

**NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:** On **Pentecost Sunday, 8 June**, at **3pm**, there will be ONE weekend Mass to celebrate our people and parish life here at St Mary's. We are a diverse community of people from many countries and we invite you to participate by wearing your national dress, bringing banners and flags. Following the Mass there will be a shared table and entertainment. This is an opportunity to come together, meet family and friends and make new friends. More details later. We would like to hire a large marquee. If you know anyone who could provide one, please speak to Father Philip.

**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 have resumed following the Easter break. Parents are very welcome to attend with their children. N.B. Confessions for ALL Candidates, and parents if they so wish, will take place in St. Mary's Church on Saturday, **24<sup>th</sup> May** at 5.00pm.

**ROSMINIAN ASCRIBED:** Meetings at Rosmini Centre & Ratcliffe College on **Saturday 28th June** - Talk, 2.30pm, and **Sunday 29th June** - Mass & Lunch, 10.30am. Blessed Antonio Rosmini's Feastday. For all Ascribed, priests and sisters.

**PARISH VOICE SUMMER ISSUE:** We would be grateful any items of interest from any age group, for the next issue of the magazine due out at the end of June. Articles, photos, letters, comments etc are all welcome, especially from new contributors. Please email [office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk), subject 'Parish Voice' or deliver in an envelope marked 'Parish Voice' to the Parish Office. Deadline for items: Sunday **25th May**.  
*The Parish Voice Team*

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL - TEACHER VACANCY: KS2 FULL TIME.** For details, please phone the school on 01509 212621 or email [office@stmarys-rc.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarys-rc.leics.sch.uk).

**FLOWER & MUSIC FESTIVAL** at **St Barnabus Cathedral, Friday 16th - Monday 19th May**. See the noticeboard for more information.

**BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS:** Foundation Course, October 2014 - June 2015 at St. Winefride's Annexe, Charnwood Road, Shepshed. The same course will be running in 2014 -15 in Mansfield, Derbyshire. £75.00 per. This is for you if you are currently working as a Parish Catechist or wish to, with children, teenagers or adult enquirers. See noticeboard for more information.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** During Arthur Clarke's absence, help with the children's liturgy would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Father Philip about this.

**NEOPHYTE MASS AT ST BARNABAS CATHEDRAL:** **Sunday 1st June** at 3.00pm for those who have been received into the Catholic Church during the last year, their families, catechists and sponsors. It is customary for those new in the Church to celebrate Mass with the Bishop or his representative. Please let Father Philip know if you would like to attend, as we have been asked to send an RSVP to the Cathedral.



## St. Mary's Catholic Church

97 Ashby Road, Loughborough LE11 3AB

Tel: 01509 262123

Email: [newsletter@stmarysloughborough.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stmarysloughborough.org.uk)

[office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk)

Web: [www.stmarysloughborough.org.uk](http://www.stmarysloughborough.org.uk)

Served by the Rosminians:

Fr Philip Sainter, Fr Charles Sormany, Fr Simon Giles

### Newsletter for Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Psalter Week 4

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - VOCATIONS SUNDAY

When reading today's Gospel one soon realises that it is part of a whole chapter which explores the intimate relationship between the **Shepherd** and the **sheep**. Indeed, chapter 10 of John's Gospel constantly emphasises the shepherd's desire that the sheep should be led in the right direction and that they should also be protected. Hence Jesus likening himself to "**the gate of the sheepfold**". In many countries the shepherd lies down at night in the gateway of the sheepfold to stop the sheep getting out and preventing predators from entering. This is Jesus' way of expressing his desire to keep all of us in his loving care.

Let us then listen carefully to his voice and follow him who cares for us, feeds us and nourishes us. Let us enter into an ever-deeper and more intimate relationship with him.

\* \* \* \* \*

### *Vocations Sunday*

Are you being called to follow Jesus as a member of a Religious Order (eg The Rosminians) or as a priest?

