

**NEXT PARISH OPEN MEETING:** Date of next open meeting - **9 March**, 7pm. See the newsletter supplement this weekend for more information.

**FATHER JOE MULLEN I.C.:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Joe Mullen who died on 15<sup>th</sup> January: May he rest in peace. There will be a Memorial Requiem Mass for him here at St Mary's at 7pm tomorrow, **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February**. There will also be a Memorial Mass for Father Joe, celebrated by Bishop Patrick on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**, at 6pm in the University Chapel. All are welcome.

**LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP:** This new prayer group starts on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February** at St. Mary's from 7-8pm every Friday during Lent. We will spend an hour in silent prayer as we listen, reflect and contemplate on sacred scripture passages taken from the Gospel. We conclude the session with an invitation to share personal prayers. I warmly invite you to come along and see what Lectio is all about. All you need to bring to the meeting is a copy of your Bible and an expectant listening heart. If you require any more information please contact Carmel on 07568388645 or email [Carmelli2@icloud.com](mailto:Carmelli2@icloud.com).

**ANNUAL VALENTINE MARRIAGE MASS WITH RENEWAL OF VOWS:** All married couples are invited to join us at Nottingham Cathedral to celebrate your marriage with Bishop Patrick, and to renew your vows to each other. Whether you are celebrating five years or fifty years, you are very welcome. **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February** 3pm.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' RENEWAL DAYS:** **9<sup>th</sup> April** at Ratcliffe, and **30<sup>th</sup> April** at St Joseph's. Ministers not on the email list should collect their letters from the Repository counter.

**SPUC: (The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)** - SPUC Nottingham branch is holding a **40 Days for Life** campaign between the **10<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> March** on the campus of the Queen's Medical Centre. The web page with information about times, place and the overall purpose is: [www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham](http://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham). People can even sign up for certain time slots during each day to help with cover and to support the campaign. For further details please contact Greg on 07921587901.

**PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick:** Les Prentice, Danilo Salvador, Christopher Browne, John Beasley, David and Claire Potter, Joan Slevin, Mary Merwick, Ann Checketts, Johnnie Casey, Vera Hurry, Caroline Hillyer, Jamie, Mark, Stephen Coultas, Jane Moss, Brian Smith, Jean Hooper, John Newman, 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.

**for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joseph Frankow, Terence John Foister, Mary O'Neill, Winifred Styles, Bridget Potter, Jim O'Flynn, Mary Bilby, Hilda Harvey, Frederico Buccheri, Michael Bradley and Josephine Brown.

<b>LAST WEEK'S FINANCE</b>	
First collection: <b>£1,032</b>	
Standing orders: <b>£ 603</b>	<i>Thank you</i>



## St. Mary's Catholic Church

97 Ashby Road, Loughborough LE11 3AB

Tel: 01509 262123

Email: [newsletter@stmarysloughborough.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stmarysloughborough.org.uk)

[office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk)

Web: [www.stmarysloughborough.org.uk](http://www.stmarysloughborough.org.uk)

Served by the Rosminians:

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

In community: Fr Charles Sormany and Fr Simon Giles

### Newsletter for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016

#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AND LENT

Psalter Week 1 and 4

Today's readings present us with an obvious theme: the theme of vocation or calling. The accounts of the call of Isaiah (Is 6:1-8) and the first four of Jesus' disciples, serve to remind us that our vocation or calling "What is my vocation?" "How do I respond?" are questions we might well ask ourselves. Whilst these themes will be developed during the weekend homilies, I wish to draw your attention to what the Church is asking of us in this **Year of Mercy: Be merciful as our Heavenly Father is merciful**. Let us remind ourselves of the works of mercy and try to put them into practice:

#### The corporal works of mercy are:

- to feed the hungry
- give drink to the thirsty
- clothe the naked
- welcome the stranger
- visit the sick
- visit the imprisoned
- bury the dead

#### The spiritual works of mercy are:

- instruct the ignorant
- counsel the doubtful
- admonish sinners
- bear wrongs patiently
- forgive offences
- comfort the afflicted
- pray for the living and the dead.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

