

VATICAN QUESTIONNAIRE

In preparation for next year's Synod of Bishops on Family Life Pope Francis has asked all bishops throughout the world to ask baptised Catholics for their views on family life, including sex, marriage and children. The responses will then be collated and used as part of the synod debate. Dioceses within England and Wales are asked to complete an online questionnaire. Notification has only just been received and the deadline for online submission to our diocese is **30th November**.

See website www.catholic-ew.org.uk. You click on the front page to access the questionnaire or www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014

There is more information here and some responses to frequently asked questions. For those of you without internet access there are questionnaires available at the back of church that must be returned by **November 25th**.

This is a great opportunity to give your views on modern family life and the Church. The questions are complex and you may not feel qualified to answer some of the them. Our advice: 'Don't worry, have a go, answer the ones you can.'

Please encourage your family members and friends to do the same. Particularly those who no longer practise their faith. A range of views is being sought, not just 'correct ones'. Rome is 'taking the pulse of the people' here. Your opinion matters.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MARK THE YEAR OF FAITH? At 7pm on Thursday **21st November**, at St Thomas More parish in Leicester, Fr. Simon Gillespie will help to bring our Year of Faith to a conclusion by giving a talk on the Church here on Earth, and the Church in Heaven. There will be no charge, and light refreshments will be included. If you would like to attend, please contact Will Holland on 07811 353248. There will also be a Year of Faith Closing Mass at St. Barnabus Cathedral at 12 noon on Saturday **23rd Nov**.

MEDJUGORJE 2014: A parish pilgrimage will be going from East Midlands to Medjugorje on **28 May 2014** for one week. The cost is £499 for 7 nights HB. SPECIAL OFFER: A **£100 discount** is available for places booked and paid in full by **6 December 2013**. Arranged by St. Anne's Church, Radcliffe on Trent, places are still available and we are invited to join them. For more information or a booking form, please telephone Fr. Anthony Franey on 0115 933 2738 or Aileen Birch on 0115 933 3225.

Baptism Classes always take place on the **first Saturday** of each month. For more information and to apply for **Baptism**, please see Fr Philip.

First Holy Communion Classes: Wednesdays 4.00pm - 5.00pm in the Hall unless otherwise advised.

PARISH WEBSITE: Louise (parish office) is making changes to this. We would like to invite any parish group which wants a mention to write a short paragraph and any links (websites) to office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (11.00am) We are very grateful for the donations of crayons, pencils, felt tips, etc. which members of the congregation have generously made over the years. Sadly, however, they all disappeared last week from the library. We have made exhaustive enquiries but without success. Consequently, we have none, which is a huge setback for us. If anyone has any spare of the above and would like to donate them I should be most grateful and will ensure that they are kept in a safer place in future. Thank you. Arthur Clarke



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Newsletter for Sunday, 17th November 2013

33rd Week of Ordinary Time - Psalter Week 1

TYPHOON HAIYAN

As images of the terrible devastation caused by **Typhoon Haiyan** appear on our television screens and in the newspapers, our heartfelt sympathy goes to all the victims and especially to the relatives and friends of the Filipino Community in this parish. In response to the needs of the people in the Philippines there will be a **second collection** after all Masses this weekend. Alternatively, please make a contribution later, by cheque or cash, in an envelope marked 'Philippines' or directly via the St Mary's website or the Disaster Emergency Committee web site at: **www.dec.org.uk**

In addition, the profits from both the **Mother Mary** musical event on Friday 20th December and the **Carols by Candlelight** on Sunday 22nd December will go towards this appeal.

On **6th December 2013** there will be a **Vigil of Prayer in church**, following the Filipino Mass, at **7.00pm**.

Our Filipino friends inform us of the urgent need for **clean light clothing**, for people of all ages. The bags of clothing are to be left in the parish hall clearly marked 'Philippines'.

In solidarity with the members of St Mary's Filipino community who have family and friends suffering from the effects of the devastation, let us offer our generous support to them in their time of need.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 16th – 23rd November 2013

Sat	<u>Special Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants</u>		
	16 th	9.15am	Ambrosine Faulks RIP
		5.30 – 6pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		6.00pm	Gino Romano RIP and Rocco Acierno
Sun	17 th	9.00am	Carlolina Cassella RIP
		10.30-11am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		11.00am	Giuseppe Romano - Intention
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
		6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Mon	18 th	9.15am	All Parishioners and John Cuff
Tues	19 th	9.15am	Dorothy Ginns RIP
Wed	20 th	9.15am	Victoriano Quiaot RIP
Thurs	21 st	9.15am	Cresilda Castillo RIP
Fri	22 nd	6.00pm	Patrick McLoughlin RIP
Sat	<u>Vigil of Christ the King – University, School and Parish Youth Mass</u>		
		9.15am	Patrick McLoughlin RIP
	23 rd	6.00pm	Carmella Gallo RIP

