

YOUTH LEADER SOUGHT to work with the young people of St Mary's parish. Applications are welcome from dynamic, practising Christians sympathetic to the Catholic ethos of our church, with strong leadership characteristics and an ability to relate well to people of all ages. The post will be offered at £175 per calendar month for five hours a week, three hours to be spent in active youth work and two hours in administration, preparation and planning. Support and training will be given.

For further information and an application form, please contact the parish office by email - office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk, or by telephone - 01509 262123. Application forms to be returned with a covering letter outlining your suitability for the job and addressing it to Father Philip by **Friday 16th October**.

St Mary's Church is committed to the safeguarding of all young people; therefore the post will be subject to enhanced DBS clearance.

DIOCESAN RESOURCE DAY: 'Welcome to Witness' - **Saturday 17th October**, 10.00am - 4.00pm at Christ the King Voluntary Academy, Arnold, Nottingham. For more information, please visit www.nottingham-diocese.org.uk/formation.html.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: If you have not already collected an envelope for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day which took place on Friday, 2nd October, please do take one home with you this week. We are asked to fast on that day and to place the money we saved in food, or alternatively to give a donation in the envelope provided, which will be taken up as a **Second Collection next Sunday**. The money will then go to support our brothers and sisters in need across the world through CAFOD.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: If your child has not yet made their First Holy Communion and is aged 7 or over (Year 3 at school) then enrolment for the classes, which will lead to the celebration of First Reconciliation in December 2015 and First Holy Communion next year in 2016, can be made by obtaining and completing the requisite form available from Fr. Philip or Fr. Paul. The closing date by which the forms must be returned for enrolment onto the programme is **16th October 2015**.

THINKING OF BECOMING A TEACHER? The Nottingham Catholic Teaching School Alliance have places available on the School Direct Programme (primary and secondary). For further details and to reserve a place on the open evening on **4th November**, call Vanessa Scott on 0115 982 4280. Website: www.becketonline.co.uk/teaching-school.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: **26th Nov - 3rd Dec**. £879. Contact Teresa Knott from Mother of God Parish on 0116 224 8350 or 07877581148 to secure a place.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: This will take place at **3.00pm** in the Parish Hall **this afternoon, Sunday 4th October**. Those wishing to become members of the PPC are asked to contact one of the existing members for nomination purposes.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First collection: £ 745	
Standing orders: £ 493	<i>Thank you</i>



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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 4th October 2015

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter Week 3

In today's Gospel, Our Lord affirms the indissolubility of marriage as God had originally intended at Creation. He quotes from Genesis, "But from the beginning of Creation, God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then what God has united, man must not divide" (Mk.10:6-9). There are three points from this: God is the author of marriage; marriage is between one man and one woman and it is indissoluble. That is, the bond is breakable only by death and cannot be dissolved by any human power. This is divine law.

When Our Lord elevated marriage to a sacrament, He totally transformed it from the natural level to that of the supernatural, and those who marry are called to a life of holiness. Pope St John Paul II said in Ireland in 1979, "It is true that the stability and sanctity of marriage are being threatened by new ideas and by the aspirations of some. Divorce for whatever reason it is introduced, inevitably becomes easier and easier to obtain and it gradually comes to be accepted as a normal part of life. The very possibility of divorce in the sphere of civil law makes stable and permanent marriages more difficult for everyone...Prepare earnestly for it. Believe in the spiritual power which this sacrament of Jesus Christ gives to strengthen the marriage union, and to overcome all the crises and problems of life together. Married people must believe in the power of the sacrament to make them holy; they must believe in their vocation to witness through their marriage to the power of Christ's love. True love and the grace of God can never let marriage become a self-centred relationship of two individuals, living side by side for their own interests." (Monday 1st October 1979)

October is also the month of the Holy Rosary. Let us invoke Our Lady, the Queen of Families and ask her to protect all families and to guide by her maternal hand the Synod on the Family which will be taking place in Rome this month.

Our Lady, Queen of Families, pray for us.

Fr Paul Gillham

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<u>Sat</u>	3 rd	1730-1800	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1800	Victor and Mary Woodhouse RIP
<u>Sun</u>	4 th	0900	All Parishioners <i>Presentation of baby William Albert B. Aldiss and baby Jessie McCree-Falconer</i>
		1030-1100	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1100	John McEnery RIP <i>Presentation of Sienna Wilson and Henry Andrew Sampler-Sanchez</i>
		1245	Polish Mass
		1415	<i>Baptism of Maisie Olivia Murphy</i>
		1600	Italian Mass
<u>Mon</u>	5 th	0915	Holy Souls
<u>Tues</u>	6 th	0915	Vera Sparks RIP (Anniversary)
<u>Weds</u>	7 th	0915	John Cunningham (80 th birthday)
<u>Thurs</u>	8 th	0915	John McEnery RIP
<u>Fri</u>	9 th	1800	For the Synod on the Family
<u>Sat</u>	10 th	0915	Giuseppe Stanislavo RIP & Giovanna Sparano RIP
		1400	<i>Baptism & Marriage of Lukasz Mews & Magdalena Mews (née Stalecka) followed by baptism of Laura Mews</i>
		1800	Antonino Lanza RIP (Anniversary)

