

OPEN PARISH MEETING: The Parish Priest and the Parish Council have called an open meeting to be held at **7pm** on **28th January 2016** in the parish hall. The purpose of the meeting is to define an agenda for the parish council, working for the parish, during the coming year. It is also an opportunity for us to meet one another in a friendly and open manner, to listen to one another, to ask questions, air any concerns and thoughts and most importantly, to discuss what we might do for the Year of Mercy. Following the meeting, the PPC will then frame objectives for the coming year. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.

SCRIPTURE & TRADITION: The group will re-assemble on **19th January 2016**

CHILDREN DUE TO START AT ST. MARY'S for the first time in September 2016: Applications are invited from parents and families of any child due to start school for the first time in September 2016. A form needs to be completed for the Local Authority via their website: www.leics.gov.uk and a school application form needs to be completed and sent back to school. The final date for applications is **16th January 2016**. If parents know of any children due to start school next September 2016, please urge them to complete all the forms in good time and return them to the local authority and to the school. ***I would strongly urge parents to complete the Local Authority form on-line.*** Thank you. Please contact the school on 01509 212621 to visit the school or for any further queries.

Point to Ponder: **“The Disciples of Christ who profess universal charity are like seeds of unity and peace scattered among the human race.”**
(Antonio Rosmini)

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: Christopher Browne, John Beasley, David and Claire Potter, Joan Slevin, Mary Merwick, Ann Checketts, Johnnie Casey, Vera Hurry, Caroline Hillyer, Jamie, Richard Palan, Mark, Stephen Coultas, Jane Moss, Brian Smith, Jean Hooper, John Newman, Mr. Ball, David Hart, Eddie Hamilton, Arthur Clarke, Katie Mercer, Hannah Bechler, Rosinah, Alan and Judith Creighton, Moyna McGlynn, Anne Hickman, John Tucker, Maria Carecci and Val Wells.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First collection: £ 808	Poor and Needy Parishes: £ 138
Standing orders: £ 591	Thank you

The **Second Collection** this week is for **Kwediboma**.

16/17th January: Second Collection for **Easter Flowers** - Pax Christi envelopes to be returned to church.

23/24th January: Second Collection for **St. Patrick's Missionary Society** (for foreign missions)



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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 10th January 2016

Psalter Week 1

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

According to the account of the Evangelist Matthew (3:13-17), Jesus came from Galilee to the River Jordan to be baptized by John; indeed people were flocking from all over Palestine to hear the preaching of this great Prophet and the proclamation of the coming of the Kingdom of God and to receive Baptism, that is, to submit to that sign of penance which calls for conversion from sin.

Although it was called "Baptism" it did not have the sacramental value of the rite we are celebrating today; as you well know, it was actually with his death and Resurrection that Jesus instituted the sacraments and caused the Church to be born. What John administered was a penitential act, a gesture of humility to God that invited a new beginning: by immersing themselves in the water, penitents recognized that they had sinned, begged God for purification from their sins and were asked to change wrong behaviour, dying in the water, as it were, and rising from it to new life.

For this reason, when John the Baptist saw Jesus who had come to be baptized queueing with sinners he was amazed; recognizing him as the Messiah, the Holy One of God, the One who is without sin, John expressed his consternation: he, the Baptist, would himself have liked to be baptized by Jesus. But Jesus urged him not to put up any resistance, to agree to do this act, to do what is fitting "to fulfil all righteousness".

With these words Jesus showed that he had come into the world to do the will of the One who had sent him, to carry out all that the Father would ask of him. It was in order to obey the Father that he accepted to be made man. This act reveals, first of all, who Jesus is: he is the Son of God, true God as the Father; he is the One who "humbled himself" to make himself one of us, the One who was made man and who accepted to humble himself unto death on a cross (cf. Phil 2:7).

