

FRS. PHILIP, CHARLES AND SIMON thank everybody for their kind Christmas Greetings, the many gifts received and for your loyal support during the festive season. May God grant you and your families many blessings in the New Year.

They would also like to express their grateful thanks to the members of our **Filipino Community** for their generous donation of £1,000 towards the new **church amplifier system**.

THE ROSMINIAN COMMUNITY is pleased to announce that the **re-decoration and re-carpeting work** in the presbytery has been completed. The house looks so much cleaner and more homely.

THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY would like to express their gratitude to the Parish for all their support and donations sent to the Philippines following the disaster of typhoon Haiyan. On behalf of the Community, Alicia says "We are blessed to see so much generosity."

KWEDIBOMA: Many thanks to everyone who bought a Kwediboma Christmas Gift Card. Through your generosity we can pay for 100 mosquito nets and 70 chickens for use by people around the Kwediboma Health Centre. Sr. Agatha from the Kwediboma Health Centre has sent the following message to you all: "Once again many thanks for your perpetual concerns for our Centre. God bless you abundantly. We wish you all a very Happy New Year and may 2014 be full of peace, joy and success."

MOTHER MARY: A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event. We raised £1000, of which £700 will go towards the Philippines disaster fund.

ST MARY'S CHOIR: Our grateful thanks go to you for our Christmas Carol Concert. It was a wonderful lead-in to our Christmas celebrations.

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

PRESENTATION OF ALL YOUNG CHILDREN AND BABIES who have been baptized during the last two years and those who are about to or have celebrated their first Holy Communion during that time will take place on the **Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, Sunday 2nd February 2014** at the 9.00 am and 11.00 am Masses. Bring your children for a special blessing.

A VALENTINE'S MASS for all couples married at St. Mary's in 2013 and those to be married in 2014/15 will be celebrated on **Sunday 16th February** followed by Aperatifs in the Parish Hall. 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



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Newsletter for Sunday, 5th January 2014

Psalter Week 2

LITURGY CELEBRATING THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

As we approach the twelfth (and last) day of Christmas, we celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord**. The word **Epiphany** is a Greek word (*epiphania*) meaning manifestation, showing, public display.

Originating in the liturgies of the Eastern Church, the Epiphany once encompassed and celebrated **ALL** Jesus' epiphanies or self-manifestations: His self-manifestation as a baby in Bethlehem; His self-manifestation to the Shepherds and Magi (representing the Jewish people and Gentile nations); His self-manifestation during His baptism in the River Jordan and His self-manifestation at the Wedding Feast at Cana in Galilee. (Actually, one could also include His other epiphanies or manifestations, e.g. at the Transfiguration – see hymn 172.)

Today we are celebrating Jesus' self-manifestation to the nations or 'the world' - the 'world' being represented by the magi who came to visit the new-born king of the Jews.

Ask Jesus to manifest Himself to you today and everyday throughout the New Year!

May Jesus enlighten your lives as you enter His presence. Don't come with gifts! Come as you are!

Fr. Philip Sainter

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 4th - 11th January 2014

Sat	4 th	9.15am	Deceased members of the Lane family
		5.30 – 6pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		6.00pm	Ann Checketts
Sun	<u>Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)</u>		
	5 th	9.00am	Carmine, Giulia & Antonio Palmier
		10.30-11am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		11.00am	Deceased members of the Lickley family
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
		6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Mon	6 th	9.15am	Ann Heathershaw – (Int)
Tues	7 th	9.15am	Rose Hill RIP
Wed	8 th	9.15am	Pagani family - Intention
Thurs	9 th	9.15am	Mr & Mrs Chaney & family – (Int)
Fri	10 th	6.00pm	Gerry O'Donoghue – (Int)
Sat	11 th	9.15am	Anne Queen (Int)
		6.00pm	Geraldine O'Connor (Int)
			Anniversary of Peter Curran, RIP

WHAT'S ON AT ST. MARY'S

Tues	7 th	NO Scripture & Tradition Group (resumes 14 th January 2014)
Wed	8 th	Senior Citizens 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: Peter Stonehouse - **may he rest in peace.**

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sheila Lucas, Tony O'Malley, Jerzy Piekarski, George Brogden, Kazimierz Romanowski, Dennis Savage, Millicent Spencer, Beatrice Onions, Brian Marchant, Carlo Cutillo, Sabine Sienko, Giuseppe Guarasci, Carlos Garcia, Frank Barraclough, Margaret Tickle, Rosemary Pearson, Robert Milnes, Juozas Petrenas, Cederic Spencer, Tony Kennedy, Frederico Buccheri, Peter Curran and Helly Claydon.

Second Collections this month: today **Exaireo** (gift aid applies)

19th January : SPUC / White Flower Appeal

26th January: Sick and Retired Rosminian Priests' Fund

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.

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.

EXAIREO: We welcome residents from Exaireo who will be speaking at our 9am and 11am Masses today. This morning's retiring collection will be for their charity.

101 CLUB: Happy New Year to all and thank you to everyone who supported us in 2013. Ann will be on hand this weekend – Saturday evening in church and Sunday in the Parish Room.

SENIOR CITIZENS meet in the hall on Wednesday 8th. Come along and join us in welcoming the New Year!

VISITING GROUP: There will be no meetings in January.

PARISH WINTER WALK: January 19th from Mountsorrel to Rothley, meeting up at 1pm. For details, please contact Delia Vitiello on 07402003344 or email delia.vitiello@gmail.com

ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL organised by the parish SPUC representatives takes place on Sunday **19th January 2014**.

FR. SIMON returns from holiday at the end of the week and Fr Philip begins his on Tuesday 14th.

THE NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS OF THANKSGIVING followed by Adoration until midnight with Prayers and Blessings for the New Year was very successful with lots of young people attending.

NEWSLETTER : May we remind parishioners that if there is anything they would like to have included in our next newsletter, it is best to send it in as soon as possible, preferably one whole week in advance. Please mark clearly the date when you would like your item to be inserted. The email address to send in any items for inclusion is 'newsletter@stmarysloughborough.org.uk'. Alternatively please put a note (by the previous Sunday) through the presbytery door labelled 'newsletter', or hand it to Marion after the 11.00am Mass. We also ask all **Group Leaders** to record meetings, times and venues in the new Parish Diary for the entire year. Thank you.