

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL: Please bring your finished shoeboxes into the parish hall **between Saturday 1st & Thursday 6th November**. Volunteers to help with delivering the shoeboxes to the local warehouse on **Friday 7th November** would be very welcome. Please contact Sue Davies on 07977 523257 if you can help. Thank you.

A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE for all those who have died during the past 12 months, and for other loved ones, will take place at St. Mary's on **Friday 14th November 2014** at 7.00pm. Everyone is invited, together with family and friends. You will have the opportunity to light a special candle in memory of your loved ones and to bring before the Lord your personal thoughts and prayers.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 27th May – 3rd June 2015. See noticeboard.

AGED 14-18? 'Cannons' is an open event designed just for you taking place from 7-9pm on **Friday 7th November** at St Thomas More RC Church in Knighton. 'Cannons' is being led by the Briars team and will be a great evening of fun, food, music and prayer. For more information please visit www.ndcys.com.

NOTTINGHAM RC DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE (NRCDES): Justice & Peace Module of the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is open to everyone. To book a place, cost £25, contact Diane Williams at formation@nrcdt.org.uk. The session covers basic Church teaching on the relationship between the Church and the modern world; the world of work, the development of peoples and evangelisation in the modern world. Sat **15th November** 9.30am-4.30pm, continuing **Mon 24th November** 7pm-9.30pm at the Diocesan Centre, Mornington Crescent, Mackworth, Derby DE22 4BD.

ROSMINI CENTRE, RATCLIFFE LE7 4SJ: **Saturday 8th November:** "Martin Luther King" - Nick Walsh, Head of RE at Ratcliffe College 11.00am - 2.00pm, shared lunch. **Saturday 22nd November:** Afternoon Retreat 3.00pm - 7.00pm, reflection theme: "Eucharist". **Sunday 7th December:** **RETREAT DAY** given by Fr. John Daley IC. 10.30am - 4.00pm, lunch included. Please telephone 01509 813078 or email rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com. Donations appreciated to cover costs and stipends.

A FAMILIES AND FAITH DIOCESAN DAY will take place on **22nd November**, 10am-4pm, at Christ The King Voluntary Academy, Arnold, Nottingham with guest speaker Bishop John Sherrington (Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster); he will talk about issues raised at the Family Life Synod in Rome. Cost: £12 to include lunch. To book, email formation@nrcdt.org.uk or visit www.nottinghamdiocese.org.uk/formation.html.

THE GOVERNORS OF ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY, NOTTINGHAM wish to recruit a School Business Manager with a strong financial and administrative background and also a School Receptionist to work in their busy school office. For more information, contact the school on 0115 9155762 or admin@st-teresas.nottingham.sch.uk. Closing date for applications: **17th November 2014**.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	RECENT FINANCE & FUNDRAISING thank you
First collection: £681	Ride & Stride £343
Standing orders: £530	



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Newsletter for Sunday 2nd November 2014

Thirty-First Week of Ordinary Time (A)

Psalter Week 3

OUR FOURTH ESCHATOLOGICAL REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

In the early days of Christianity, it was customary in Rome to celebrate the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighbouring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Today, the Church celebrates the countless millions of Christians who belong to the community of saints in the kingdom of heaven, in one triumphant celebration: The Feast of All Saints.

This is a celebration of all those who have gone before us 'marked with the sign of faith', who achieved sanctity in the small things of everyday living: who persevered in their vocation of knowing and loving Christ and who strived to live good lives. These men and women took their faith seriously enough to allow it to shape their lives. Surely we can hope to join them in the community of the saved?

Fr Philip Sainter

During Advent, St Mary's will be hosting a series of Small Christian Community Group meetings to reflect on the Gospel and to build authentic Christian community. Details will be announced next week.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat	1 st	9.15am	Deceased members of the Castillo family
		2.00pm	Baptism of Francisca Njomia
		5.30-6pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		6.00pm	All Parishioners
Sun	All Saints (Solemnity)		
	2 nd	9.00am	Stanislavo & Concetta Sparano RIP
		10.30-11	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		11.00am	Filomena & Michele
			Paolella & Giovanni Brunetti
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
		5.00pm	Reception of Allen Junio
		6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Mon	All Souls (Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed)		
	3 rd	9.15am	Monk & Cavanagh families
		10.00am	Blessing of Graves @ St. Mary's and at Cemetery + Rosary
		2.15pm	Requiem Mass for Allen Junio RIP
Tues	4 th	9.15am	Josephine Di Cosmo RIP
Wed	5 th	9.15am	The Walton family
Thurs	6 th	9.15am	The Richardson family
Fri	7 th	12.30pm	Wedding of Jethro Brewin and Marilou Dar
		5.30pm	Novena – Filipino Community
		6.00pm	Parish/Filipino Mass - The Filipino community
Sat	8 th	9.15am	Margaret Veals RIP (Anniversary)
		6.00pm	Rocco Acierno RIP