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Sistine Chapel, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 2011

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<u>Sat</u>	9 th	1730-1800	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		1800	Henry Welton RIP and May Hollingsworth RIP
<u>Sun</u>	10 th	<u>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)</u>	
		0900	John Joseph Merwick RIP
		1030-1100	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		1100	Maria Paparozzi RIP
		1245	Polish Mass
		1415	Baptism of Alexander Keenan Slevin
		1600	Italian Mass
<u>Mon</u>	11 th	0915	Lily Prendergast RIP
<u>Tues</u>	12 th	0915	All Parishioners
<u>Wed</u>	13 th	0915	Frank Durning RIP
<u>Thurs</u>	14 th	0915	Margaret Brown - Intention
<u>Fri</u>	15 th	0915	Michael Smith RIP
<u>Sat</u>	16 th	0915	Ronnie Robson RIP
		1800	Reginald Granger and Ambrosine Faulks

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

<u>Weds</u>	13 th	1800-2130	Scouts meeting – Church Hall
<u>Thurs</u>	14 th	1900-2100	Craft and Chat Group - Library
<u>Fri</u>	15 th	1900-2100	Youth Group – Church Hall

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: Chris Hubbard, John Moore, Denise Carnell, Peter Robinson **May they rest in peace.**

for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cederic Spencer, Tony Kennedy, Frederico Buccheri, Helly Claydon, Armando Zollino, May Adam, Montague McArdle, Laurie Devaney, Bill Davey, Annie Robinson, Emily Heath, Ian North, Paul Turner, Albin Topolewski and Nora Cunningham.

PLEASE HELP! * WE NEED VOLUNTEERS:

- We need **more READERS** for the **6.00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays**. If you wish to volunteer, please give your name and contact details in writing to Fr. Philip at the Presbytery. Training will be provided.
- We need **more CATECHISTS** to help with **Pre-Baptism Classes** which are held on the first Saturday of each month from 10.00am – 11.00am. If you would like to join the team of existing volunteers, please give your name and contact details in writing to Fr. Philip at the Presbytery. Training, help and resources will be provided.
- We urgently need **volunteer DRIVERS for the Senior Citizens' Club** held on alternate Wednesdays. Please give your name and contact details in writing to Fr. Philip at the Presbytery. Training will be provided.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the donors of money and vouchers for children of Exaireo Trust residents. It was much appreciated.
Catherine Brady, PPC Chair

LEICESTER CCE – Annual Buffet Ceili **16th January 2016** 8pm until late, St Patricks Parish Centre, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester LE4 2BD. Dancing to the Ivy Leaf Ceili Band. Ticket: Adults £8, Under-16s Free. Contacts for tickets: David 0792 929 6493 Giotto 0780 806 0312 or Emma 0796 906 9534

LOUGHBOROUGH CHURCHES' PARTNERSHIP: United Service to be held on **January 24th 2016** at The United Reformed Church, Frederick Street. Eat together, worship together, act together. Come for all or any part of our time together. Please see the poster on our noticeboard.

YOUTH GROUP: Friday 15th January. Welcome the new year with a fun Pizza & Quiz Night for anyone around the ages of 10 - 14. We will gather in the church hall at 7pm and finish around 9pm. There will be a small participation fee of £3. We look forward to seeing you there!

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WANTED:The Directors of the Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service(NRCDES) are seeking to appoint a new Deputy Director of Education. Further details are available from either Julie Sweeney, julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk or from the Diocesan Education Service website, www.nottingham-des.org.uk Closing date **1st February 2016**.

PEACE SUNDAY - 17th January 2016: The Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales, Pax Christi, need your support in helping them to continue their work of peacemaking around the world. They have supplied donation envelopes which you will find at the back of the church this weekend. If you are able to support them, please return your envelope to church next weekend, **16th/17th January**.

SUNDAY 24th JANUARY: the 11am Mass will be sung by Ratcliffe College Choir.

CONFESSIONS at Mount St Bernard Abbey every day during the Year of Mercy, from 2.30 to 3pm.