

Volunteers: Record Keeping

Memorial Book - I undertook this task as my predecessor was not a local person and therefore was unfamiliar with the names of the deceased. I spotted so many errors even within my own family. I am never offended if someone points out that I made a mistake – just another senior moment! I am always happy to make an amendment.

I have enjoyed correcting the Memorial Book – I spent many an hour at the cemetery checking headstones etc., both in the Old and New Cemetery. Two of us from the Union of Catholic Mothers went through the Death records in the register held at St Mary's - I even checked the Ancestry for some of the details. I like to insert the maiden names of those in the Memorial Book because it reminds people who the deceased parishioners were, prior to their marriage. I have found this to be a tremendously worthwhile task.

Pauline Hallam

LIVING RESPONSIBLY DURING ADVENT: We are called to reflect upon our individual rôles and purposes in life and to ask ourselves what we need in order to develop our human qualities and to grow in love of God and neighbour. If we consider this in the context of environmental justice, this reflection will allow us to make serious choices – including the choice not to consume what we do not need and, above all, what is likely to harm others.

MOTHER MARY: 7.30pm, Friday 20 December in church. (65 minutes). Tickets on sale after Masses. Don't forget to bring a small torch.

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.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE IN CHURCH: We invite you to join us **today**, Sunday, 15th December at 3.30pm. All welcome.

MINIBUS DRIVER NEEDED once a month to chauffeur our **Senior Citizens**. Please help Fr. Sainter in this wonderful work of charity. Tel: 01509 262123

THOUGHTS ON CHRISTMAS:

- How can I prepare well for the Christmas celebration?
- Can I slow down to make quality time for prayer and reflection?
- Can I give the gift of my time to someone who is lonely or sick?
- How can I live more simply and sustainably for the good of all?

Be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.

James 5:8



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Newsletter for Sunday, 15th December 2013

3rd Sunday in Advent - Psalter Week 3

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday

This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent which is also known as **Gaudete Sunday**, or 'Rejoicing Sunday'. This title is taken from the words of the entrance antiphon: 'Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near!' (Phil 4:4-5) This antiphon sets the tone for the entire Liturgy today: our readings are exuberant, confident, and filled with hope, joy and the promise of a new and better life. They point to the coming of Jesus our Saviour. No wonder the church for this one day sheds its penitential purple of Advent, donning instead rose-coloured garments!

For the next few days, let us frequently pray the words of the Alleluia verse: 'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor'.

Fr. Philip Sainter

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 14th - 21st December 2013

Sat	Third Sunday of Advent	5.30 – 6pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		6.00pm	Evelyn Woodhouse RIP
Sun	15 th	9.00am	Evelyn Woodhouse RIP
		10.30-11am	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		11.00am	Patrick McLoughlin RIP
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		3.30pm	Christingle Service
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
		6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Mon	16 th	9.15am	All Parishioners and Mrs. Hennesey RIP + Richard Hennesey - Intentions
Tues	17 th	9.15am	Nicola Romano RIP
Wed	18 th	9.15am	Joan Meynell RIP
		3.00pm	Wedding of: <i>Alivia Maristela & Ruelah Medianero</i>
Thurs	19 th	9.15am	Jacinta and Michael Fergyn
Fri	20 th	9.15am	Dorothy Ginns RIP in Church
		9.15am	Whole School Mass in School Ambrosine Faulks RIP (in School)
Sat	21 st	9.15am	Phyllis & Aislabie Harrison RIP
		4.00pm	Filipino Mass
		6.00pm	All Parishioners

WHAT'S ON AT ST. MARY'S

Tues	17 th		NO Scripture & Tradition Group <i>(resumes 14th January 2014)</i>
Wed	18 th	6.30-8.30pm	Scouts in the Hall
Fri	20 th	6.00pm	Tea/coffee in the Hall before production of “ Mother Mary ” at 7.30pm
Sat	21 st	All day	Filipino Christmas Party 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 and Lee Raven, Valerie, Holly Jones, Chris, Rosinah, Anne Wade, Gervais Duffy, Dave Cudvil, Lena Borisevic, David Smith, Pat Kidger, Anne Checketts, Julie Priddy, Ross Allen, Janice Riddle, June Hargadon, Sean Walker, June Camish, Mary Wain and Sr. Mary Angela.

those who have died: may they rest in peace.

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Hryhori Westyn, Gertrude Tyler, Rita Message, Elizabeth Jordan, Veronica Buxton, Alojzy Panna, Carmel Berridge, Virginia Stocks, Francis Boyne, Lily O'Neil, Anthony Field, Evelyn Woodhouse and Dorothy Ginns.

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.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT: This will take place on Sunday **22nd** December at 6.00pm. Do come and join in with the St. Mary's Singers to sing your favourite carols and listen to readings from the Old and New Testaments.

PARISH VOICE: On sale after all Masses

EXAIREO: Do you have any sleeping bags you no longer need? Exaireo is seeking them for people on the streets. Exaireo and local agencies cannot house everyone. And yes, there *are* people sleeping outside in our town. Ring Exaireo on 266422 or contact dettie@exaireo.org

ADVENT REFLECTION: Our modern world is so immediate that we seem to have lost the joy of waiting patiently for an eagerly anticipated event. The build-up to Christmas can be so frenetic that we can lose sight of its true meaning. Frenzied preparations cause us to become stressed and irritable. It's great to buy gifts for our loved ones, but do we need to spend so extravagantly? Pope Francis reminds us of the poor in our midst. Are we too caught up with planning gifts and celebrations to focus on the real meaning of Christmas? Take a moment to stop and ponder - 30 mins each day, 16th - 20th December (60 mins Fri) at 1pm in The Chapel, Brockington Building, Loughborough University.

MEDJUGORJE 2014: A parish pilgrimage will be going from East Midlands to Medjugorje on **28th May 2014** for one week. The cost is £499 for 7 nights HB. SPECIAL OFFER: 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

ADDITIONAL COUNTERS NEEDED: to count the Sunday collections. Commitment will be once every 6 weeks for about 2 hours in the Parish House. Training will be provided. Please give your name to Father Philip or email office@stmarysloughborough.org.

101 CLUB winner is no. 42. If any of Anne Checketts' "customers" have trouble finding a collector, please ring Ann de Rijk on 07709 770207.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: The response by our parishioners to the request for Christmas hampers from the Carpenter's Arms was wonderful. Thank you all for your generosity.
Fr. Philip Sainter