

PLEASE NOTE: ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Sunday evenings will now take place only on special feast days or on special occasions as advertised in the newsletter.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY - 24th MAY: International Mass at 3pm. This will be the only Sunday Mass that weekend. Come and celebrate wearing your national dress or bright colours. There will be a shared table afterwards in the Hall.

MARCH FOR LIFE: A coach is being organised for parishioners, their families and friends, to attend the March for Life in Birmingham on **Saturday 16th May**. The day starts at 1.00pm inside St. Chad's Cathedral with speakers, then a procession to the city centre, finishing at approx. 3.30pm. To book your place on the coach, please contact Michael on 07977 543505 michaeljudemurphy@yahoo.ie or Greg O'Connor on 07921 587901 greg@villiersforbes.co.uk *St. Mary's Pro Life Group*

HOPE - Parents' and Carers' Support Group for anyone affected by someone else's addiction: Meetings held on the last Wednesday of the month, 7.30 - 9.30pm, in the Front Room of the Presbytery. Next meeting this **Wednesday, 29th April**.

Point to ponder: Being free always to choose goodness is demanding, but it will make you into people with backbone who can face life, people with courage and patience.

Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy

WELCOME

We welcome newcomers to our worshipping Community.

Please introduce yourself to one of the priests and take a 'Welcome to all Newcomers' leaflet which can be found at the back of church.

You are very welcome to join us for tea or coffee in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Second Collection today – Vocations Sunday - for Priestly/religious Formation Fund (gift aid applies).

| LAST WEEK'S FINANCE | RECENT FINANCE & FUNDRAISING |
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| First collection: £ 772 | |
| Standing orders: £ 503 | <i>Thank you</i> |



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Newsletter for Sunday, 26th April 2015

Psalter Week 4

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Good Shepherd Sunday/Vocations Sunday

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.' (John 10:12)

Today is often known as '**Good Shepherd Sunday**' because of the theme of today's gospel reading from John. It is also a **Day of Prayer for Vocations** to the **priesthood and religious life**. Let us pray fervently, with confidence and out aloud that men and women will respond to God's call to become priests and religious. Lord, we pray for vocations to the Rosminian Order here in England. Amen!

Fr Philip Sainter

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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| Sat | 25 th | 5.30- 6pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request |
| | | St. Mark, Evangelist (Feast) | |
| | | 6.00pm | Garth Rhodes – thanksgiving |
| Sun | 26 th | 9.00am | Giovanni Palmieri RIP |
| | | | <i>Presentation of Baby May South</i> |
| | | 10.30-11am | Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request |
| | | 11.00am | Giuseppe Romano RIP (Anniversary) |
| | | 12.45pm | Polish Mass |
| | | 4.00pm | Italian Mass |
| Mon | 27 th | 9.15am | Hennesey family intention |
| Tues | 28 th | 9.15am | Margaret Pascall RIP |
| | | St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor (Feast) | |
| Wed | 29 th | 9.15am | For vocations to the Rosminian order |
| Thurs | 30 th | 9.15am | Province intention |
| Fri | 1 st | 5.30pm | <i>Novena – Filipino Community</i> |
| | | 6.00pm | Parish/Filipino Mass |
| Sat | 2 nd | 9.15am | For the spreading of the Gospel |

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

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| Tues | 28 th | 7.25pm | Scripture and Tradition – Library |
| Wed | 29 th | 2-4.00pm | Senior Citizens Club – Church Hall |
| | | 4-5.00pm | First Holy Communion Class – Church Hall |
| | | 7.30pm | HOPE Meeting – Front Room |
| | | 6-9.30pm | Scouts – Church Hall |
| Thurs | 30 th | 11.30am | Pre-baptism class – Fr Sainter |
| Fri | 1 st | 5-9.00pm | Filipino Community – Church Hall |
| Sat | 2 nd | 10.00am | Pre-baptism class – Church |

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who are sick: Monica Davidson, David Taylor, Sr. Mary Joan Ozorio, Elaine Smith, Michael Smith, David Hart, Maria Sainter, Eddie Hamilton, Arthur Clarke, Katie Mercer, Hannah Bechler, Rosinah, Frank Chatonda, baby Jack Lowry, Beverley Tomlin, Alan and Judith Creighton, Moyna McGlynn, Anne Hickman, Stephen Coultas, Jane Moss and Mark.

those who have recently died: may they rest in peace

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Giuseppe Romano, Winifred Hyde, Mykola Drobisz, Danuta Eremowicz, Norman Campbell, Addolorata Palmiero, Joseph Allcock, Mark Hamilton and Thomas Glendon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES continue on Wednesdays in the Church Hall from 4 to 5pm.

WELCOME: The Christian Community at St Mary's joyfully welcomes Mary Jayne Shelton-Knight, baptised on 19th April.

ENGLISH TUTOR/TEACHER REQUIRED for the two daughters of university professors from Spain who are working at Loughborough University. Classes/conversation once a week for about one hour. Please contact Vicente on 07719 228 647.

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO WALK YOUR DOG? If so, contact Vicente on 07719 228 647.

LOURDES FUND SALE: After all Masses on **16th/17th May**. Contributions of unwanted gifts, bottles, cakes and tombola prizes gratefully received; please leave them in the office. Thank you. *Bernie*

ACTA: The meeting scheduled for 25th April is cancelled. It will be rescheduled for a date in the summer.

ROSMINI CENTRE (LE7 4SJ): **Saturday 9th May** “The vow of poverty in the world today” presented by Fr. Ted Mullen, 11am to 2pm; shared lunch; Mass available at 10am. Please telephone 01509 813078 or email rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com. Donations appreciated to cover costs and stipends. **Saturday 30th May - Day of Prayer for Intergeneration Healing Mass, ‘Healing of Family Tree’ – details next week or on website.**

YOUTH GROUP MEETING: **Friday 8th May** 4-6.30pm in the parish hall - a great British bake off and sports night. Please can everyone bring £2 each and we'll make an English tea. All secondary age young people welcome. Liz: 07980021916

ST. MARY'S SINGERS: Time to regroup and rehearse in readiness for Pentecost! Come and join us on Thursdays at 7pm in the Church Hall. Newcomers always welcome!

ASCRIBED MEMBERS' MEETING: 7.30-9.00pm at the Convent – **Thursday 30th April.**

MASS TO CELEBRATE OUR MOTHERS: All welcome. **Saturday 9th May, 11am.** Procession around the school playground at 10.30am. Tea and coffee in the hall after Mass (no lunch this year). Please wear an item of blue clothing and bring a photo of your mother. Please invite any friends or neighbours who may like to attend.

ST MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR (11am Sunday Mass): New members very welcome. Choir practice takes place on Sundays at 10.15am or as announced. If you are interested, please contact Noel Henry (Tel: 01509 550375) or come along to the practice.

LOUGHBOROUGH CHURCHES' PARTNERSHIP: An opportunity for the church in Loughborough to question and hear from our Local Parliamentary Candidates in advance of the Election in May. Please see our noticeboard.

101 CLUB: No 6 is our lucky winner for March! Would the owner of this number please go to Ann de Rijk to claim your £100 prize.