

Also We are having a **Remembrance Mass** for all Who have died this last year On Wednesday 10th November at 7.00pm



Third world Group: Unwanted Items Heartfelt thanks from the Third World Group for the extremely generous response to our appeal for your unwanted clothes, shoes and goods which far exceeded all our hopes. To date, we have managed to raise just over £2,500 from selling your items which has enabled us to send donations to four of our very needy causes. We still need to send contributions to Father Ed and Father John so we hope that you will continue to leave any of your surplus goods in the Cloister to help us fulfil our commitments. Once again, very sincere thanks to you for enabling our parish to support very poor and disadvantaged communities in our world

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY

Today we rejoice in all the saints of all times who are now in heaven who surround the throne of God in communion with God and each other. As our second reading says they shall be like him for they shall see God as he really is. They shall see God as he really is. What a thing to look forward to!

They now see God and sharing in fulness in his life and love. Knowing God, they understand the mystery of his love, the wonders of his care of his Providence at work in history and in their lives. For this reason they give praise and glory to God in adoration and worship in heavenly court. **'Amen.'**

Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' They know and give thanks. Their Amen is now total. These are the countless number of people who have responded to the grace of Christ in their lives, whether explicitly Christian or have listened to his voice in their conscience and done what is right despite the cost. They have begun again when they failed. We rejoice! These are people like us and no doubt many people we have known and loved.

Our first reading from the Book of revelation written during persecution of Christians trying to live their faith. They opposed the Roman empire by their way of living, with its immorality, its materialism, its consumerism, and above all its demand that all its subjects should worship the Emperor as Lord. The first Christians faced the test of remaining faithful to Christ everyday. The same decision stands before Christians in today's world. Who is my Lord, Christ or the standards for which the Emperor stood, carelessness about sexual morality, materialism, consumerism, putting myself first in everything without regard for the cost to others? Do I connive at and approve standards of behaviour which are built on a morality far from that of Christ? More pressingly, do I accept those standards for myself? Are we different from the spirit of the age? AS we think about the questions the Bishop has put to us for the Synodal process, we ask ourselves if we witness as those first Christians did spreading the faith even in difficult times? For them it could cost their life.

Today's feast reminds us who we are truly are: we are already the children of God. That is our being in our truest depth. Sons and daughters of the Father brothers and sisters of Jesus. Sons are often like their Fathers, whether in looks gestures mannerisms etc. So should we, as sons and daughters of the Father, show the qualities of God in our actions: God's generosity, his forgiveness, his tender care for all especially the weakest.

We might ask ourselves what particular beatitude speaks to us today? What spiritual attitude of mind soul can we take on and live out in our lives?. Poverty of spirit, gentleness compassion with the suffering, mercy a pure way of looking at everybody and everything, makers of peace, and standing up for what is right especially for those least able to defend themselves,. All these will bring us to be more and more like God, that is to say truly who we are. Then we will not fear death but long for the final grace to be fully like him in all our being body and soul. St John in his letter leaves us with the challenge: Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.



Our Lady of Victories

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31st October 2021
31st of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 3

Times of Services

Sunday: ALL SAINTS

Sat. 6.00pm: Maria Mecatti RIP (Olivant)
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am: Mass: Patrick Curran Birthday

Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: In thanks: St Joseph, St Michael & guardian Angels

Tuesday: ALL SOULS

10.00am Mass: November Dead List
7.00pm Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Christopher Cosgrove RIP (McGlone)

Thursday: St Charles Borromeo

10.00am Mass: Lawrence Robins RIP (Delia)

Friday: Feria

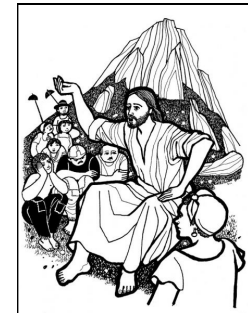
7.00pm Mass: November Dead List (Mass for the cause of Life)

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 7th November - November Dead List

Sunday: 32nd of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Jen Lee RIP Anniv (Lee)



Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

CONFESSIONS
11am Saturdays

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

Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, though not necessary at the moment as we are not full.

Booking is now online: www.Massbooking.uk You can sign up there and then book. If you do not have the internet you can ask someone else to book for you, a child or grandchild or ring or email Fr. Chris on 01858 462359 giving your name and phone number. Please see instructions on our website: www.olvic.com/news.htm

FR CHRIS WRITES: We begin this week with the feast of all Saints celebrating the countless brothers and sisters in Christ who are in heaven. Also we enter begin the Month of November in which we pray for the faithful departed. There will be two Masses for Holy Souls at 10.00am & 7.00pm on Tuesday. Also this week we begin our monthly Mass for the Pro life cause on the First Friday of each month.

