

JULY IS THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF

JESUS. The whole of Christ's humanity is to be adored because He is God in human flesh. Just as we adore the Sacred Heart because it symbolizes the infinite love of God for us, we adore the Precious Blood because by It we were redeemed. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive the entire Christ under either kind alone, because where His Body is, there is His Blood also. Our Father Founder, Blessed Antonio Rosmini had a great devotion to the Precious Blood and died on its traditional feast, 1st July 1855.

REVISED MASS TIME NEXT WEEK:

Please note that on Sunday 24th July there will not be separate Masses at 9am and 11am. Instead, there will be one Mass at 10.00am for everyone.

MANY THE GIFTS: Bishop Patrick McKinney will celebrate a Jubilee Mass at 11.00 am in St Barnabas' Cathedral on **Saturday 3rd September 2016** for chaplains, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, catechists, readers, teachers, musicians and all others who exercise any form of lay ministry in the Church throughout the Diocese.

ST. MARY'S WELCOMES ALL NEWCOMERS TO OUR PARISH: Have you joined us for the first time? Come and meet other parishioners for coffee or tea in the Parish Hall after Sunday morning Mass, and make yourself known to one of our Priests. **NB:** Please remember to inform the Parish Office if you change your contact details.

PART-TIME CASE WORKER SOUGHT by EnQuire, the Advice and Debt Advice Centre on Broad St in Loughborough. This is a 21- hour-a-week paid post, ideal for someone who is looking for flexible part-time employment to fit around the school drop-off and pick-up times. Full training will be provided so experience isn't essential, but experience dealing with the public, giving debt advice, and/or working in the charity sector would be an advantage. For an application form, contact Rev Phil Weaver: 07956 657207 / phil@newsprings.org.uk. EnQuire is an established and respected advice centre in the town run by PACE which is a Christian charity working very closely with the New Springs City Church.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: £667	Apostleship of the Sea: £265
Standing orders: £605	<i>Thank you</i>



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Newsletter for Sunday 17th July 2016

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Psalter Week 4

Spending Time with Our Lord

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about the arrival of Our Lord and His disciples at the house of the sisters Martha and Mary in Bethany. Our Lord was very well received by them but Martha was distracted with much serving, and became very preoccupied with the small details. Mary, on the other hand, sat down at Our Lord's feet and listened to Him speak. Martha complained to Jesus that Mary was leaving all the work to her causing Our Lord to give Martha a gentle rebuke. "Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things...It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her." So Our Lord is telling Martha He would be much happier with *her* if she too spent the time with Him rather than running all over the house! This could be translated into Our Lord will be much happier with **us** if we spend time in prayer with Him each day as well as doing good, rather than being someone who spends the whole day running around and not spending any time in prayer at all. In fact He describes Mary as not only doing the better part, but as doing the **one thing necessary**. Elsewhere in the Scriptures, Our Lord insists on the **primacy** of prayer: "Pray always" (Lk.21:36).

Last Monday we celebrated the Feast of St Benedict, the Founder of the Benedictines whose motto is "*ora et labora*", "*prayer and work.*" Priority should be given to time spent in prayer and we will probably find we work better after having done so. We might find it difficult to spend a long period in prayer, but it is not so difficult to raise our minds to God countless times a day for a minute or two. If we make an effort to spend time with Jesus in prayer, we grow in grace and holiness and we will be much better off afterwards. Time spent in prayer is always worth the effort!

Fr Paul Gillham

ST. MARY'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat	16 th	1730- 1800	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1800	Trelawney Dirckze RIP
Sun	17 th	0900	In thanksgiving
		1030-1100	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation +available on request</i>
		1100	For the Parish
		1245	Polish Mass
		1600	Italian Mass
Mon	18 th	0915	Christopher Bonham RIP
Tues	19 th	0915	Don & Kath Howell & family - Intentions
Weds	20 th	0915	Dorothy Ginns RIP
Thurs	21 st	0915	Mary Power & family - Intentions
Fri	22 nd	St Mary Magdalene (Feast)	
		1800	Kathleen Merwick RIP
Sat	23 rd	St. Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe (Feast)	
		0915	Province Intention
		1800	For the Parish

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Mon	18 th	1900	History Group – Front Room
Tues	19 th	1845-1715	Rosary and Divine Mercy – Side Chapel
Weds	20 th	1400-1600	Senior Citizens' Group – Church Hall
Thurs	21 st	1900-2100	Craft & Chat – Library

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: Vera Hurry, Andrew Spicer, Margaret Stanford, Christina Mortell, Clelia Paciolla, Freddie Hess, Gay Pepper, Kath Perry, Margaret Woodhouse, Pauline Davey (nee Woodhouse), Lee Raven, Louise Raven, Danilo Salvador, Christopher Browne, John Beasley, David and Claire Potter, Ann Checketts, 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 and Val Wells.

and for those who have recently died: All those who died in the terrorist attack in Nice **May they rest in peace.**

for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Horace Corbett, Ellen Pollard, Winefride Bonner, Stanislaw Gebski, Harold Wright, Guilemena Pizzolon and Lily Rigley.

NEW 'FEAST' OF ST MARY MAGDALENE: Pope Francis decreed last month that from now on the *memorial* of St Mary Magdalene which we celebrate on 22nd July be raised to the dignity of a liturgical *Feast* which makes her equal with the Apostles. St Mary Magdalene was the Apostle to the Apostles since she announced to them the Resurrection, and they, in turn, announced it to the whole world. The Vatican has said it is thus fitting that the liturgical celebration of St Mary Magdalene should have the same rank as that of the Apostles. In practical terms, this means we will now recite the Gloria at Mass on her feast day.

PARISH VOICE MAGAZINE: The summer issue of St Mary's Parish Voice is available after all weekend Masses. Suggested donation £1.00 to cover printing cost.

REMINDER: Please note that during term-time weekdays **the church car park is restricted to St. Mary's School staff parking from 7.30am until 5pm.** Parking for parishioners with a disability can be accommodated. If there is a need for any other parking at these times, please contact St. Mary's School by telephone: 01509 212621 or by email: office@stmmarys-rc.leics.sch.uk.

CARPENTER'S ARMS: Alas, the amount of food donated each week has dropped off, but the needs of the poor in Loughborough have not. Please help if you can.

LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN OF SANCTUARY (LTOS) is a small group of volunteers whose main role is to provide a welcome to asylum seekers who come into Loughborough to register at the Home Office Centre opposite the Beehive car park. In addition to a smile and some words of welcome the volunteers, who stand outside the Centre, can offer a drink and a snack from John Storer House. The money for this comes from fund-raising and donations. During the summer, with the schools closed, there is an increase in the number of young children who accompany their parents to the Centre. LTOS tries to provide small gifts for these children. Contrary to popular opinion, asylum seekers do not receive large benefit payments from the State. Many of them depend on charity including local food banks for their wellbeing. If you could donate a small gift for these children, please leave it at the back of the Church near the Carpenter's Arms box. Gifts that would be acceptable would include small outdoor toys, art and craft materials (for children up to 11) and soft toys, in good condition, for those under 3. I will collect any donations at the end of the 11.00am Mass for the next few weeks. *Frank Fay*

CLEANER SOUGHT: two or three hours per week. For more information please call Katerina on 07925 856530.

LONDON RALLY: There will be a rally at Park Lane, London on **Saturday 17 September** at 12.30pm to show solidarity with refugees at the time world leaders will be meeting at two crucial summits. Please think about coming along to show your support if you can. *Sue Davies*