

PRESENTATION OF ALL YOUNG CHILDREN AND BABIES who have been baptized during the last two years and those who are about to or who have celebrated their first Holy Communion during that time will take place **today**, at the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses as the Church celebrates **The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord**. Your children will be given a special blessing.

BAPTISM To apply for Baptism, or for more information, please see Father Philip in the Presbytery

ANNUAL VALENTINE MARRIAGE MASS: Calling all married couples – You are invited to join the congregation at Nottingham Cathedral to celebrate your marriage with Bishop Malcolm, and to renew your vows in time for Valentines Day. **Sunday 9th February** at 3.00pm.

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 Aperitifs in the Parish Hall. All welcome!

RITE OF ELECTION RCIA 2014: This will take place on **Sunday 9th March** in St. Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, at 3.00pm. This is an important stage in the journey of the catechumens and candidates. The theme for this year is “the abundant free gift of grace” based on Romans 5:12-19 so as we ‘receive as a gift’ we also ‘give as a gift’. We have several going forward and would ask you to keep them all in your prayers at this special time.

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. **Please note:** there will be a meeting in the front room after the 11am Mass **today, Sunday 2nd February**, to discuss the new procedures for cash counting.

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, Janice Riddle, June Hargadon, Sean Walker, June Camish, Mary Wain, Brian McMahan, Steven Coultas, Julie Devine and Sr. Mary Angela.

Those who have recently died: Vernon “Bob” Harlow and Judy Jones **may they rest in peace**

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peter Curran, Francis McHugh, Maurice Keetley, Adelaide Taylor, James Hillier, Paul Rose, Joan Meynell, Gladys Orton, Marta Rebacz, Patrick Doyle, Anna King, Mary O'Neill and Rev. Fr. Joseph Basil.



St. Mary's Catholic Church

97 Ashby Road, Loughborough LE11 3AB

Tel: 01509 262123

Email: stmarys.97@ntlworld.com

Web: www.stmarysloughborough.org.uk

E-news: stmarys.eneews@gmail.com

Served by the Rosminians:

Fr Philip Sainter, Fr Charles Sormany, Fr Simon Giles

Newsletter for Sunday, 2nd February 2014
3rd Week of Ordinary Time – Psalter Week 3

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

The Feast of the Presentation

Forty days ago, we celebrated the coming into the world of the One who is the ‘light of all people’, the light which darkness could not overpower. As his parents brought the Child Jesus into the Temple, so, this weekend, we gather in this holy building – in the presence of the same God, to present our babies and children to the Lord that he might bless and protect them.

Let us pray:

Lord, you welcomed little children. It is with confidence that we entrust our babies and children to you so that you may bless and protect them. Enfold them in your love. Dwell in their hearts and minds. Send holy angels to keep them safe from all harm. Amen.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat	1 st	9.15am	Peadar Flanagan RIP
		2.00pm	<i>Faith & Light Ecumenical Service Candlemas Mass</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>

The Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas (Feast)

Day of Special Prayer for Consecrated Life

Sun	2 nd	6.00pm	Richardson, McEnery & Walton Families' Int
		9.00am	<i>Presentation of all young children and babies For God's blessing.</i>
		11.00am	Hallam & Faulks Families RIP <i>Presentation of all young children and babies For God's blessing.</i>
		12.45pm	Dale & Barbara Morrison Ints. Polish Mass
		2.00pm	<i>Baptism of Francis Buckley</i>
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	3 rd	6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
		9.15am	Anne Checketts Int.
Tues	4 th	4.30pm	<i>Reception of Bob Harlow</i>
		9.15am	Richardson, McEnery & Walton Int.
Weds	5 th	11.00am	<i>Funeral of Bob Harlow</i>
		9.15am	Alfred John and all members of the Foss Family RIP
Thurs	6 th	9.15am	Hilda Harvey
	Fri	7 th	5.30pm
		6.00pm	Parish/Filipino Mass

Sat Special Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking

Sat	8 th	9.15am	Peter Curran RIP (Anniversary)
		2.00pm	<i>Baptism of Elodie-Blu and Lola-Rae Thompson</i>
		6.00pm	Holmes & Burton Families' Intention

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sat	1 st	3.00pm	<i>Refreshments following Faith & Light Ecumenical Service</i>
Mon	3 rd	7.30pm	SPUC in the Library
Tues	4 th	7.30pm	Scripture & Tradition Study Group – Library
		7.30pm	Visiting Group in the Front Room
Weds	5 th	2.00-4.00pm	Senior Citizens' Club – Church Hall
		6.00-9.30pm	Scouts in the Church Hall
Fri	7 th	5.00-9.00pm	Filipino Community in the Church Hall

MOTHER MARY: DVDs are available from Father Frank Daley. Email sandra@thepriory.info to order.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 24th – 31st May. Cost: £410.00 includes insurance, coach and ferry travel and full board in Lourdes. Deposit £129.00. Final payment in April. Further details and booking forms from Vera Hurry, on 01509 231282

NEWSLETTER : May we remind parishioners that if there is anything they would like to have included in our parish newsletter, it is best to send it in as soon as possible, **at least one whole week in advance.** We also ask all **Group Leaders** to record meetings, times and venues in the new Parish Diary for the entire year.

ROSMINI CENTRE: Saturday 8 February 10.30 – 2.00pm : “Development of the Sacrament of Reconciliation” presented by Paul Michel, lay chaplain at Ratcliffe College, followed by shared table. Donation £10.00 Mass at 10.00am.

Retreat Day Sunday 23 February 10.30 for 11.00 – 4.00pm with Mass. “Guided by Rosmini to Charity” presented by the Centre Team. Lunch included, donation £20.00

INTER-PARISH DEANERY QUIZ NIGHT: Our Dean, Fr. Colin Patey VF, invites our parish to compete for the Deanery Trophy (currently held by St. Wilfrid's Coalville) at St. David's Church Hall, Greenhill Road, Coalville LE67 4RL on Saturday **8th February** at 7.45pm for 8.00pm start. We are asked to provide a team of four to represent St. Mary's. Cost: £2.00 per head – please bring your own refreshments and contact Steve Walsh on 01530 243090 to confirm attendance. All profits will go to the sick and retired priests' fund.

WAR: You are invited by Holy Cross Lay Dominicans to a Discussion Day on the theme “1914 – 2014: War and the commemoration of war”. **8th March.** The speakers will be Bruce Kent (Pax Christi) and Fr. Richard Finn OP (Blackfriars Cambridge). Venue: St. Clement's Hall, Wellington Street, Leicester. Begins after 10.00am Mass and concludes at 3.30pm. Tea/coffee provided – please bring a packed lunch. A collection will be taken. For more information, please see our noticeboard at the back of the church or email janandpatdoyle@yahoo.co.uk

NEED TO RENT A ROOM? A large room, which is in good condition, is available for rent. The room is situated in the stable building, which is adjacent to the Presbytery. Although the room is not suitable for residential use, it could be suitable for an activity or clean and dry storage. Anyone who is interested should approach Fr. Philip Sainter or Kieron Shaw, the Treasurer.

101 CLUB: Ann will be in the church hall after each Mass this weekend. Congratulations to no. **41**, this month's lucky £100.00 winner!

DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER REQUIRED: Nottingham – closing date for applications 3rd March. Please see our noticeboard for details.

KWEDIBOMA NEWS: Over the Christmas period St. Mary's Catholic Primary School worked very hard to raise £500 through school Nativity Plays and Carol Singing at various locations around Loughborough. This money will be used to help to buy the Full Blood Analysis Machine for the Health Centre. Many thanks to everyone who helped to raise the money.