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tues	4 th	7.25pm	Scripture & Tradition Group – Library Please note the new start time *
		7.30pm	Visiting Group – Front Room
Wed	5 th	6-9.30pm	Scouts – Church Hall
Thurs	6 th	7.30pm	St. Mary's Singers – Church Hall
Fri	7 th	5-9.00pm	Filipino Community – Church Hall

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who are sick: Rosinah, Frank Chatonda, Gerry O'Rourke, Garth Rhodes, baby Jack Patrick Michael Lowry, Beverly Tomlin, Simon Ewing, David Hart, Alan and Judith Creighton, Eileen Sutton, Jane Moss, Mark, Stephen Coultas and Barbara Watkins

those who have recently died: Allen Junio RIP

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Vincenza Lallo, Antoni Michalski, Eileen Hately, Joseph Allan, Mary Hudson, Elena Keetley, Margaret Cramp, Margarette Szczur, Jerzy Stepowski, Marion Utley, Ron Lucas, Antoni Juskiewicz and Margaret Veals.

COME AND SING Mamma Mia, White Christmas and more with St Mary's Singers. Thursday nights in the hall at 7.30 for an hour. All welcome. Come and have fun!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY! – SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER straight after 11.00am Mass, 12 – 3pm approx. Please come with your children! We are looking for teenagers and secondary age children to help run the games and join in with the younger ones. There will be a special visitor with a small gift for each child and lots of prizes plus mulled wine for the grown-ups. There will be a shared table for which there will be no charge, so please put the date in your diary. All the children will be receiving invitations, but everyone is invited.

JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION: Sat. Nov 8th 10.00am–4.00pm Diocese of Nottingham Annual Assembly: Mass: 10.30am. Please bring food for shared table. Tea and coffee provided. For programme, travel & parking, see www.nottinghamjp.org; to register interest call Martyn Swaby on 0115 9539811. Details on our noticeboard.

HOST is looking for kind, friendly, hospitable people willing to welcome an international student at university here into their home. This could be for a day, a weekend or Christmas, and you don't need to live near a university, as students will travel for the privilege of meeting you, learning about life in this country, and sharing their own culture. HOST is a voluntary activity which makes ambassadors for international goodwill of us all. See www.hostuk.org or call HOST on 0207 739 6292.

LEICESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES' TRUST photographic competition, run by the Leicester Mercury to celebrate the 50th year of the Trust and 25 years of the Ride+Stride event in the county, resulted in 12 excellent entries which have been reproduced in a **2015 Calendar**. Sizes available: A4 opening to A3 (£10); A5 (£5). To order a copy, email David Knowles (djpk34@hotmail.com) or call 01509 268354.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR: will be held on **Saturday 22nd November**, 10.00am – 3.00pm. The UCM requests any unwanted gifts, wine bottles (full or empty), prizes for tombola, hoop-la or raffle, craft items, unwanted gifts, jewellery, cakes & fair-trade items for the stalls. Please leave your donated items in the Library. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION: The 'Parish Voice' magazine is having a Christmas Card Competition with a prize for under 11's and one for under 16's. Cards can be of any size, shape, and be completed in any medium. Entries can be handed into the Parish Office, with clear name, age and contact details on the back. Closing Date: next **Sunday, 9th November**.

DEADLINE FOR PARISH VOICE entries for the next magazine is **Monday 10th November!** Don't forget - we need items on any subject of interest from any age group. Articles, comments, photos, letters, ideas etc are all welcome, especially from new contributors. Please email office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk with subject 'Parish Voice' or deliver in an envelope marked 'Parish Voice' to the Parish Office.

THE NEW ROTAS for Readers, Welcomers and Eucharistic Ministers are now ready for collection from the back of the church.