Synod 2021-2023: We have prepared a simple handout to help discussions based on questions the Bishop has asked us to reflect on. This will help us as a Parish as continue our mission in the Post Covid era. **Please pick one up from Church or download from the website.** The Bishop hopes that as many will participate as possible. You can reflect individually or as part of a Parish group or a group of friends. YOU can also send in emails letters and so on. There will be the opportunity to also come to a Parish meeting in November: Wednesday 17th November 7.00pm and Thurs 18th November at 10.30am after the 10.00am Above all we must pray for the Holy Spirit to speak and that we listen. **Please see the Synod page on our Website www.olvic.com/synod.htm.** What is our vision for the Parish. How do we reach out to others in our mission given to us by Christ: Go, make disciples of all...
Please pray the Synod prayer (card available) or whatever prayer asking for a new vision for our Church both local and all love the world. This is Key.



Please let us know your dreams for the Parish!

MISSIO Sunday 31 October 2021 - Thank you: Thank you very much for your donations (£243 in the collection) to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call **020 7821 9755** (office hours).

Also could People bring in their **Red Mission Boxes** for emptying. If anyone would like a



PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE PROJECT:

The local Prison Fellowship group will be running the Angel Tree Project this year at HMP Gartree and would like your help. The purpose of this project is to purchase Christmas presents for children of some of the prisoners. The gifts will be sent to the children as from their dad's. The value of each gift will be **approx. £15**. The aim is to alleviate some of the sadness experienced by prisoners and their families at Christmas time. Angel Tree provides a crucial link between innocent children and their imprisoned father. If you would like to help with this project, either with a **monetary donation or a suitable gift** you will be given a gift tag with the first name, age and gender of the child. **The gift can be wrapped by yourself in Christmas paper** if you wish, but we do need to have a photo of the gift for security reasons otherwise a member of Prison Fellowship will wrap the gift. A hand written gift tag from their dad will be attached to make it extra special. **All presents will be posted so please keep them light.** Please let us know if you would like your donation to be **Gift Aided**. Thank you for your kindness this is very much appreciated by prisoners, their families, staff and chaplaincy. Maureen Douglas, Angel Tree Co-ordinator 43 Gardiner St, Market Harborough, LE16 9QN Tel 07966 515115

REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards, dairies and so on are available in the Repository

ON 13th NOVEMBER - HERE: NOW: US COMES TO LEICESTER:

Here: Now: Us Day Here in our parish, our city and the wider world;
Now as we emerge from lockdown into a new "normal"; Us God's people called to build the Common Good. Led by Caritas helping you to put Catholic Social Teaching into action, grow in confidence and leadership and reach out to the community. Day held at St Joseph's, Goodwood Road, Saturday 13th November 2021 10.00am – 4.00pm Full details and booking at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/herenowus This looks interesting as we are called live of faith sharing in the Commission of Jesus: Go Make disciples.....

Here: Now: Us: People

Growing lay leadership for outreach
in the Diocese of Nottingham with
Together for the Common Good

The Church is open for Private prayer each day
Please sign in on the list or use the Covid NHS App Q code displayed



A message from CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis



Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable. Many thanks for the magnificent total which is now £960.00 not including the donations online.

GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION as world leaders gather at Glasgow for COP 26 for the climate summit. On Saturday Nov 6th, The Climate Coalition, Friends of the Earth and many others are supporting a Global Day of Action. Sustainable Harborough Community is 'Gathering' on this Global Day of Action near the Old Grammar School from 1-3 pm. They will be coming with their friends and family, bringing placards, drums and whistles etc. More information on SHC's plans will follow on its website, and in its social media. www.sustainableharboroughcommunity.co.uk

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST The Catholic Tradition of praying for the Holy Souls, particularly our own departed family and friends, takes on a special focus in November. During this month and during the rest of the year Masses will be offered with this intention in mind. If you would like to make a list of your deceased loved ones, it will be placed near the Altar during our November Masses. An offering is given and a series of Masses are offered for all our dead Loved ones in November and throughout the year. **Forms & Envelopes are available as you leave Church.**



OUR ANNUAL VISIT TO MARKET HARBOROUGH CEMETERY: Sunday 7th November at 3pm. We will meet at the cemetery gates and process through the cemetery in prayer with some of the Rosary.. When we reach the "Catholic Section" all those who have loved one buried in Harborough will go and stand at their graves and I will bless them with Holy water.