**

Private Mass - Mary Hall R.I.P.

**Friday: Feria**

Private Mass - Lewis Sewell R.I.P.

**Saturday: Feria**

Private Mass: Personal Intention

11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday September 6th - The Parishioners

**Sunday: 23rd of Ordinary Time**

**N.B.** 9.00am: Mass - Personal Intention

**N.B.** 11.00am: Mass - Suzanne Packer's Dad R.I.P.



*If anyone  
wants to be  
a follower of  
me, let him  
renounce  
himself.*

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

**TO PRE BOOK TO COME TO MASS:**

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

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.

**BOOK NOW**

**WELCOME:** During the 6pm Mass next Saturday evening we will have the great joy of welcoming 3 new members into full communion with the Catholic Church. Since last September to Lockdown, they attended a weekly course on Faith Sharing - a journey of learning and discovery about the Catholic Faith, called R.C.I.A. (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.) In normal times receptions at the end of the R.C.I.A. course take place during Holy Saturday evening celebrations, but that was not possible this year. So at last, with great joy and love, on behalf of the entire parish, I welcome Tess Lambert, Sarah Moore and Michael Cox into full Communion into their new family of the Church. May you be blessed with joy, happiness and fulfilment in your new found faith.



**OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCE** are offered to the family, relatives and friends of Mrs Linda Farrell, who at the tender age of 53 lost her life to cancer. I had the great honour of celebrating Linda's wedding to her husband Spencer in May 2017. At that time Linda and Spencer were owners and landlords of the pub and thriving business as Mowsley. Sadly in December of that same year, Spencer collapsed and died suddenly. Three months later Linda was diagnosed with cancer. She has fought bravely for the past 2 years against that dreaded disease, but sadly lost her fight in the early hours of Tuesday morning last. Death separated Spencer and Linda. Now death has reunited them again in eternal love. May they rest in peace.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE:** (Anniversary 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September)

Agnes Green 1976; Dr John Riley 1987; William Monks 1988; Genovella Manfredi 1988; Mary Savage 1988; Mary Pamela Bratt 1990; Patrick Joseph Lee 1990; Ann Atkin 1992; Frank Harry Brown 1992; Annie Lilian Sear 1992; Anne Sarah Maunder 1992; Edward Kaniwwicz 1993; Austin George Hamilton 1993; Alice Marian Stanway 1994; Arthur Alfred Monk 1997; John Brown 1997; Joan Frances Oriel 1998; Edward Ernest Wells 1998; Thomas Anthony Broughton 1999; Catherine Yvonne O'Neill 1999; Edwin John Staples 1999; Philip Edwin Bromley 2000; Mary Ellen Delaney 2000; Bernard Shaw 2000; Dr John Oriel 2000; Lawrence Brendon Levins 2001; Irma Lelia 2002; Barbara Stevens 2003; John James Murphy 2004; Angela Patricia Brewer 2004; Mary Margaret Webb 2004; Jean Roger Petillion Yves 2005; Francesco Colloto 2005; Mary Gabriel Atkinson 2006; Robert Arthur Clare 2007; Agnes Mary Skeatham 2007; Dorothy Shiers 2008; ; Gary McAllister 2011; Joan Williams 2011; Mary Nelly Price 2011; Barbara Mattock 2012; John Brian Maguire 2012; Gioconda Mussari 2012; Beata Joanna Molnar 2012; Rene Wells 2012; Stefania Juszczyk 2014; Brian George Jones 2014; Raymond Cunningham 2016; Norman Odell 2016; Anna Odell 2016; Shirley Ann Douglas 2019; Noreen Bridget Hyde 2019; Mgr John McLean 1885; Bishop Dunn 1931; Canon Bernard Farmer 1962; Fr Patrick O'Hanlon 1972; Fr Joseph Jones 1980; Fr Oswald Lofthouse 1985; Canon Alfred Baldwin 1989; Fr Joseph Briffa SJ 1990; Fr Patrick Mulligan 1994; Canon James Monaghan 2001; Fr Paul Casartelli 2001; Fr Joseph Carty 2005; Fr John Troop 2006; *Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

**CONGRATULATIONS AND EVERY BLESSING** to Louise Heaton and James Pearman, being married here this coming Saturday. May God bless you both with abundance of love all the days of your life.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES SOCIAL CLUB:** Keith Shiers, Chair of the Club Committee writes: Covid-19 has claimed another victim! It is with great sadness I inform you that the club will cease trading with effect from 1st September 2020. The Club opened on 28th September 1968 and was a strong part of the Catholic Community supporting a strong cricket team as well as running bus trips etc. The Club underwent a major refit in 1998 enabling the Club to use the upstairs rooms. During the past years it has supported 4 Skittles teams, a Pool team and a Dominoes team. It has also been the home to the Market Harborough Chess Club. May I take this opportunity to thank all members for their support, dedication and custom over the past years.



**FR OWEN WRITES:** It came as quite a shock to me on Sunday night last, when a phone call from Keith Shiers, the Chairman of the Catholic Club Committee informed me, that the Catholic Club would close as from September 1st. This decision was taken by the Committee because of the financial loss of income due to Covid. As things stand now, Keith told me, that there was a loss in income over weekly expenses of approximately £500. The Club could not sustain this and decided to close. The Club is a members club and has been well run over the years. The property is owned by the Diocesan Trustees as is all Church property. It goes without saying that there was a legal agreement between the Diocese and the Club. The Club had rented the use of the property from the Diocese and were currently paying a rent of £5000 per Annum, which the parish received. Obviously the future of the building will have to be decided. As I am retiring and moving out on September 16th, I will not be involved in any decision. I just hope whatever decision is made, whatever the future of the building might be, that any final decision will enhance the parish of Our Lady of Victories in the best way. possible.

**SLOWLY, SLOWLY, SLOWLY!** Small steps are currently being taken to reopen our ancillary room and Octagonal Hall for use by those who used to use them on a regular basis before Lockdown. The progress is very slow indeed, step by step, by step. We are currently trying to get the De Trafford and Kavanagh Rooms open for the Pre School and After School Club. But it is slow, very slow. Risk assessments, plans, layouts accompanied by photos have got to be presented to our Health and Safety Manager, who with our working party have got to be satisfied with them before submitting them to the Diocese, together with the Parish Risk Assessment and Procedure, before any permission or approval for reopening can be considered. *Cont.....*