

**ST. MARY'S UCM EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE RETIRED PRIESTS' APPEAL:**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** Bring and Buy Sale in St. Mary's Church Hall after 9 and 11am Masses. Cakes, sausage and bacon cobs, and small raffle. Please bring the items you wish to donate on the day. **Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>** from 9am-12noon at **St. Peter's Church Hall**, Storer Road, a 'nearly new' sale. Teas and coffees available. If anyone would like to donate clean, nearly new items in advance, please label and store in the designated room at the Presbytery, and these will be collected before the event.

The Diocese started this Appeal because it does not have enough money to support the retired priests to an adequate level. Within St. Mary's Parish, the Appeal proceeds will be divided equally between the Diocese and the Rosminian Order. The Parish target is £55,000 and so far, thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, £37,000 of this amount has been raised. Please do support these two events, as your help to meet our obligations to support elderly and infirm priests is badly needed.

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**THANK YOU** to **Peter Giorgio** for his many years of service to St. Mary's, providing such beautiful music for our 11am Masses and looking after the choir. Frs Philip, Charles and Simon and the entire congregation send him our best wishes for his sabbatical.

**DEANERY STATION MASS: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Station Road, Ashby de la Zouch. Confessions: 6.30-7.30pm. Mass: 7.30pm

**A LENTEN RETREAT FOR ALL:** Given by Fr Pierluigi Giroli IC at the **Rosmini Centre, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**, 10.30/11am - 4pm. Lunch/tea/coffee provided. Suggested donation £15. See noticeboard for more information. To book, phone 01509 813078.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** at St Mary's: **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm.

**ROTAS FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM** are now available at the back of church. Please sign up so that we can ensure all ministries are covered.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' RENEWAL DAYS:** **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** at St Mary's, Loughborough, and **30<sup>th</sup> May** at St Joseph's, Leicester. Details to be sent nearer the time.

**Second Collection today:** Donations for the "Kwediboma Fast Day" will be collected this weekend as second collections on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015**. If you wish to use Gift Aid please use one of the **YELLOW "MISSION FUND"** envelopes that can be found by the Repository and near to the Volunteers' Box at the back of the church. Thank you for any donation you can give.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	RECENT FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
First collection: <b>£862</b>	
Standing orders: <b>£503</b>	<i>Thank you</i>



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Fr Philip Sainter, Fr Charles Sormany, Fr Simon Giles

**Newsletter for Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Psalter Week 3

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Our God is a God who always "accompanies us on our journey" (c.f. Preface for Eucharistic Prayer V). Through all the vicissitudes and problems of life, he is there, supporting us, sustaining us and most importantly, pointing the way forward.

The Commandments serve to bring us life and enable us to attain the Kingdom of Heaven. They are NOT negative prescriptions; they are there to save our lives and to help us in our choices!! Do NOT ignore them!

*Fr Philip Sainter*

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**MUSIC AT ST MARY'S - 11.00 am Mass**

We are the largest and oldest Roman Catholic Church in Loughborough attracting a congregation comprising men and women of all ages and cultural and social backgrounds: the long-standing faithful parishioners, those newly arrived, people of different nationalities, transient students ...

We have a duty to promote and provide good Catholic choral and instrumental music, which reflects the breadth, variety and richness of liturgical music available to us, whilst also maintaining our Catholic traditions.

We are looking for a volunteer or employed organist, pianist or general musician for the exciting new post of Music Co-ordinator for the 11.00 am Masses at St Mary's. The successful candidate is to form a renewed church choir and will organise the provision of organists and/or musicians to assist in leading and accompanying the Sunday liturgy.

**For further information, please contact Fr Philip Sainter.**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<u>Sat</u>	7 <sup>th</sup>	5.30-6pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		6.00pm	The Hennesey family
<u>Sun</u>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Domenico Petti RIP
		10.30-11	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		11.00am	Joseph Frankow RIP (Anniversary)
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
		6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
<u>Mon</u>	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Eileen Sutton RIP
<u>Tues</u>	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Giuseppe Stanislavo RIP and Giovanna Sparano RIP
<u>Wed</u>	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	John, Christine and family – Intention
<u>Thurs</u>	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Deceased members of Hennesey Family
<u>Fri</u>	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	G. Neill and family
		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
<u>Sat</u>	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Paul Mullin - Intention
		<u>Vigil Mass for Fourth Sunday of Lent</u>	
		6.00pm	Mary Beehler RIP