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**Sat** 10th 10.30am *Mass for Mothers* - assemble in the playground  
**Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

5.30-6pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request*  
6.00pm Rocco Acierno RIP

**Sun** **Fourth Sunday of Easter - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

11<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Domenico Petti RIP  
10.30am *Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request*  
11.00am All parishioners  
2.00pm *Baptism of Francis Busby & Freddie Thornton*  
12.45pm Polish Mass

*No Italian Mass*

6.00pm Eucharistic Adoration

**Mon** 12<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Lamberto Castillo RIP

**Tues** 13<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Lamberto Castillo RIP

**Wed** **St. Matthias, Apostle - Feast**

14<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Lamberto Castillo RIP

**Thurs** 15<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Lamberto Castillo RIP

**Fri** 16<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Lamberto Castillo RIP

**Sat** 17<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Joseph & Linda Cavanagh RIP

**Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

6.00pm All parishioners

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

**Tues** 13<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm PPC Meeting - Library  
7.30pm Scripture & Tradition Group - Front Room

**Wed** 14<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm Senior Citizens - Church Hall

6-9.30pm Scouts in the Church Hall

**Thurs** 15<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm St. Mary's Singers in the Church Hall

**Sat** 17<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm Confirmation Class in the Church Hall

**PLEASE PRAY FOR those who are sick:** Arthur Clarke, Andrew Carr, Helen Wright, Eddie Orton, Betty Stewart, Anthony Kenny, Mary Durning, Alan and Judith Creighton, Peter Darlaston, David Allen, Freddy Hess, Ruby Campbell, Gerry O'Rourke, Stan Trojan, David Hart, Mark, Jane Moss, Ellen Wakefield, Cluchreur Caror, 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, Ann Checketts, Julie Priddy, Janice Riddle, June Camish, Mary Wain, Brian McMahon, Steven Coultas, Julie Devine and Sr. Mary Angela.

**those who have recently died:** Jeff Field and Kevin Mortell; **may they rest in peace.**

**those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Ethel Copestake, Rev. Fr. Terry Watson, Kathleen Brooks, Jean Walvin, Noelline Overlunde, Neville Thomlinson and George Scrivens

**The retiring collection this week is for the Clergy Formation Fund**

**FATHER SIMON** would like to thank everyone for the many good wishes and prayers on his 40th anniversary of priesthood. He will remember you all at the Grotto next week in Lourdes.

**GIFT AID:** New boxed sets of numbered envelopes will be available at all three main Masses during the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May. Please remember to collect your box. Those folk using monthly standing orders will receive their annual letter in the usual way. St. Mary's total Gift Aided income for the year 2013/14 exceeded £50,000 which is bringing in tax refunds from HMRC over £12,000. **Any member of our congregation**, currently paying tax on their income could easily join this effective (and painless) form of fundraising. Please help to boost our income and complete one of the yellow forms at the back of the church and drop it into the church Post Box. Thank you.

**ANNUAL JUSTICE & PEACE CONFERENCE: 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> July.** Booking forms now available on the website – [www.justice-and-peace.org.uk](http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk). For more details please phone 020 7901 4864. We would encourage you to learn more about, and reflect upon, our responsibility for the world and all its people. More details on our noticeboard at the back of the church.

**KWEDIBOMA CAR-WASH:** The fundraising car washes for the **Kwediboma Talent Challenge** resume on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, from 10am – 1.30pm. Bring your dirty cars for a wash. Volunteer car washers welcome for as short or as long as you wish. All proceeds are for the purchase of a 'Full Blood Analysis Machine' for the Kwediboma Health Centre in East Africa.

**FREE WORKSHOP** on basic economics for people who care about Social Justice. Venue: St. Thomas More Parish Centre, 75 Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3HN. 10am -5pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please sign up by emailing Sally on [sruane1@btinternet.com](mailto:sruane1@btinternet.com) or phone 0116 2703053.

**2014 NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July.** For information please see our noticeboard or contact Fr. Gregory Tobin, Pilgrimage Director, on 07760 372105.

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014** £649 per person. Spiritual Director: Rev. Fr. Gerard Kelly. For booking forms and further information, please contact Mike Daley on 01793 829381. Itinerary on our noticeboard.

**LOURDES FUND SALE: On Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May,** there will be a sale after all Masses to raise funds for Lourdes. Any unwanted gifts that can be used for sale or the tombola, cakes, bottles of wine etc. will be gratefully received. Any help would also be appreciated. Items can be left in the Long Room marked 'Lourdes Sale' or contact Bernie McEnery on 01509 557147 if things need to be collected. Thanks.

Bernie

**101 CLUB:** This month's winning number is 102.

**ITALIAN MASS:** As Father Belsito is away, there is no Italian Mass this Sunday (11th May). He will be back to say Mass as usual on 18th May at 4pm.