<u>Sat</u>	6 <sup>th</sup>	1730-1800 <b>1800</b>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i> Salvatore, Annamaria & Gino Romano RIP
<u>Sun</u>	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>0900</b>	<b><u>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u></b> <i>Presentation of all babies and young children for God's blessing, on the Sanctuary.</i> All Parishioners
		1030-1100 <b>1100</b>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i> <i>Presentation of all babies and young children for God's blessing, on the Sanctuary. Also Presentation of all First Holy Communion Candidates</i> Joseph Frankow RIP (Anniversary)
		1415 1245 1600	<i>Baptism of Genevieve Gunton</i> Polish Mass Italian Mass
<u>Mon</u>	8 <sup>th</sup>	0915 <b>1900</b>	Ian Merriman RIP <b>Memorial Requiem for Fr. Joe Mullen IC RIP</b>
<u>Tues</u>	9 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Josephine & Thomas Stapleton RIP Thomas, Jim & Finula RIP
		1145	<i>Funeral of Thomas William Jones RIP @ Crematorium</i>
<u>Wed</u>	10 <sup>th</sup>	0915	<b><u>ASH WEDNESDAY – Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</u></b> <i>Whole School Mass in Church</i> Hilda Harvey
		1900	Chris Hubbard RIP
<u>Thurs</u>	11 <sup>th</sup>	0915	<b><u>LENT and World Day of Prayer for the Sick</u></b> Fr. Joe Mullen IC RIP
		1900	Mass of Anointing
<u>Fri</u>	12 <sup>th</sup>	1800 1830	Sheila McFerran RIP Stations of the Cross
<u>Sat</u>	13 <sup>th</sup>	0915 1600 1800	Terence John Foister RIP (Anniversary) Filipino Valentine's Mass In thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

<u>Tues</u>	9 <sup>th</sup>		NO Scripture & Tradition Group this week and next
<u>Wed</u>	10 <sup>th</sup>	1930	U.C.M. – Front Room
<u>Thurs</u>	11 <sup>th</sup>	1900-2100	Craft & Chat Group – Library
<u>Fri</u>	12 <sup>th</sup>	1900-2000 1900-2100	Lectio Divina Group – Front Room Youth Group – Church Hall
<u>Sat</u>	13 <sup>th</sup>	1000-1100	First Holy Communion Class – Parish Hall
		All day & evening	Filipino Community – Valentine's Party – Parish Hall

**PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died:** Sr. Marie Aloyz Reilly and Fr. Joe Mullen I.C. **May they rest in peace**

**CAMEO:** (Come And Meet EveryOne – formerly Women of the Parish Group) has arranged a New Year Get Together to be held at Yvonne's at 7pm on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. Please bring a small plate to share/drinks provided. Posters can be found at the back of the church. Let us know if you can join us, to meet old friends and make new ones. Contacts: Yvonne 01509 670194; Dorothy 0774 262 0268 or Anne 01509 231575.

**CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP:** Thursday's Craft Group is making a Prayer Shawl. Interested? Come and find out more! 7-9pm in the Library.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please help us to keep our church clean. Fridays from 9.30am (if there are no Masses). Friendly group. Everyone welcome. Equipment provided.

**YOUTH GROUP:** **Friday February 12<sup>th</sup>** for anyone between the ages of 14 - 18. We will be making chocolates to fundraise and sell on Valentine's Day after 9am Mass! Come with your friends and join us to make some delicious treats. Fee is only £1.

♥♥♥ **Youth group fundraising:** Valentine's Day chocolate sale after 9am Mass on **February 14<sup>th</sup>**! The Youth Group will have made delicious chocolate treats for you to give to the special people in your life - a nice gift on Valentine's Day. ♥♥♥

**Youth Group future events** – please see our noticeboard.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** are invited to attend a meeting to be held on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm.

**PARISH VOICE:** The Spring Issue of St. Mary's Parish Voice magazine, now in preparation, needs any items on any subject of interest for issue 28. Articles, photos, opinions, recipes etc from **any age group** are all welcome, especially from new contributors. Please email [office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk) with subject 'Parish Voice' or deliver in an envelope marked 'Parish Voice' to the Parish Office. Copy Deadline: **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**.

**SOAR** (Schools, Outreach And Resources) invites you to an Interactive Prayer Space to Pray for Revival in the Loughborough area on **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February** at St. Peters Centre, Storer Road, Loughborough. Sessions: 1pm – 2.30pm All ages; 3.30pm – 5pm Adults + teens; 7pm – 8.30pm Adults + teens. For further information please visit [www.soarproject.org.uk](http://www.soarproject.org.uk) 01509 238850.

**FUNDRAISER FOR CAFOD SYRIAN REFUGEE APPEAL:** English Martyrs Musical Film and Theatre Society present 'Magic of the Musicals' - **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February**, 6pm. A fantastic evening of great songs from hit musicals and more. Listen to the amazing talents of English Martyrs students and staff. Adults £3 Children £1. Family (2 adults 2 children) £5. Venue: St. Cecilia's Auditorium, English Martyrs' School, Leicester.

**WELCOME BOXES:** Please see our noticeboard for ways in which you can become involved in this project which supports people seeking sanctuary in the UK. More information can also be found on [www.upbeatcommunities.org](http://www.upbeatcommunities.org)

**BEHOLD MINISTRY:** This is human theatre where the gospel is delivered in a fresh, unique and inspirational style that you will never forget. Combining mime and preaching, Steve Murray has ministered in 18 nations in conferences, churches, schools, missions, theatres and prisons. [www.beholdministry.org](http://www.beholdministry.org).