

OUR VERY WARM THANKS go to Fr. Joe Mullen for being with us during Fr. Philip's convalescence. It is always a pleasure to have him back with us.

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for candidates at St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Parishes. Please feel welcome to come with your children to their preparation classes, which will be held on Saturdays at 5.00pm, in the Church Hall. We expect the candidates to attend Mass each week. Further details can be found on our notice board at the back of the church.

KWEDIBOMA TALENT CHALLENGE: Four weeks ago we issued a challenge to the parish. We wanted parishioners to use their ingenuity to think of ways that they could use £10 which would be given to them to raise funds for Kwediboma. Any surplus over the original £10 investment would then be used to help to buy a "Full Blood Analysis Machine" for the Kwediboma Health Centre. Full details are available in the leaflet which you will find next to the Living Stones Volunteer Box at the back of the church. We extended the deadline to last weekend for your forms to be returned. As the dates were changed, money will now be distributed to those who have returned forms, this weekend **15/16 March**. Thank you to all who completed and returned their application forms.

HOPE – Parents' and Carers' Support Group for anyone affected by someone else's addiction: Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month, 7.30-9.30pm in the Church hall. Next meeting Wednesday 26th March. Confidential support also available on 07979 520805. Don't suffer alone.

INVITATION: from St. Wilfrid's RC Church in Coalville to a Station Mass on Thursday **3rd April at 7.30pm**. Light refreshments from 6.00pm. Confessions 6.30 – 7.15pm. Please ring 01530 832098 if you are able to come. They need to know by **22nd March**.

FAITH IN FAMILIES: In the past, St. Mary's has supported the previously named Children's Catholic Society through the home-collection box scheme, run by our members of the Union of Catholic Mothers. Over the past two years, income from those parishioners taking part has dwindled, no doubt because of recent changes in the law relating to child adoption. In view of these circumstances and the number of boxes remaining uncollected for reuse, we will no longer operate this scheme beyond the end of March 2014. If anyone still holds one of these boxes and would like to return their contribution to the ladies of the UCM, any outstanding donations will be forwarded to the charity. Anyone wishing to support this charity directly as an individual can contact Andrea Kelly at 7 Colwick Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5FR (0115 955 8811) or enquiries@faithinfamilies.org or www.faiminfamilies.org. We thank all those parishioners who have demonstrated their support for this charity in the past.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM: available for purchase at the back of the church £4.95.

SON RISE SERVICE: **Easter Sunday**, 6.30am on Beacon Hill. See our noticeboard.



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Newsletter for Sunday, 16th March 2014 2nd Sunday of Lent – Psalter Week 2

Journeying from our "pasts" and being transfigured en route

We are into our second week of "training". With conscious intentionality we are striving to live better lives by commitment to prayer and to receiving Jesus' love and life. But as I said a couple of weeks ago, quoting the example of St Paul, it requires training and discipline, routine and determination.

Ours is a journey towards God and this journey presupposes a departure – a departure from the past. The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you and I will make you a great nation; I will bless you ...' (Gen 12:1) - which is what he did in more ways than one! For Abram's was also a departure from a sinful past – he had betrayed his wife three times! (Gen. 12:14; 16:4; 20:2) and lacked trust in God! (Gen 17:17).

Moses' journey too involved a departure, a departure from a heinously sinful past – murder (Ex 2:11) – towards a life-changing encounter with and vision of God.

Let's leave our "pasts" behind us and begin a new and adventurous journey into the unknown. And, *en route*, in our desire to come into the Lord's presence, we **will** reflect his glory in the same way that Moses reflected the glory of the Lord every time he went into God's presence and as did Peter, James and John on the Mount of the Transfiguration as they beheld the splendour of the Lord. (cf Ex 3:4ff; 2 Cor 3:6ff; Mt 17:1-9).

