

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](http://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 tomorrow, 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 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!*

MASS TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF FAITH will take place at St. Barnabus Cathedral, Nottingham, at 12 noon on Saturday **23rd Nov**. All are invited.

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

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

TRADCRAFT after all Masses this weekend, 23/24 November.

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

THE PHILIPPINES DISASTER APPEAL, last week raised £1,747 of which £450 was gift aided. The Appeal will remain open until further notice.



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Newsletter for Sunday, 24th November 2013

34th Week of Ordinary Time - Psalm Week 2

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Today is more than just the Thirty – Fourth Sunday of the Year. Today is the climax of our liturgical year on a *par* with Christmas, Easter and Pentecost Sunday. Today we proclaim that greatest Christological title our mouths could ever utter: “**Jesus Christ is King**”. “**He is our King and King of the Universe**”. “**He is our Lord and Saviour**”!

As we enter His presence (today and indeed every day) let us acclaim him **King**! Let's be proud of being in His kingdom! Let's long and yearn to be touched by His divine presence! Let's ask Christ to rule our hearts and minds so that we may be “other Christs” to those who are imprisoned in their worldly, ungodly lives. Let's be “other Christs” to those infected with that most insidious of viruses: an ignorance or basic disregard for things divine and beautiful and enduring.

What a wonderful way to end The Year of Faith, professing **Christ is King – King of the universe and King in my life!**

May Christ reign in your hearts and minds and in your lives.

Fr. Philip Sainter

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 23rd – 30th November 2013

Sat **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

23rd	9.15am	Patrick McLoughlin RIP
	5.30 – 6pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
	6.00pm	Carmella Gallo RIP
24th	9.00am	Senior Citizens Group
	10.30-11am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
	11.00am	Geraldine Jackson RIP
	12.45pm	Polish Mass

Sun *Baptism of Lara Albimiano*

	3.00pm	<i>Baptism of Lara Albimiano</i>
	4.00pm	Italian Mass
	6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
25th	9.15am	Clarice Ryder Intention
26th	9.15am	Philip Bowler RIP
27th	9.15am	Liam Gallagher
28th	9.15am	Christine Harvey
29th	6.00pm	Walton Family Intention

St. Andrew, Apostle

30th	9.15am	David Cudrils
	6.00pm	Charles Connolly RIP

WHAT'S ON AT ST. MARY'S

<u>Tues</u>	7.30pm	Scripture & Tradition Group in the Library
<u>Wed</u>	2-4pm	Senior Citizens in the Hall
	4-5pm	FHC in the Hall
	6.30-8.30pm	Scouts in the Hall
	7.00pm	Hope Group in the Chapel
	7.30pm	Fair Stallholders or their representatives - Library
	7.00pm	St Mary's Singers in the Hall
<u>Thurs</u>		Youth Café in the Hall
<u>Fri</u>	28th	
	29th	

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, Cluchreir 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 Heskeith, Anne Checketts, Julie Priddy, Ross Allen, Janice Riddle, Sr. Mary Angela & June Camish.

Those who have recently died. May they rest in peace.

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Albert Barker, Alan Tinker, Frank Michalski, Claire Kelly, Geraldine Jackson, Laurence Adkin, Ester Lewis, Christine Harvey, Henryk Ostrowski, Eric Beasley and Petro Coviello.

Retiring Collection this week will be for prisoners and their dependants. Next week's retiring collection will be for the Diocesan Youth Fund.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR: will be held on **Saturday 30th November** from 10.00am – 3.00pm in the church hall. Raffle tickets at just £1.00 a strip will be on sale after all Masses this weekend – lots of good prizes to be won! Star prize is a brand new Hoover!

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. Organised by Father Frank Daly and presented in previous years to huge acclaim, the show will be presented by a group of 70 people, Friday, **20 December**, 7.30pm in our church. All proceeds to go to the Philippines Disaster Fund. Please put the date in your diary and look out for more details later.

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.

DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS YEAR: Kwediboma Christmas Gift Cards are now on sale at the Repository. They come in four different designs and two prices. £3.00 will buy a mosquito net and £1.50 will buy a chicken to lay eggs for a family to eat or sell. Why not send more than just Christmas Greetings? Buy a gift that could change somebody's life.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (11.00am) I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of people responding to my appeal for crayons, pencils, felt tips etc, in last week's newsletter. One 7 year old girl gave me a complete pack of new felt tips which she had recently been given as a present; a lady went out the same day and bought us 16 packs of crayons, felt tips etc. We are now well set up. I will endeavour to keep them safe in future. Many thanks.
Arthur Clarke

THE ITALIAN SOCIETY IN LOUGHBOROUGH invites you to join them! The society is dedicated to sharing its love and interests in Italian art, culture, cuisine and language. Find out more by emailing committee@danteloughborough.vpweb.co.uk or phone 07738438680. Members can enjoy most of the events free!

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES WITH THE LOUGHBOROUGH CHURCHES PARTNERSHIP: Please see our noticeboard for more information. They are crying out for people to help at the Bothy Stall (Charities Christmas Market - 1st December), the Christmas Pudding Market – 8th December and for people to give out invitations to the Star Service, to name but a few. Alternatively, please phone 01509 215310 evenings.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED: In order to ensure fairness, The Carpenter's Arms has asked for parishioners' contributions for hampers to be sent to St. Mary's so that they can then arrange for them to be re-distributed into bags of equal amounts for needy families. I understand that the need for Christmas fare is greater than ever this year, so we are asking you to please continue to support this wonderful work. In the past your generosity has been outstanding and we thank you for it. Details of contents suitable for hampers can be found on the back of the main church doors. Please leave your contributions, labelled 'goods for the hampers', either in boxes at the back of the church or hand them in to the presbytery no later than **8th December**. If there are any problems or queries, please phone me on 01509 235190.
Kath Howell