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

<u>Sat</u>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8.15-9.10am	<b>Jesus Prayer Group</b> – Church – <b>all welcome</b>
		10 – 11am	Baptism Class by appointment with Fr. Philip
<u>Sun</u>	8 <sup>th</sup>	After 9 and 11am Masses	Bring and Buy in St. Mary's Church Hall
<u>Tues</u>	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.25pm	Scripture and Tradition Group - Library
<u>Wed</u>	11 <sup>th</sup>	6-9.30pm	Scouts - Church Hall
<u>Fri</u>	13 <sup>th</sup>	After Stations of the Cross	Small Christian Community Group – Front Room
<u>Sat</u>	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.15-9.10am	<b>Jesus Prayer Group</b> – Church – <b>all welcome</b>

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR those who are sick:** John Newman, Ann Astbury, Darren Holt, Hannah Bechler, Rosinah, Frank Chatonda, Gerry O'Rourke, baby Jack Lowry, Beverley Tomlin, Simon Ewing, David Hart, Alan and Judith Creighton, Jane Moss, Mark, Stephen Coultas, Margaret Woodhouse, Moyna McGlynn, Margaret Pascall, Freddy Hess, Pasqualina Genco, Michael Smith, Eric Deakin, Dom Neal, John, Anne Hickman, Holly Jones, Zakk Marks, Gene Connolly, Jean Hammerton and Garth Rhodes.

**those who have recently died:** Edmond Ishak & Luidus Linkeviovius **may they rest in peace**

**those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joseph Frankow, Ray Owens, Osyp Szczur, John Simpson, Maura Barton, Winifred Howard, Hugh Peters, Kathleen McEnery, Lucy Atkins, Mary Steele, Margot Trojan, Christina Rugman, Gerrard Davidson, Tadeusz Popowicz and Americo Lallo.

**EXAIREO** is looking for a washing machine and hoover, in working order, for a resident who is moving on. In the last month six residents have been able to move on to their own accommodation which is great news! Please contact Dettie at the Exaireo offices near the library, email [dettie@exaireo.org](mailto:dettie@exaireo.org) or call 266422. Thank you for your support.

**2015 TALENTS CHALLENGE:** Please remember to return your application forms by **15<sup>th</sup> March** if you wish to take part.

**ITEMS FOR PPC MEETINGS:** If you would like any agenda items included at the Parish Council Meetings, please place these in the suggestion box at the back of church, by the noticeboard. Alternatively please approach members of the PPC who will be present at all weekend masses two weeks prior to each meeting. They will be at the back of church to discuss any queries. The next PPC meeting will be on **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March**. Minutes from PPC meetings are available in designated baskets at the back of church.

**SCRIPTURE & TRADITION GROUP:** We are now studying St. Mark's Gospel. It's always easier to join a group when we start together to look at a new topic, so whilst this subject is still new to all of us, why not come along? Your friends are welcome too, if it makes you more comfortable to bring someone.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER** to help keep your church clean? Start 9.20am Fridays (if there are no Masses). Everyone welcome. Equipment provided.

**WELCOMERS, READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** The new Rotas for March to June 2015 are ready for collection at the back of the church.

**EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER REQUIRED** at The Federation of English Martyrs, Oakham and St Augustine's, Stamford, Catholic Voluntary Academies. See noticeboard.

**DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER REQUIRED** by the Governors of The Good Shepherd Primary Catholic Voluntary Academy, Nottingham. Please contact the school office (email [office@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk) or tel: 0115 926 2983) for further details and to receive an application pack. Closing date **20th March 2015**.

**'CULTURAL RIVERS' EXHIBITION - CHARNWOOD MUSEUM:** A celebration of culture, diversity and acceptance in the community. Exhibition of art, animation and film, created by children who have come to this country as first generation immigrants. The Exhibition is in the Cafe area at the Museum **until Mon March 23rd**.

**CATHOLIC DIRECTORY – NEW MOBILE VERSION:** This will enable people to find their nearest Catholic Church or nearest Mass when they are away from home, at the click of a button. Visit [www.CatholicDirectory.org](http://www.CatholicDirectory.org) or see our notice board for more details.

**EASTER CARDS & HOLY COMMUNION ITEMS** are now available to purchase from the Repository.

**ST MARY'S PARISH SKI TRIP TO MERIBEL** runs from **21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

**NEW STORE ROOM:** There is now a dedicated store room for all Carpenter's Arms and Exaireo items. The door is located just beyond the front door of the Presbytery in the outside wall of the building, and is clearly labelled. Please deposit all donations intended for these organizations in this area **and not in the library or at the back of church**. The access code for the store room door is available from the office or from Fr. Philip.