

FR PHILIP will be away on pastoral duties from **Tuesday 20th** until **Monday 26th September**.

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AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE PARISH AND PARISH AGM: This will be held at 3pm, **2nd October**, in the Parish Hall. Please come along. If you lead a parish group please email a short report to Catherine Brady, PPC Chair, **by 25th September** for inclusion with the AGM documents. Thank you.

HARVEST YOUTH MASS: Saint Mary's School is going to begin incorporating School Masses with Masses for all young people of the parish, supported by the UCM, and the first of these will be on **Sunday 2nd October** at 9.00am, followed by breakfast in the Hall (proceeds to be split between Kwediboma and The Carpenter's Arms. If any further information is needed, please speak to Liz Abell or one of our priests.

EXAIREO is a small local Christian charity with a huge mission: to provide homes, counselling, training and jobs for people who have found themselves homeless. People find themselves homeless for a variety of reasons and, as you may know, the problem is getting worse. St Mary's has supported Exaireo through a once-a-year second collection, fund-raising, befriending, furniture and clothing donations and in many other ways. Pennie Sheppard, a worker at Exaireo, is coming here to talk about their work, at 7.30pm, on **29th September** in the hall. Pennie's particular focus is how they try to improve the 'wellbeing' of the people they help and what we can do as a parish to support her initiative. Pennie is a parishioner here at St Mary's and is a lively and engaging advocate for 'works of mercy'. There will be no handouts or slides and the session will last no more than an hour. Please try to support it.

THE ROSMINI CENTRE HOUSE OF PRAYER is celebrating its 10th Anniversary on Saturday **24th September** at 5pm. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick, followed by dinner! All welcome. If you would like to attend, please email the Centre: rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com or phone 01509 813078, 07972 877702 or 07973 370620.

THE GIFT: Bishop Patrick has warmly invited any members of the Parish to the Diocesan training launch of an exciting new Parish resource produced by CaFE called "The Gift – A Life in the Spirit" Course. More details can be found on our noticeboard.

KWEDIBOMA: Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the second collection for the Kwediboma Health Centre on the 3rd and 4th September. The £502.00 that you gave was truly amazing! The money will be used to help pay for the building works taking place at the Centre.
Terry Spicer

ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT: A student from Slovakia is looking for somewhere to live while he studies at Loughborough University. See noticeboard for details.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: £1017	Kwediboma: Extra £28 gift aided
Standing orders: £630	<i>Thank you</i>

A Second Collection will be held this weekend **17th/18th September**, for **Home 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 18th September 2016

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Psalter Week 1

PONDERING THE WORD OF GOD

On the Memorial of Saints Cornelius (Pope) and Cyprian (Bishop) last Friday, the Church proposed chapter 4, verses 7-15 from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians as the first reading of the day. There we read, *'We are only the earthenware jars that hold this treasure...'*

With these words Paul acknowledges that notwithstanding the weakness and fragility of human existence, God longs to abide in us, to infuse us and fill us with the immensity of His power and love. This divine life and power and goodness which God places deep within us, is to be nurtured and treasured and shared – Not squandered!

In last week's Gospel parable of the Prodigal Son, St Luke uses the verb "to squander" or, more accurately, "to scatter" when describing how the younger son wasted his inheritance. This week we hear of the dishonest steward who also "scattered" his rich boss' possessions.

These parables are relevant to us. They pose questions for reflection:

What have I "scattered" ? Have I disseminated or exuded goodness, kindness, love, positive and encouraging words from deep within my being? Or, from my darkness, have I "scattered" useless, harmful, destructive thoughts?

