



# Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

31st August 2025  
22nd Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 2

**MAKING A NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPACT: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 7.00pm** The next 'Mission Lab' from Caritas and Adult Formation showcases a kaleidoscope of services which parishes can offer the local community. **Project St Thomas in Spalding** offers soup and sandwiches, befriending, beginners' IT, money management for young people, singing and much more besides. Let them inspire you about what your parish can offer the wider neighbourhood. Register for the series at [bit.ly/mission-lab](http://bit.ly/mission-lab)

**CAFOD RUNNERS IN LEICESTER:** Anyone interested in running a half marathon or 10k in Leicester on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October**, please contact [nottingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:nottingham@cafod.org.uk)

**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](mailto:parish-priest@olvic.com) and I can send you one by email. We can claim an extra 5% on top of anything you give if you are tax payer.

**We are Accepting Contactless Donations.** You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the Cloister. You can also give via the web link: <https://donate.myдона.com/our-lady-of-victories-church> or QR Code.



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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY: 22nd of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish  
10.00am Mass: November Dead List  
*Coffee after Mass*  
4.30pm: Rosary outside church

### MONDAY: Feria

9.00am: Mass: November Dead List

### TUESDAY: Feria

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

### WEDNESDAY: St Gregory the Great

9.45am: Morning Prayer  
10.00am Mass: Personal Int  
THURSDAY: Feria  
9.40am: Rosary  
10.00am Mass: Bill Reed RIP (Christine)

*Coffee after Mass*  
2.00pm: Wedding: Ella Grogan & Sean Bruce  
No Holy Hour

### FRIDAY: Feria

10.00am: Funeral of Pasquale Di Cicco

### SATURDAY: Feria

12.00noon: Wedding Jonathan Elphick & Caroline Cieslewicz  
6.00pm: Mass: A Just Peace Ukraine & elsewhere (Smreczak)

### SUNDAY: 23rd of Ordinary Time

10.00am Mass: Elvis & Priscilla Ints  
*Coffee after Mass*



*Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbled himself will be exalted.*

**CONFESSIONS**  
Sat 11 am  
5.15am

<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>		
	6 p.m.	10 a.m.		
30/31 Aug	B O'Malley	W Kwacz	K Crawford	P Green
6/7 Sept	P Bebb	J O'Leary	S McGlone	C McInnes
13/14 Sept	A Hall	A Randle	T Ruane	T Page
20/21 Sept	J Mugoni	M Douglas	V Winter	J Shellard
27/28 Sept	M O'Malley	P Green	W Kwacz	K Crawford

<u>READERS</u>			
	<u>Sat. 6.00pm</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
30/31 Aug	N. Williamson	B. Tyrrell	D. Chappell
6/7 Sept	C. Baldam	M. Douglas	M. Blake
13/14 Sept	M. Mihovilovic	C. Sellechia	R. van der Liet
20/21 Sept	M. Atkins	R. Lewin	M. Lewin
27/28 Sept	J. Rowland	P. Green	. Thayaseelan

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** Sadly there have been some deaths whilst I have been away. **Pasquale Di Cicco** (High Cross St) died on the 12th August. His funeral will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am. Also Maria Dineem (Spanish Maria) died 15<sup>th</sup> August. I visited her at Rosewood NH. Her funeral will be on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am. Also **Kathleen Nichols** died. May they all rest in peace.

**WHAT A CATHOLIC BELIEVES AND WHY:** This is the title of a user-friendly course we are setting up in the parish in October. It is for those who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith and what it means to be a Catholic Christian in today's world. It will be of particular interest to those enquiring about the possibility of being received into the Church at Easter 2026. Those who are already members of the Church but would like to engage with others in refreshing their knowledge of the beauty and richness of our Faith are also most welcome on the course. If you are interested please contact (without obligation) Fr Chris or Peter Green ([green853@btinternet.com](mailto:green853@btinternet.com))

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY CLASSES** will start on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> for children attending school aged 4-8 years. For safeguarding reasons registration forms must be filled in and returned before children attend. The forms will be available after Mass on Aug 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Otherwise forms will be available from members of the team when you bring your child to join the group. If your child is a little uncertain of attending at first, parents/carers are welcome to come with them. We are looking for more people to join the **Children's Liturgy** team whether to run a session or be a helper. We work in pairs and each session lasts about 30 minutes. The rota works out at once every six weeks in term time. A DBS check is necessary which can be arranged with the Safeguarding team. If you would like to discuss what this involves please contact Heather Powell 01858 463789.