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

<u>Sun</u>	4 th	1500	Parish AGM – Church Hall
<u>Mon</u>	5 th	1900	History Group – Front Room
<u>Tues</u>	6 th	1925-2030	Scripture & Tradition – Library **
		1930	Visiting Group – Front Room
<u>Weds</u>	7 th	1400-1600	Senior Citizens – Church Hall
		1800-2130	Scouts – Church Hall
<u>Thurs</u>	8 th	1900	Initial Craft Meeting – Front Room
<u>Fri</u>	9 th	1900-2130	P.T.A. – Church Hall
<u>Sat</u>	10 th	1430	Wedding Reception for Lukasz & Magdalene Mews

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: Caroline Hillyer, Leonardo Lopez Wain, Jamie, Richard Palan, Mark, Stephen Coultas, Jane Moss, Brian Smith, Benedict McKeown, Ola Awotula, Jean Hooper, John Newman, 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 those who have recently died: that they may rest in peace

for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Francesco Muffato, Peter Foreman, Amanda Giorgio, Venessa Ponchon, Margaret Cramp, Giovanni Russo, Vera Sparks, John Connell, Ted Betts, Barbara Arden-Rowe, Frank McKeown, John McEnery, Sheila Edmundson and Rev. Fr. Tim Maloney.

THANK YOU to all who supported Marie Brookes' sale of cakes, marmalades and jams. This raised the wonderful amount of £105.10 which will go to towards helping the Syrian refugees during the current crisis.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for contributing to the Harvest celebrations, which were a great success. St.Mary's School started the celebrations on Friday morning with all the children and staff attending **morning Mass**, led by Fr. Simon. Well done to Mrs Jones, staff, children and parents for their generous **donations of tinned products** (approximately £500 worth) which were taken down to Joseph's Storehouse. The **harvest lunch** on Sunday was enjoyed by all and raised £315.40! Again many thanks to the team of helpers and to the bakery department at Tesco's for their donation of a **sheaf of bread**, representing a bundle of corn. The **second collection** last week amounted to £620. Altogether, including **Marie's cakes**, the amount raised for the refugee crisis fund was £1,040.50. Well done everyone!

AN EVENING FOR ANYONE THINKING ABOUT ADOPTING will be held on **Wednesday 7th October 2015**, at 7pm, at the Schofield Centre, Loughborough - an inspiring and informative evening for people to find out more about what adoption involves and how to get started. It will also be an opportunity to ask questions and meet with others who are also thinking about it and people who have had years of experience. For more information, phone 0300 001 0995, visit homeforgood.org.uk or email joe@homeforgood.org.uk.

ROSMINI CENTRE: Saturday Morning Talk on Ecology on 10th October. 10.30am for 11.00 - 1.00 pm; tea/coffee provided – shared lunch! ***“Misuse of Resources – Need for an Ecological Conversion.”*** Please do phone or e-mail if you are coming – 01509 813078; rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com

DVD OF BISHOP PATRICK'S ORDINATION: Should anyone wish to order a DVD of Bishop Patrick's Ordination, you may do so through Fr. Neil Peoples at St Barnabas' Cathedral before the end of October (neilapeoples@hotmail.co.uk). Each DVD will cost £10 plus P&P.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF ISRAEL: I am very grateful to all those who continued to bring along good second hand clothing for Israel and the Ukraine whilst I was ill. We received over 70 boxes! Fortunately, my wife was able to do most of the sorting and people were very helpful in packing the clothes into banana boxes. (If the goods are more suitable for The Ukraine then strong black plastic bags are just as good). If you would like to help please give me a telephone call: 01509 769594 or email me arthur_clarke16@tiscali.co.uk to make arrangements.
Arthur Clarke

CHANGE TO OFFICE HOURS: The office is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays**, from 9am - 1pm.

CRAFT GROUP: An initial informal meeting of this group will be held on **Thursday 8th October** at 7pm in the front room. Are you interested in learning a new craft or skill? Have you a craft/skill you could share? Come along to discuss ideas.

INTO THE SIXTH FORM' EVENING: Delisle College - **Tuesday 6th October**, 6-8pm. Come and visit for information on AS and A level studies for next year.

SCRIPTURE & TRADITION GROUP reconvenes this Tuesday at **7.25pm** in the Library.