

THANK YOU: I am deeply grateful to all from St Mary's who expressed concern, prayed, visited and sent me cards during and following my recent surgery for cancer. I am now fully recovered. Thanks be to God.
Arthur Clarke

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC) Our local branch has recently lost two valuable committee members, one of whom has been transferred to Cumbria. If anyone has a heart for the protection of the unborn children of this country and feels that they could help on the committee I should be most grateful. Please contact me, Arthur Clarke, Chairman, either on 01509 769594 or arthur_clarke16@tiscali.co.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Application forms for First Holy Communion classes are available to collect at the back of the church, in school, or can be sent you by email. The closing date for applications to join this year's programme is **24th October 2014**.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL: Leaflets and knitting patterns are now available at the back of the church. A number of hats have been donated that you will be able to add to your box when you bring it in to church at the end of October. If you have any queries don't hesitate to contact me by email: sesd@ntlworld.com or phone 01509 558537 in the evenings. Enjoy wrapping and packing your boxes. Thank you.

PROVISION OF CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS: Please help us get this right! If you wish to purchase the Catholic Herald, the Universe or The Tablet on a regular basis please complete an **Order Form** found at the back of the church on the Repository Table. Your assistance in this matter would be much appreciated. Thank you.

PARISH SKI TRIP: Interested in improving your ski and snowboarding technique? Anybody of intermediate standard or above is welcome to apply to take part in a **Technical Training Ski / Snowboard course in Meribel from 21st to 28th March 2015**. Package Price £900. Course run by *Snow Skool*. For more information, contact Fr. Philip.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: A new course, which is in full accord with Catholic teaching and which is run by the Couple to Couple League, will be starting next month. Please contact Katherine and Ben Wright 0115 979 5465 for more information or wright@cclgb.org.uk to register.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 3rd October. Please take home a Fast Day envelope and prayer card and return your envelope with your contribution as soon as possible. Last day for returning envelopes is **Sunday, 19th October**. "*I was hungry and you gave me to eat.*"

BAPTISM CLASSES: Please book an appointment with Fr. Philip.

HARVEST PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH: TODAY, Sunday 28th September at 12.30pm in the church hall. All welcome – do join us!

KSC QUIZ: 11th October at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart church hall. More on this next week.

SENIOR CITIZENS: If you are interested in having a Christmas lunch at Lynroys, payment of £14.00 is required by Terry Carroll by **15th October** at the very latest.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE (21.09.14)

First collection: £825	Home Mission Sunday: £203
Standing orders: £530	<i>Thank you</i>



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Newsletter for Sunday 28th September 2014
Twenty Sixth Week of Ordinary Time (A)
DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST
AND FOR THE FRUITS OF HUMAN WORK

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A special welcome to all who are joining us today for our special Harvest Festival Mass. Today we are joining the many people throughout the length and breadth of this country and abroad in a special service of thanksgiving to almighty God because "the land has yielded its harvest and God, our God, has blessed us" (Psalm 67:6).

For some, it's called "Lammas" – the old Saxon loaf Mass; for others, it's called the "Feast of Weeks" – which is a festivity marking the end of the wheat harvest or "The Feast of Shelters" – which marks the ingathering of the grapes and olives.

It is good that we should pause in our busy lives to thank God for all the good things we have and enjoy.

May we be ever mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Fr. Philip Sainter

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat	27 th	9.15am	Lloyd Skelton RIP
		2.00pm	Baptism of Nayara Cardoso
		5.30-6pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		6.00pm	Ruby Campbell RIP
Sun	Harvest Festival		
	28 th	9.00am	Marion Scrivens
		10.30-11	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		11.00am	All Parishioners
			<i>Presentation of Baby Nicola Szot</i>
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
		6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Mon	Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)		
	29 th	9.15am	Christina Mortell (recovery)
Tues	30 th	9.15am	James and Lisa Turner - intentions
Wed	1 st	9.15am	Thanksgiving – Mr & Mrs Metson
			60 th Wedding Anniversary
		2.00pm	<i>Funeral service for Charles Farrell at Loughborough Crematorium</i>
Thurs	2 nd	9.15am	Amanda Giorgio RIP
		5.30pm	Novena – Filipino Community
Fri	CAFOD Family Fast Day		
	3 rd	6.00pm	Parish/Filipino Mass
Sat	4 th	9.15am	Maria Joao Sainter
		6.00pm	All Parishioners

