

**THE ROSARY:** Time after time, when Our Lady has been sent to deliver a message from her Son (which is always the message of the Gospel), she invariably requires those who will listen to do penance, turn away from sin and pray each day – especially the Rosary. But so many have abandoned the Rosary because it is made up of the most well known prayers repeated many times and there is often a problem with distractions as our thoughts feel free to drift off to all sorts of other matters in life. This has led too many to give up the Rosary, thinking that ‘it is a waste of time’. In obedience to Our Lady’s wishes, we should continue each day with this prayer whatever the difficulties we encounter. For sure, She will take our efforts and then present them to her Son, for the Rosary is a meditation on the mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection and therefore of our Christian life and Faith.

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with you”

**Come and pray for your intentions. Join us in the Rosary every Tuesday evening at 18.45 in the side chapel.**

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** Final names are now required for the Pilgrimage to Rome from **6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November**, led by Frs Philip and Paul. Details from Edward Orton on 550280 or email [edward.orton@sky.com](mailto:edward.orton@sky.com).

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to enhancing the Easter liturgies and to those who worked to make the Sanctuary look so beautiful over the Easter weekend.

**SAFETY CHECKS:** A full health & safety check has recently been carried out in the church and presbytery, and portable appliance testing (PAT) has been conducted on all electrical appliances used in the presbytery. Any issues arising are being addressed.

**KWEDIBOMA – SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection at each Mass this weekend to raise money to help to buy windows and doors to complete the new wards at the Kwediboma Health Centre. Sister Matilda (Kwediboma) and Sister Felistas (Tanga) send you all wishes for a happy and blessed Easter. Thank you.

<b>LAST WEEK’S FINANCE</b>	
First collection: <b>£ 1296</b>	Holy Places: <b>£415</b>
Standing orders: <b>£ 596</b>	<i>Thank you</i>

**The Rosminian community wish to thank you for your generous Easter offerings**



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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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalter Week 2

Throughout this **Jubilee Year of Mercy** we are being constantly reminded that just as God has been and **IS** merciful towards us, so, we too are to show and reflect God’s mercy towards others ... just re-read our Diocesan Jubilee Year prayer for confirmation of that. As disciples of Christ we are called to show mercy and the virtues of mercy in all we do and say, because that’s what Christ’s death, burial and resurrection were all about! Our proclamation of the Easter message which says: “God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all” (*Rm 8:32*) "so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life" (*John 3:15*) is a proclamation of the mercy of God and ipso facto must also be our proclamation!

I am convinced that the way we celebrated the **Easter Triduum** this year and the way we allowed Christ’s sacred moments to touch our hearts and minds, has empowered us anew to become men and women who are now stronger in our faith and who, thanks to the power and activity of the Holy Spirit, are in a better position to bear witness to our faith.

*Fr Philip Sainter*

**ST. MARY'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1730- 1800	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request <b><u>Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Easter</u></b> 1800	Province intention <i>Presentation of Leo Warren</i>
<b>Sun</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b><u>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</u></b> 0900	For the parish 1030-1100 <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i> 1100 Laura & Samuel Sagrado RIP (Anniv) 1245 Polish Mass 1600 Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>		<b><u>The Annunciation of the Lord (solemnity)</u></b> 0915	Sr Dorothy Black
<b>Tues</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>		0915	Michael Friel
<b>Wed</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>		0915	Martin Smith
<b>Thurs</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>		0915	Sharon Biddles
<b>Fri</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>		1800	Lamberto & Normalita Castillo RIP (Anniv)
<b>Sat</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>		0915	Province Intention
			<b><u>Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter</u></b> 1800	For the parish

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

<b>Mon</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1900	History Group – Front Room
<b>Tues</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	1930	Visiting Group – Front Room
		1845	Rosary – Side Chapel NO Scripture & Tradition Group Meeting

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick:** Clelia Paciolla, Freddie Hess, Gay Pepper, Kath Perry, Margaret Woodhouse, Pauline Davey (nee Woodhouse), Lee Raven, Terry Murphy, Danilo Salvador, Christopher Browne, John Beasley, David and Claire Potter, Joan Slevin, Ann Checketts, Vera Hurry, Caroline Hillyer, Jamie, Mark, Stephen Coultas, Jane Moss, Brian Smith, Jean Hooper, John Newman, David Hart, Eddie Hamilton, Katie Mercer, Hannah Bechler, Rosinah, Alan and Judith Creighton, Moyna McGlynn, Anne Hickman, Maria Carecci and Val Wells.

**for those who have recently died:** Arthur Clarke and Rita Preston **May they rest in peace**

**for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Scott Dominy, Jamie Burdett, Matthew O'Flynn (Jnr), Paula Minkley, Graham Embleton, John Hussey, Irene Maddison, James McGuinness (8th Lord Bishop, Notts), Margaret O'Toole, Elisa Pinto, Margaret Garton, Laura & Samuel Sagrado and Lamberto & Normalita Castillo

**COULD YOU BE A 'DEMENTIA FRIEND'?** Come along to a free Dementia Friends Information session in the parish hall, 7-8pm, on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. You will have fun learning the five key messages about dementia and you will have an opportunity to reflect on how you can contribute to making our community more 'dementia friendly'. For more information, go to [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk) or speak to Sue Davies.

**MOTHERS MASS:** You are invited and welcome to attend our annual Mothers Mass on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at 11.00 am There will be a procession from the playground into church followed by Mass. This year's theme will be Our Lady of Lourdes and any proceeds will go the Lourdes fund. Lunch will follow in the church hall and tickets for the lunch (£7) will be on sale soon after all weekend masses.

**ST MARY'S HISTORY GROUP:** We are now preparing to begin our collection of your memories and recollections about the Church and its life over the last 70 years or so. To help us to do this, we are asking for volunteers who may have such memories to contact us so that we can gather all the information that is around and bring it into one place as part of the Church Archive. It will be a fascinating job, but we need your help. If you would like to be involved in this project, either by

- supplying us with your written recollections and any other documents you may have;
- replying to a list of questions (to help jog your memory) available from the office or back of the church after Mass; or
- meeting with us and telling them to us so we can record them,

please get in touch through the church office, the contact details of which are on the front of this newsletter, or one of the priests, or by email to Peter Blitz at [peter.blitz@ntlworld.com](mailto:peter.blitz@ntlworld.com) or Jean Lopez at [jeanlop48@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanlop48@yahoo.com). You will be able to read more on this in the latest edition of the Parish Voice and we look forward to hearing from you.

**ST MARY'S YOUTH GROUP**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

7pm to 9pm: A fun evening and Fish & Chips for young people aged 10-18.  
£2 each to cover the costs of the food.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

7pm to 9pm: Pictionary fun for the 10 to 14 years old. No charge.

For more information. please contact Liz on 07980 021916.

**BRING A FRIEND!!**