

GIFT AID: This really is the simplest way to maximise St Mary's income from collections and donations. In 2014/15 the government gave us £13,760 based on the basic rate of tax already paid by parishioners on their contributions to the running and maintenance of our church. At the start of the new financial year we updated our records and noted that the number of parishioners currently Gift Aiding their contributions has fallen from over 110 to just 95. If you are paying tax on your income and have not yet joined the diocesan Gift Aid scheme, we would be happy to enrol you for the new financial year. **It costs you absolutely nothing.** Yellow forms are always available at the back of church, to the right of the main door as you exit. With over 1400 households in the 'parish', there must be at least another 10 or so who could join us in maximising our annual contributions. You can give using an anonymous numbered envelope or by bankers' monthly standing order. There are no commitments to minimum amounts. Please do consider joining the scheme and drop your request in the post box on the wall at the back of church. Thank you. Our continued thanks go to all our current supporters.

Geoff Mercer

REPAIRS & RESTORATION WORK: Forms are available to complete if you would like to sponsor the repair and restoration of some of our sacred vessels and liturgical items. Please post your completed form through the presbytery door or place it in the collection plate. Thank you in advance.

LEICESTERSHIRE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' RENEWAL DAY (Saturday 16th May) will be hosted by St Mary's this year. There will be a special Mass at 12 noon.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: The following extract is taken from the Holy Father's message on *communication*: "In a world where people often curse, use foul language, speak badly of others, sow discord and poison our human environment by gossip, the family can teach us to understand *communication as a blessing*. In situations apparently dominated by hatred and violence, where families are separated by stone walls or the no less impenetrable walls of prejudice and resentment, where there seem to be good reasons for saying "enough is enough", it is only by blessing rather than cursing, by **visiting** rather than repelling, and by accepting rather than fighting, that we can break the spiral of evil, show that goodness is always possible, and educate our children to fellowship." Please support the **second collection next week, Sunday 17th May** which provides the funding for the **Catholic Communications Network**.

Point to Ponder: Let us not grow weary in doing what is right for we will reap at harvest time if we do not give up.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	RECENT FINANCE & FUNDRAISING
First collection: £ 681	DEC Nepal Earthquake Appeal: £ 590
Standing orders: £ 503	<i>Thank you</i>



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Newsletter for Sunday 10th May 2015

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:25 ff), we hear of Cornelius' conversion. He was a great soldier in the Roman Army, who made an incredibly important decision in his life. It's the story of God speaking to a man and the way that man responded.

Like Cornelius, let us put the past behind us, determined to live new lives as Christ's disciples. And may the love of Christ present in us be operative in our lives.

During the month of May we may like to remind ourselves of this old prayer for the conversion of England:

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,

and our most gentle queen and mother, look down in mercy upon England, your dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in you. By you it was that Jesus, our Saviour and our hope, was given to the world; and he has given you to us that we may hope still more.

Plead for us your children, whom you received and accepted at the foot of the cross, O mother of sorrows. Pray for our separated brethren, that in the one true fold of Christ, we may all be united under the care of Pope Francis, the chief shepherd of Christ's flock. Pray for us all, dear mother, that by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with you in our heavenly home. Amen.

(from: A Catholic Prayer Book, CTS, 2001)

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<u>Sat</u>	9 th	5.30- 6pm 6.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i> Hilda Bradshaw RIP <i>Baptism of Lucy & Nella Placzek</i>
<u>Sun</u>	10 th	Sixth Sunday of Easter 9.00am <i>10.30-11am</i> 11.00am 12.45pm 2.15pm 4.00pm	Domenico Petti RIP <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i> Ines & Felixbero Cogal RIP (Anniversary) Polish Mass – Polish Community followed by First Holy Communion class. <i>Baptism of Matthew D’Arcy-Bula</i> Italian Mass
<u>Mon</u>	11 th	9.15am	Doreen Lambert RIP
<u>Tues</u>	12 th	9.15am	All Parishioners
<u>Wed</u>	13 th	9.15am 1.30pm	Vocations to the Rosminian Order <i>Funeral of Jan Orzeszek</i>
<u>Thurs</u>	14 th	St. Matthias, Apostle (Feast) 9.15am	Margaret Du Bonlay RIP
<u>Fri</u>	15 th	6.00pm	The Hennesey Family Intentions
<u>Sat</u>	16 th	9.15am 12 noon Vigil Mass for The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity) 6.00pm	NO MASS Leicestershire Eucharistic Ministers Vigil Mass for The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity) Marion Scrivens RIP

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY’S

<u>Mon</u>	11 th	All day	Fr Philip to Rugby - Trustees Meeting
<u>Tues</u>	12 th	7.25pm	Scripture & Tradition Group - Library
<u>Wed</u>	13 th	2-4.00pm 4-5.00pm 6.15pm 6-9.30pm	Senior Citizens’ Club – Church Hall First Holy Communion Class – Church Hall Marriage class Scouts – Church Hall
<u>Thurs</u>	14 th	7.00pm 7.00pm 6&7.00pm	St Mary’s Singers – Church Hall Parish History Group – Front Room Marriage classes
<u>Sat</u>	16 th	5.00pm	Mtg. Of all First Holy Communion candidates and their families – Church Hall

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who are sick: John Newman, 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, Beverley Tomlin, Alan and Judith Creighton, Moyna McGlynn, Anne Hickman, Stephen Coultas, Jane Moss, Mark, Jean Hammerton and John Tucker.

THE PARISH DIARY: Once again problems have arisen because parishioners have entered bookings in the parish diary. Please note that any bookings for the church hall or rooms in the presbytery must be made through either one of the clergy or Louise. *Fr. Philip*

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 24th MAY: International Mass at **12 noon**. 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.

ST. MARY’S SINGERS: Rehearsals for Pentecost at 7pm, every Thursday, in the church hall. Come and fill your hearts with the Sound of Music.

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.

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*

ROSMINI CENTRE (LE7 4SJ): **Saturday 23-24 May Pentecost Charismatic Vigil** 10pm to 5am. **Saturday 30th May - Day of Prayer for Intergeneration Healing Mass, ‘Healing of Family Tree’ – details on Rosmini Centre website.** Please telephone 01509 813078 or email rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com. Donations appreciated to cover costs and stipends.

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*

KWEDIBOMA TALENT CHALLENGE CAR WASH: Please bring your dirty cars for a wash on Saturday morning, **16th May** 10am to 12.30pm. We will give your car a quality wash and leather for just £3! All proceeds to Kwediboma Health Centre. Also if anyone is able to spare a little time to help I would be most grateful. Thank you. *Alan*

PLEASE PRAY FOR those who have recently died:
Robert Patterson - **may he rest in peace**

those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joan Ramsden, Ethel Copestake, Kathleen Brooks, Jean Walvin, Noelline Overlunde, George Scrivens, Neville Thomlinson Ines & Felixbero Cogal and Rev. Fr. Terry Watson.