

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. Application Forms are available at the back of the church. Closing date for applications for the Confirmation Classes is **6th March 2014**. An Introductory Meeting for all candidates and their parents will take place in St Mary's Parish Hall on **Saturday 8th March at 5.00 pm**. It is essential that all parents attend this meeting. Please also feel welcome to come with the candidates to the preparation classes, which will be held on Saturdays at 5.00pm. There is a genuine desire for you to feel included. Further details can be found on our notice board at the back of the church.

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.

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.

KWEDIBOMA TALENT CHALLENGE: Three 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 along with an application form which is available by the Living Stones Volunteer Box at the back of the church. So far only 4 parishioners have taken up the challenge. We have decided to move the deadline for return of the Challenge forms to **8/9th March**. So, if you intend to take part but have not yet submitted the form, there is still time. As the dates have changed, money will now be distributed to those who have returned forms, on the weekend **15/16 March**. Thank you.

LENTEN RESOURCES: 'Walking through lent with Pope Francis'. Please visit liverpoolcatholic.org.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.

ROSMINI CENTRE: **Friday 7 March 7pm Healing Mass.** Please register. **Saturday 8th March 10.30 to 2pm : "Why the Councils?"** presented by Mgr John Hadley, followed by shared table. Donation £10. There is a Mass at 10.00am. *Please register by phone 01509 813078 or email rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com*

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. Further information is on our noticeboard at the back of the church.



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Newsletter for Sunday, 2nd March 2014 8th Week of Ordinary Time – Psalter Week 4

**In but a few days the season of Lent will be upon us.
Let us make it a really profitable time
for personal spiritual growth and development.**

By using our intellect and will, Lent can be a time when we can make progress in our Christian way of living. In today's Gospel Jesus offers us some very challenging and uncompromising words as we make our final preparations for the beginning of Lent. He says, "No one can serve two masters; he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be slave both of God and of money. That is why I am telling you not to be anxious about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it ..."

Jesus' expressions "*servi*ng two masters" and "*being anxious*" have in common the same root problem: being divided within oneself – being distracted. If we are to be as Paul suggests, "Christ's servants", (in Gk = *hyperetas*, meaning Christ's "subordinates") we must, *ipso facto*, be seen to acknowledge, reverence and obey Christ our Lord. After all, it is the duty (vocation) of a servant to keep his eyes on his master (cf *Psalm 123*: "I lift up my eyes to you who are enthroned in heaven. Just as the eyes of slaves are on their masters' hand, or the eyes of a slave-girl on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God".)

With *conscious intentionality*, let's really try to love and obey Jesus in all things and at all times, so as to make Lent a really profitable time for personal spiritual growth and development.

"Lord Jesus, free me from needless worries and help me to put my trust in you. May my first and only concern be for your glory and your kingdom of peace and righteousness. Help me to be obedient and to live each day and moment with trust and gratitude for your providential care for me." Amen.

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We welcome Fr Joe Mullen, who is helping in the parish whilst Fr Philip convalesces

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

St. David, Abbot, Patron of Wales (Feast)

<u>Sat</u>	1 st	9.15am	Judie Jones RIP
		5.30-6pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
<u>Sun</u>	2 nd	6.00pm	Bernie Madden RIP
		9.00am	Doris Schroeder RIP
		10.30am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		11.00am	All Parishioners
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
<u>Mon</u>		4.00pm	Italian Mass
		6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
	3 rd	9.15am	Jack McCann RIP
	<u>Tues</u>	4 th	9.15am

Wed **ASH WEDNESDAY – Distribution of Ashes - Fast and Abstinence**

<u>Wed</u>	5 th	9.15am	<i>Whole School Mass in Church</i>
		12.30pm	<i>Mass in Church</i> Eneigho Marshall RIP
		2.00pm	<i>Service at St. Mary's Primary School</i>
		7.00pm	<i>Mass at Sacred Heart</i>

<u>Thurs</u>	6 th	9.15am	Judie Jones RIP
	<u>Fri</u>	7 th	5.30pm
<u>Fri</u>		6.00pm	Parish/Filipino Mass
		6.45pm	Stations of the Cross
		9.15am	Mary Diver RIP

<u>Sat</u>	8 th	9.15am	Mary Diver RIP
		6.00pm	Judie Jones RIP

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

<u>Tues</u>	4 th	7.30pm	NO Scripture & Tradition Study Group
		7.30pm	Visiting Group – Front Room
<u>Wed</u>	5 th	2-4pm	Senior Citizens' Group – Church Hall
		6-9.30pm	Scouts – Church Hall
<u>Fri</u>	7 th	5-9pm	Filipino Community – Church Hall
<u>Sat</u>	8 th	10-4pm	Pre-Matrimonial Class – Church Hall
		5.00pm	Confirmation Class – Church Hall

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who are sick: 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, Cluchreir Caror, Marie Ward, Michael Smith, Stephanie Offiler, Aislinn Shaw, Andrew Clark, Pat Donnelly, Louise and Lee Raven, Valerie, 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 whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eddie Weightman, Nancy Hart, Antonio Giampalma, Ray Owens and Osyp Szczur.

N.B. The second collection on 1st/2nd March is for the replacement Boilers
The collection for the scouts will now be on 15th/16th March

NEW CATHOLIC INTERNET RADIO STATION: Details on our notice board!

NEXT PARISH WALK to Swithland Waters advertised for this weekend, will now take place on **March 9th**. Details to follow ...

CAFOD HANDMADE SALE & FAIRTRADE EVENT: 8th March 2-4pm at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Leicester LE4 2BD. Tel: 01773 852950 for more information.

READERS NEEDED for Palm Sunday & Easter Triduum. Rehearsal **6th April** at 10.15am. Please sign up!

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

SALE of sausage and bacon rolls in the hall after 9am and 11am Masses **today** proceeds to go towards Parish Boiler funds.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM: Copies are now available to purchase from the repository at the back of the church at a cost of £4.95.

ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT: (See the noticeboard for more information)

An Italian family from the Rosminian parish of San Romano, Milan, and well known to the parish priest, don Mario Adobati IC, would like to spend a month with an English family in the Midlands. They want to experience English culture, do some sightseeing and improve their English. Both adults are nurses and have two children aged 5 and 6.

Two Italian (male) students, also from Milan, are looking for accommodation in Loughborough while they are studying at the University from March to August. If you can help with either of these requests, please contact the parish office in the first instance (**office@stmarvsloughborough.org.uk**, telephone number 01509 262123).

"CAFOD" LENT FAST DAY: Friday 14th March: Half of the funds collected will be donated to the Kwediboma fund, the other half goes to the Cafod Garden of Plenty appeal.

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 on **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.

MANY THANKS to all who supported my last two cake sales, which raised the sum of £143.00 for parish funds.
Marie Brookes

TRAIDCRAFT: after all Masses next weekend, **8th/9th March**

101 CLUB: Winning number 47 – congratulations! Ann will be in the parish hall after all Masses this weekend to collect your subscriptions.

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