**JUBILEE YEAR 2025—Monday 8th September** As many of us will not be able to travel to Rome for the Jubilee, we can instead make a local trip to Holy Cross Priory, a designated Jubilee Church in Leicester. A group from Our Lady of Victories Parish are planning to make an informal and personal pilgrimage to Holy Cross Church. We intend to travel to Leicester Railway Station by train or bus, and gather there **by 12.00pm**; and then we will walk to Holy Cross Priory Church (about half a mile). There we will attend the **12.30pm Mass** as a group, and afterwards gather in Our Lady's Chapel for a talk, a prayer and a blessing by Fr Richard, Prior of the Dominican Friars. Following this, tea, coffee and lunch (bring your own) would be available. After lunch, we are free to make our way back home, No registration necessary, just meet up at Leicester Railway Station. For further information email: [johnrowland@outlook.com](mailto:johnrowland@outlook.com)

**NATIONAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE:** Monday 1st to Saturday 13th September. The 4 routes will converge at St Barnabas Cathedral, distance of each Way, with up to 20 day pilgrims joining for day stages. To register to join for a day stage, visit: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/become-a-pilgrim-for-a-day> The Pilgrims will walk from Northampton to Market Harborough, Tuesday 9th September 2025 & from Market Harborough to Belton in Rutland, Wednesday 10th September 2025.

We are delighted to welcome the return of the **HARBOROUGH BAND** to Our Lady of Victories Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm after evening Mass. More on this to follow.

**RIDE and STRIDE – SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2025:** The Historic Churches Trust helps Christian places of worship of all denominations with repairs and improvement costs. This is the 36<sup>th</sup> Ride and Stride day and over £1,282,300 has been raised since 1990. **From which we have benefitted.** You can ride or stride between Churches and are sponsored. Churches in Leicester and Leicestershire will be open. In Market Harborough there are 5 Churches open. You can visit any or all of the churches/chapels and have your sponsorship form signed. 30 COUNTIES take part in Ride and Stride each year raising around £1.5 million every year. Our Lady of Victories will be open to welcome visitors, offer them a drink and a biscuit and use of the toilet and sign their form. They are also welcome to go into the church. **Please will you offer to be a welcomer for an hour on that Saturday – 13 SEPTEMBER 2025** There is a list at the back of the Church showing that someone will be there from 10am until 6pm so please help.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** We are delighted to announce that we have now secured £138,648 in pledges for the **Enabling Our Mission Campaign**, surpassing our goal of £135,000 as the initiative comes to an end in the parish. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.



I know there are some families out there who are still considering their pledge and I would be delighted to have your support. While we are guaranteed to receive 40% of the initial £135,000 raised, the parish will receive 50% of everything raised over this and so we have much to benefit from. Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the **Enabling Our Mission** Campaign in our parish. . <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/mission-enabling-fund>

A **JUBILEE OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE** will be held at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**, starting with Mass at 2pm, together with a family picnic, Marian Procession, and Adoration. For more details email [jnoakes@englishmartyrs.org](mailto:jnoakes@englishmartyrs.org)

**YOUNG ADULT MASS:** In September Young Adults across the diocese are invited to start the new academic year at one of our Masses on: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross church, Leicester (Mass at 6:10) For more info contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham will host the **Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco** on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**, in commemoration of the Centenary of the Five First Saturdays devotion. The Visitation will include a procession and enthronement of the Fatima statue, followed by Mass; opportunities to venerate the saints' relics; praying the Rosary for world peace; and talks and videos about the Fatima messages. A book table with devotional materials will be available, and attendees can enrol in the Brown Scapular devotion. For further details visit: [www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk) or email: [membership@waf-ew.org.uk](mailto:membership@waf-ew.org.uk)