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun	28 th	12.30pm	Harvest Lunch in the Hall
Tues	30 th	7.30pm	Scripture & Tradition - Library
		2-4pm	Senior Citizens in the Hall
		7.30-9pm	Union of Catholic Mothers - Library
Wed	1 st	6 – 9.30	Scouts in the Church Hall
Thurs	2 nd	7.00pm	Parish Council AGM in the Hall. All welcome.
Sat	4 th	10.00am	Baptism Class by prior arrangement

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who are sick: Margaret Woodhouse, Frank Chatonda, Yolande Sedbon, Beverley Tomlin, Alan and Judith Creighton, Stephanie Offiler, Julie Priddy, Eileen Sutton, Rosinah, Marion Scrivens, David Hart, Eileen Scott, Freddy Hess, Gerry O'Rourke, Jane Moss, Steven Bouldis, Mark, Rae Hagan, Fr John Doman, Christina Mortell and Barbara Watkins

those who have recently died: Charles Farrell and Margaret Kuzniar. **May they rest in peace**

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Norah Willems, Concetta Buttarazzi, Francesco Muffato, Peter Foreman, Amanda Giorgio, Venessa Ponchon and Margaret Cramp

ROSMINI CENTRE: Sat 11th October, 'Archbishop Oscar Romero' presentation by Fr. Ted Mullen. 11am (Mass at 10am). Shared lunch 1pm. Please book: 01509 813078.

THE PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place this **Thursday, 2nd October** in the hall. This is an opportunity for all parishioners to hear a summary of parish group/ministry and parish council activities from the year, as well as to elect new members of the parish team. Nomination forms can be found at the back of church. There will also be a finance report, reviewing the past year and future plans. If you are interested in parish life then please do come along. Refreshments will be provided.

Reports will be needed from those parish groups willing to contribute again. If you sent one last year all you need to do is to update it. This is your opportunity to get more people involved in your activities/ministry.

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PPC: Are you willing to join the team to help get things done in the parish? Your commitment will be to attend at least 8 of the 11 yearly meetings as well as a Saturday planning & reflection day and to attend as many parish events as you can. But most of all we need people who will use their gifts and talents to make this the caring and dynamic community that we all wish to be part of. If you are interested, please speak to a member of the PPC or one of our priests.

HEAD TEACHER required for January 2015 at St Winefride's Catholic Voluntary Academy Primary School, Shepshed. Full details on our noticeboard or from the website: <http://www.winefrides-rc.leics.sch.uk>. Closing date: **Monday 6th October** at 12noon.

LETTERS FROM THE TRENCHES: A week of lunchtime talks from **Monday 13th – Saturday 18th October**, 11am-4pm, at Loughborough Baptist Church. Please see our noticeboard for details of the talks and who will be giving them. All welcome – free entry.

PARISH VOICE: Autumn Issue (22) will be on sale next weekend after all Masses. The front page features events at De Lisle, with a photo of recent First Holy Communicants inside. Suggested donation £1.00 to cover printing costs.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY - BEREAVEMENT TRAINING: Sat 4th Oct 9.30-4pm at St Mary in Charnwood, Nanpantan. £10 payable on the day. Refreshments but please bring a packed lunch. Contact Isabel Smith on 468.IMS@gmail.com to book a place. See n/board

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY FOR THE SYNOD

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and
division:

may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the
family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen