

UCM Raffle -

2nd Prize – The Christmas Cake – No. 517 was won by Mrs. O’Flynn. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection.

The Loughborough Group for people with Disabilities would like to thank everyone in the Parish for their support and generosity throughout the year and especially for our Christmas Sale which raised £620. Once again, many thanks, and we wish you all a happy New Year.

Raffle Prize-winning tickets were: Green 231-235; 161-165; 346-350; 131-135

Prizes can be collected from the Presbytery.

Now available at the repository counter, January and February editions of ‘Bible Alive’. This is an ideal companion to daily reading of the Mass readings from Scripture. Cost is only £1.95, and is highly recommended

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD: JAN. 4th 2009

WELCOME

We welcome newcomers to our worshipping Community. Please take and keep a copy of our handbook and complete one of the “New Parishioner” forms. Both can be found at the back of church to the right of the main door as you go out.

Thank you and Welcome

MASS INTENTION

Sat 3 rd	6.30pm	Derosa, Luigi and Salvatore Romano RIP
Sun 4 th	9.00am	Mark & Helen Booton
	11.00am	Cedric Spencer RIP
	12.45pm	Polish Mass
	4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon 5 th	6.30pm	Adoration
	9.15am	Kath Brookes
Tues 6 th	9.15am	John Burton RIP
Wed 7 th	9.15am	Eileen Murphy RIP
	6.30pm	Fr. Charles
	7.30pm	Prayer group
Thurs 8 th	9.15am	David Hately RIP
	Fri 9 th	9.15am
Sat 10 th	7.00pm	Mahoney Family Int.
	9.15am	Giuseppe Sparano RIP
	6.30pm	Mary Hudson
Sun 11 th	9.00am	Ann de Rijk
	11.00am	Cedric Spencer RIP
	<i>3.00pm: Baptism of Larenz Tan</i>	

Next Sunday, January 10/11th, we shall celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

PLEASE TAKE
THIS NEWS-
LETTER HOME
WITH YOU AND
THEN PASS IT
ON TO
SOMEONE WHO
COULD NOT BE
AT MASS
TODAY-THANK
YOU!

A BLESSED AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL PARISHIONERS FROM ALL AT THE PRESBYTERY

A BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Lord, as now we face the next New Year, let it be a time of Grace;

For families and friends, a year of blessings that increase;

A year of favour and your Peace for all the human race.

For a new start I pray; let it begin this very day;

a time of healing for our woes,

A time of mercies when pardon flows

for those who go astray.

A time of goodness for those held dear, a time of pardon for those we fear.

Lord, let this be a blessed year. Amen

EPIPHANY: Today’s feast reminds us that, though Jesus Himself said that Salvation would come from the Jews, nevertheless, it was God’s intention from the beginning that Salvation should come FROM the Jews but was intended to be FOR ALL. Before His Ascension, Jesus gave the Church its mission: “Go and teach ALL nations and baptise them....” The coming of the pagan visitors from the East reminds us that Jesus came to win eternal life for EVERYONE, with no exceptions, nobody left out. In each and every one He sees something worth dying for!

Please pray for...

The Sick: Lily Rigley, Lily Bowler, Jake Brant, Kathleen Leahy, Geoff Field, Claire Coburn, Theresa Denton, Paul Taylor, Graham Johnston, Jim Williams, Geoffrey Scanlan, Patricia Meyerstein, Jacqueline Gray, Sue Moreland, Marion Uttley, Thomas Murphy, Ian North, Krzysztof Czyzewski, Paola Cavadini, Margaret Pascal, Michael Murtagh.

Recently Dead: Gladys Woodcock, Harry Walmsley, Michael Scrivens.

Anniversaries: Carlo Cutillo, Carlos Garcia, Margaret Tickle, Rosemary Pearson, Juozas Petrenas, Cedric Spencer, Federico Buccheri

This week at Saint Mary's...

Tuesday: SMASH Youth Group Management meeting at 7.00pm.

Next weekend there will be the annual WHITE FLOWER Appeal in aid of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. In the light of recent legislation, the work of this society and other Pro-life groups becomes even more urgent.

The Annual Liturgy Planning meeting will be in the Hall at 7.30pm on January 22nd. It is vital that a representative of every group involved in Liturgy in any way should attend this meeting.

Dates for the Diary:

Next Sunday, January 11th, we shall celebrate the BAPTISM of Our Lord and the prayers and readings will be of that Feast.

Sunday, January 25th we host the Christian Aid lunch in the Hall at 12.30pm.

Sunday, January 25th Christian Unity service at L'boro Baptist at 6.30pm

Parish Notices:

Divine Office: Week 2; Mass Readings: Christmastide

Sunday Readings EPIPHANY: Is.60.1-6; Ps.71; Ephes.3.2-3.5-6;

Mt. 2.1-12

Mon: 1Jn.3.22-4.6; Ps.2; Mt.4.12-17,23-25

Tues: 1Jn.4.7-10; Ps.71; Mark.6.34-44

Wed: 1Jn.4.11-18; Ps.71; Mark.6.45-52

Thurs: 1Jn.4.19-5.4; Ps.71; Luke.4.14-22

Fri: 1Jn.5.5-13; Ps.147; Luke.5.12-16

Sat: 1Jn.5.14-21; Ps.149; John.3.22-30

DIOCESAN PRAYER

Father, our Faith is a gift from you. Help us by the power of your Spirit to grow in love, so that we may be faithful to our Baptism, alert to the needs of your world, inspired to proclaim your Word, tireless in upholding justice, hopeful in forming the future. By handing on our Faith as a gift, may we share the hope given us by Jesus your Son. Amen

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AFTER MASS QUIET It is a good and positive sign of Community that Parishioners wish to chat after Mass. At the same time, it is equally good that some wish to have time for personal prayer and thanksgiving after Holy Communion. For this reason, and after all weekend and Feast Day Masses, the Day Chapel is designated as a quiet place for private prayer and we ask all Parishioners to respect this space and those who wish to use it for that purpose.

THE ROOF!

Relating to the recent notice included with the Newsletter concerning Parish Finances following the rejection of our application to English Heritage for a Grant to help with the roof repair, we have arranged an Open Parish Meeting for Thursday January 29th at 7.30pm in the Hall. At this meeting, Mr. Howard Walters, Chair of the Diocesan Buildings Commission and Fr. Ka Fai Lee, Episcopal Vicar for Finance will be present with, we hope, Mr. Keith Hamilton, the Architect. This will be an opportunity to discuss how we can proceed to finance this work which is increasingly urgent.

FILIPINO SANTO NINO FEAST

There will be a celebration of the Feast of Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) on January 17th 2009 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Gooding Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester at 5.30pm with Mass starting at 6.00pm and followed by a Party in the Hall. All are welcome to join this celebration and also the Novena which begins on Friday, January 9th in the same church at 8.30pm. For further details, see the poster on the notice board.

DEANERY CELEBRATION DAY

In response to Bishop Malcolm's request last year that each Deanery should hold a celebration of its achievements, plans are already in hand to hold such a celebration in the Loughborough Deanery sometime around Pentecost of this year. This celebration will acknowledge the many signs of God's blessing and power in so many ways in the Parishes of the Deanery. It will also counter the negative reporting in the media, which all too often is interested only in scandal, failure and signs of decay. For us, it will give us further courage to enter the New Year with renewed hope and vitality, determined to carry out into our disbelieving country the awesome truths of our Catholic life and Faith.