*"Lord, as we leave our "pasts" behind us,
enlighten our lives that we may reflect your glory".*

Fr. Philip Sainter

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 15th 9.15am The Stapleton family: Josephine, Thomas, Jim, Tom & Finola

Vigil Mass for Second Sunday of Lent

5.30-6pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request*

6.00pm John Saunders RIP

Presentation of all candidates for Confirmation

Sun **Second Sunday of Lent**

16th 9.00am All Parishioners

Welcome to Annie Matilda Wing

10.30am *Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request*

11.00am John McEnery RIP

12.45pm Polish Mass

4.00pm Italian Mass

6.00pm Adoration and Benediction

Mon **St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland (Feast)**

17th 9.15am John McEnery RIP

Tues 18th 9.15am Lilian & Bernard Bock RIP

11.45am *Funeral of Antonietta Sacchetta RIP*

Wed **St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)**

19th 9.15am C.A. Mortell

12.30pm *Funeral of Elizabeth (Lilian) Sweeney RIP*

Thurs 20th 9.15am Cliff Brookes RIP

Fri 21st 6.00pm John Joseph Merwick RIP

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 22nd 9.15am Roy Guest RIP

6.00pm John Merwick RIP

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tues 18th 7-9.30pm PPC – Church Hall

7.30pm Scripture & Tradition Study Group - Library

Wed 19th 2-4.00pm Senior Citizens' Club – Church Hall

6-9.30pm Scouts – Church Hall

Sat 22nd 10-4pm Pre-Matrimonial Class – Church Hall

5.00pm Confirmation Class – Church Hall

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who are sick: Mary Durning, Patricia Tape, Margaret Stanford, Eddie Orton, Alan and Judith Creighton, 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, Aislinn Shaw, Andrew Clark, Pat Donnelly, Louise and Lee Raven, Holly Jones, Chris, Rosinah, Anne Wade, Dave Cudvil, Lena Borisevic, David Smith, Pat Kidger, Ann Checketts, Julie Priddy, Janice Riddle, June Hargadon, Sean Walker, June Camish, Mary Wain, Brian McMahon, Steven Coultas, Julie Devine and Sr. Mary Angela.

those who have recently died: Elizabeth (Lilian) Sweeney and Antonietta Sacchetti; may they rest in peace.

READERS NEEDED for Palm Sunday & Easter Triduum. Please sign up!

MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: 27th March, 7.30pm in the Library.

"CAFOD" LENT FAST DAY: Please place your CAFOD envelopes in the basket as you leave. If you were away, or didn't get an envelope last week, they are still available at the back of the church and may be given in next Sunday.

LEICESTERSHIRE ACTIVE YOUTH, with the support of Fr. Stephen of St Mary's Church, South Wigston, has organised a trip to Mt. St. Bernard's Abbey to participate in the Stations of the Cross during Lent. This will take place next **Sunday, 23rd March 2014.** Full details can be found on our noticeboard.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF ISRAEL: Last year we sent over 130 boxes of good, used clothing to Israel to help destitute Jews fleeing persecution, and about 70 boxes to help the people of Chernobyl, especially the children, many of whom are suffering serious illnesses due to radiation. Our regional supervisor will be coming to see us in May to pick up our summer collection. I will be starting to collect any unwanted items of clothing in March. If you have any good clothing which you would like to donate, would you please let me know and I will come round and pick it up. Many thanks, Arthur Clarke. Tel: 01509 769594.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Organised by Fr Neil at St Barnabas Cathedral, this will take place in Birmingham on Saturday, 22nd March. If you need transport, please contact Arthur Clarke on arthur.clarke16@tiscali.co.uk. See noticeboard for more information.

THIS YEAR'S PRO-LIFE CHAIN will be take place on **Sat 26th April**, 10-12 noon for 2 hours on Trent Bridge. It involves participants standing silently and peacefully along the pavement along Trent Bridge, displaying signs with simple but effective messages about abortion. You are welcome to join in for all or part of the time. For more details email David.Paton@nottingham.ac.uk

OUR LADY'S CONVENT SCHOOL. A belated thank you to Our Lady's Convent School pupils for inviting some of our senior citizens to an afternoon concert, singing songs from the shows. It was very enjoyable and much appreciated by all. Well done girls!
Terri Carroll

JOB OPPORTUNITY: General Advice Co-ordinator – Nottingham, at drop-in centre for newly arrived asylum seekers offering advice at all stages of asylum journey before and after decision. 37 hrs per wk / Salary: £26,500 See our noticeboard.

Attention Welcomers, Readers & Extraordinary Ministers! **NEW ROTAS** for the next four months are now available at the back of the church. Please collect yours!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Policarp Eremiowicz, Joyce Oakley, John Saunders, Mario Lanza, Guglielmo Buttarazzi, Eva Hao Xu, Edward Wortley, Elena Romaniello, Genoveffa De Blasio, Timm Tymzyszyn, Richard Haynes, Henry Black, Ann Turner, Claire Coburn and Rev. Fr. Eddie Murphy.