WHAT'S ON AT ST. MARY'S

Tues	19 th	7.30pm	Scripture & Tradition Group in the Library
Wed	20 th	4-5pm	FHC in the Hall 3/5
		6.30-8.30pm	Scouts in the Hall
		7.30pm	Fair Stallholders or their representatives - Library
Thurs	21 st	7.00pm	St Mary's Singers in the Hall

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who are sick: Margaret Stanford, Peter Darlaston, David Allen, David Nevin, Freddy Hess, Ruby Campbell, Gerry O'Rourke, Stan Trojan, David Hart, Mark, Jane Moss, Ellen Wakefield, Cluchreur Caror, Marie Ward, Michael Smith, Stephanie Offiler, Andrew Clark, Pat Donnelly, Louise Raven, Valerie, Holly Jones, Chris, Rosinah, David Shaw, Anne Wade, Gervais Duffy, Dave Cudvil, Lena Borisevic, David Smith, Pat Kidger, Ron Hesketh, Anne Checketts, Ross Allen, Janice Riddle, Sr. Mary Angela & June Camish.

Those who have recently died: Yerzy Stepowski and Christopher Real. **May they rest in peace.**

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Aislabie Harrison, Victoriano Quiaot, Cresilda Castillo, Patrick McLoughlin, Tony Jallow, James Ward, Philip Bowler, Linda Howkins, Jean Woodcock, Nonna Tina Cassella, Joyce Gilliver, Carmella Gallo and Patrick McLoughlin.

NEW ROTAS are available at the back of the church

CHRISTMAS STAMPS NOW OUT: Don't forget to ask for the Nativity ones!

TRAIDCRAFT after all Masses next week 23/24 November.

Next week's Retiring Collection will be for prisoners and their dependants

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR: will be held on **Saturday 30th November** from 10.00am – 3.00pm in the church hall. The UCM requests bottles of wine/spirits, prizes for the tombola and raffle, craft items, jewellery and cakes. Please bring them along as soon as possible. No hoop-la stall this time, so full bottles only please!

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR STALLHOLDERS: An important meeting for all stallholders or their representatives will be held on Wednesday, **20th November** at 7.30pm in the library. Please attend to confirm arrangements. It will last for 30 minutes only.

COME AND SING ABBA SONGS (with new words) FOR CHRISTMAS:

'Mother Mary', a production of St Peter's Players, Hinckley, is coming to St Mary's, Friday, **20 December** at **7.30pm**, in the church. Organised by Father Frank Daly, and presented in previous years to huge acclaim, this is an opportunity to come together, sing-a-long and have fun. All proceeds to go to the Philippines Disaster Fund. We are going to need lots of supporters before and on the night: welcomers, food and drink preparation for the players; car park marshals; ticket sellers, raffle sellers, and more. Look out for more details next week!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2014: Parents of children due to start school next September 2014 are very welcome to apply for a school place. A form needs to be completed for the Local Authority on their website (www.leics.gov.uk) and a school application form needs to be completed and sent back to school which can be collected from the school office (tel 01509 212621) or downloaded from the school website: www.stmarys-rc.leics.sch.uk The final date for applications is 14th January 2014.

ROSMINI CENTRE: Saturday 23rd November - Afternoon Retreat "Faith" with a reflection on the Year of Faith, which concludes that weekend. [3.00pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3.30-Rosary; 4.14-Tea; 4.30-Reflection; 5.15 Adoration and opportunity for Confession; 6.00 Mass]

WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WISH SOMEBODY MORE THAN JUST SEASON'S GREETINGS THIS YEAR?

Kwediboma Christmas Gift Cards will be on sale from the Repository from the 23/24 November 2013 until Christmas. The gift cards will be available in four different designs and in two types. One will cost £3.00 which will buy a mosquito net and the other will cost £1.50 to buy a chicken that will lay eggs for a family to eat or sell. The mosquito nets and chickens will be provided for families who use the Rosminian Health Centre at Kwediboma in Tanzania, where there is a great demand for both.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Shoebox appeal this year and to those who came to help me on Friday. 129 boxes were delivered to the warehouse on Friday.
Sue Davies

PARISH VOICE MAGAZINE - Winter Issue - Issue 19 of the parish magazine is now being prepared. The magazine relies heavily on articles from parishioners on any subject of interest. We would be grateful for items, ideas, comments, photos, recipes etc (from any age group). Please email office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk with subject 'Parish Voice' or deliver in an envelope marked 'Parish Voice' to the Parish Office. Deadline for items: tomorrow, Monday November 18th.

SALE of bacon and sausage cobs after both Sunday Masses today, to raise money for the Philippino Disaster Fund.