

REFUGEE CRISIS

The following is an extract from a statement by the Right Reverend Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham and the Right Reverend Paul Williams, Anglican Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, published in the Independent Catholic News on 11 September.*

"As Bishops, and together with leaders of Christian Churches and other faiths in Nottinghamshire, we encourage the people of our city and county to stand in solidarity with all those who are seeking refuge from countries torn apart by conflict, and to offer them a warm welcome.

"For Christians, a vital part of our faith is offering compassion to those who are in need and recognising the fundamental dignity of every human being. Christians are not just asked to pray for others, but to be generous in giving to support and welcome those who are in need.

"As a nation, we cannot and should not turn our backs on the needs of so many people, whoever they are and wherever they are from."

*The full statement can be found at www.indcatholicnews.com under UK & Ireland News

THE SECOND COLLECTION next weekend will go to a fund to help refugees during the current crisis.

DONATIONS: We wish to express our thanks to the anonymous donor for their contribution of £180 to the parish, made in July. The reduced newsletter in August restricted the space to record our gratitude. We must also thank the UCM for their very generous recent donation to the funds for our Kwediboma Mission. *Geoff Mercer*

PILGRIMAGES: 7 days' pilgrimage to **Poland & the Divine Mercy Shrine** in October, 2nd till 8th 2015, for £719. Spiritual Director Fr. Paul of the Mother of God Parish, Leicester. There are spaces left, so please contact Teresa Knott immediately on 0116 224 8350 or 07877 581148 if you wish to go.

8 days pilgrimage to the **Holy Land** in November, 26th till December 3rd 2015, for the best offer price of £879. A few spaces are left, so please contact immediately Teresa Knott from Mother of God Parish on 0116 224 8350 or 07877581148 to secure a place.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life – Walsingham – **Sunday 27th September.** (More information can be found on our noticeboard)

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: This will take place at 3.00pm in the Parish Hall on **Sunday 4th October.** Those wishing to become members of the PPC are asked to contact one of the existing members for nomination purposes. Parish Group Leaders are asked to submit a short update, where appropriate, to Catherine Brady, PPC Chair, on activities and achievements within their groups over the last 12 months. These reports should be received by **Friday 25th September** to ensure inclusion at the AGM.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: **£ 793**

Standing orders: **£ 493**

Thank you



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Fr Philip Sainter, Parish Priest; Fr. Paul Gillham, Assistant Priest

In community: Fr. Charles Sormany and Fr. Simon Giles

Newsletter for Sunday 20th September 2015

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter Week 1

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

This Sunday is Home Mission Sunday and there is a Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of England and Wales which will be read at all Masses this weekend. Home Mission Sunday, as the Bishops explain, is to support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

If we are to evangelise society, we first have to undergo conversion ourselves. This is of course a lifelong task to conform ourselves to the image of Christ, but as we progress in life, hopefully the more Christ-like we become and thus we give a greater witness in society. We do this primarily through prayer and the reception of the sacraments – especially regular use of the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) and worthy receptions of the Holy Eucharist (ie. being free from any serious sin). All the sacraments are an encounter with Our Lord and give us grace. Let us resolve to make good use of these means of sanctification so that the world may see the Light of Christ shining brightly in us.

Fr Paul Gillham

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat	19 th	1730-1800	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1800	All parishioners
Sun	20 th	0900	Connie Moulton RIP (Anniversary)
		1030-1100	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1100	Dorothy Ginns RIP
		1245	Polish Mass
		1600	Italian Mass
Mon		<u>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)</u>	
	21 st	0915	Ian Jephcott RIP
Tues	22 nd	0915	Intentions of The Carpenter's Arms
Weds	23 rd	0915	For God's blessings on our parish groups
Thurs	24 th	0915	Philip Bowler RIP
Fri	25 th	1400	<i>Requiem Mass for John Joseph Walsh RIP</i>
		1800	The sick and needy of the parish
Sat	26 th	0915	Ian Jephcott RIP
		1800	All Parishioners

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Mon	21 st	1900	History Group – Front Room
Weds	23 rd	1400-1600	Senior Citizens – Church Hall
		1800-2130	Scouts – Church Hall
		1930	UCM – Library

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: Caroline Hillyer, Leonardo Lopez Wain, Jamie, Richard Palan, Mark, Stephen Coultas, Jane Moss, Leonardo, Brian Smith, Benedict McKeown, Ola Awotula, Jean Hooper, John Newman, David Taylor, Michael Smith, Rosinah, Mr Ball, David Hart, Eddie Hamilton, Arthur Clarke, Katie Mercer, Hannah Bechler, Rosinah, Alan and Judith Creighton, Moyna McGlynn, Anne Hickman, John Tucker, Val Wells and Sr. Mary Joan Ozorio.

for: Elaine Smith (nee Dale) and John Joseph Walsh **that they may rest in peace.**

for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Giovanni Borzacchiello, Beniamino Coviello, Leontina Brida, Umberto Fabricatore, Sami Batatio, Doris Couzens, John Mucklow, Joseph Sheen, Lilian Bock, Sarah James, Giuseppina Di Cosmo, Margaret Kuzniar and Connie Moulton.

FATHER PHILIP is on holiday until next week.

CONGRATULATIONS to Maria and David Hesketh who celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on 21st September.

JAMS & CAKES will be on sale in the hall after 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday.

HARVEST FESTIVAL, 27th September: Please donate non-perishable goods and vegetables for our church display. Items may be left at the presbytery on **25th or 26th September**. The non-perishable goods will be donated to the Carpenter's Arms.

HARVEST LUNCH: Sunday 27th September in the Church Hall after 11am Mass (12.30pm). £7 adults, £3.50 children, £20 family. Tickets on sale after all Masses. All proceeds to go to a fund to help refugees during the current crisis.

PRAYING THE EUCHARIST TOGETHER: A day to look at the new Mass translation three years on: is it helping us to celebrate and pray? Led by Fr James Sweeney CP, this day is for both clergy and lay people, exploring together their common experience, hosted jointly by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and Ongoing Formation. Takes place on **Saturday 26th September 2015** 10.00am - 3.30pm (arrivals from 9.30am) at the Holy Trinity Community & Partnership Centre, Boundary Road, Newark. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee, etc. provided.

101 CLUB: I will be in the Parish Room after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday to collect subscriptions and answer any queries, and Ann Checketts will be in the Church after the 6pm Saturday Mass to do the same. Our first autumn winning number is **54**. Thank you all for your past support.
Ann de Rijk

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THIS PARISH we warmly welcome you and invite you to make yourselves known to one of the Priests and/or to a member of the congregation. Do take home one of our 'welcome' sheets, and join us after Mass for tea/coffee in the parish hall – a chance to meet other parishioners and enjoy a refreshing brew.

PIANO, FLUTE & MUSIC THEORY LESSONS. Experienced teacher, CRB checked. All ages and levels. Please contact Marie Leaney on 01509 214626 or 07563 624072. Email: marie@musicmade.co.uk

COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON: All Saints Church, Thorpe Acre with Dishley. **Saturday 26th September**, 12noon - 5pm. Hog roast, cream teas, bouncy castle, games and a variety of stalls. Tel: 01509 236789 - www.astad.org.

CCRS (CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES): A CCRS course will be commencing on **Saturday 4th October** this year at St. Winefride's Church, Shepshed and will continue on various Saturdays throughout the year from 10am to 3.30pm. The course is designed for those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith and explore Scripture and the Church's teachings more deeply.