Fr Philip Sainter

CHANGE TO FRIDAY MASSES * Please note that from the beginning of October 2016, Friday Masses will be at 9.15am with an additional Mass at 6.00pm on the first Friday of the month.**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS at ST. MARY'S

<u>Sat</u>	17 th	1730-1755 1800	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i> In celebration of the wedding of Matthew Robinson Karolina Kogut
<u>Sun</u>	18 th	0930-0955 0900	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i> For the Parish and George Daniel Njie RIP (Anniv) <i>Presentation of Sophia Higginbottom</i> David Taylor RIP
		1245	Polish Mass
		1415	<i>Baptism of Hanna Veronika Wackrow</i>
		1600	Italian Mass
<u>Mon</u>	19 th	0915	Mary Wellock & family
<u>Tues</u>	20 th	0915	Dorothy Ginns RIP
<u>Weds</u>	21 st	<u>St. Matthew, Apostle (Feast)</u>	
		0915	Prue Welton - Intention
<u>Thurs</u>	22 nd	0915	Holy Souls
<u>Fri</u>	23 rd	<u>St. Pio of Pietrelcina</u>	
		1800	George Daniel Njie RIP (Anniv)
<u>Sat</u>	24 th	0915	Philip Bowler RIP
		1200 noon	UCM and CWL Joint Mass with Bishop Patrick

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

<u>Mon</u>	19 th	1900	History Group – Front Room
<u>Tues</u>	20 th	1845	Rosary & Divine Mercy – Church
		1925-2025	Scripture & Tradition Group - Library
<u>Thurs</u>	22 nd	1900-2100	Craft and Chat
<u>Sat</u>	24 th	1000-1600	UCM AGM – Church Hall

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: Crispin Castillo, Frank Chatonda, Holly Jones, Reuben Farrant (aged 8), Frank Mills, Jack Murray, Ronald Bird, Brenda Schuler, 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, Val Wells.

and for those who have recently died: Dreda Clarke **may she rest in peace.**

for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Giuseppe Bianco, Giovanni Borzacchiolo, Beniamino Coviello, Leontina Brida, Umberto Fabricatore, Sami Batatio, Doris Couzens, John Mucklow and George Daniel Njie.

for persecuted Christians

RIDE AND STRIDE: Despite very wet weather last Saturday Fr. Philip, Alan and Sheila enjoyed a very successful Ride and Stride. The money raised between them amounts to somewhere in excess of £1000! This will be split between the Historic Churches' Trust and St Mary's. (If you have not already honoured your pledge, could you please do so as soon as possible.) A huge thank you to all our sponsors and welcomers who greeted 18 participating visitors to our church.
Alan Leafé

WE WELCOME Andrea Ragg and Peter Giorgio who will be accompanying the singing at our Saturday 6pm Masses.

ON SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER WE WILL BE CELEBRATING HARVEST and would like to make this an opportunity to give an extensive donation to the Carpenter's Arms. Please bring canned goods and non-perishable items only to church during the weekend of **1st/2nd October**. Boxes will be situated by the repository for your donations which will then be delivered to the charity on **Sunday 2nd October**.

RCIA: Please would anyone wishing to take part in the RCIA give their details to the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES: For those who would like a deeper knowledge of the Catholic faith, the Diocesan Centre at Mackworth, Derbyshire is running a course which we are sure some parishioners will find of interest. There are leaflets giving full details at the back of church. Information Session and Registration is on **Saturday 1st October** at 10.00am. Why not just go along and see if it's for you?

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CCRS MODULE: How should we live in the world? What does the Church teach about war and peace? about human rights and equality? about global warming and the environment? What does it mean when we speak of the 'option for the poor'? What is 'the common good'? Catholic Social Teaching is sometimes called the Church's best kept secret. Details on how to find the answers are on our noticeboard!

SYRIAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SCHEME: Charnwood Borough Council is asking us to let them know if we can offer either accommodation or support for asylum seekers/refugees under the Syrian resettlement programme. If you want to help, please contact Guy Whitton at Charnwood Borough Council. 07703380849 / 01509634783 or Guy.Whitton@charnwood.gov.uk

LEICESTER CITY OF SANCTUARY: Are you free on Thursday afternoons? Could you help with sewing or IT? LCS is looking for people willing to help with their sewing group and computer classes. Both take place on Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm at: Booth Hall, St. Martins House (next to Leicester Cathedral) 7 Peacock Lane, LE1 5PZ. **The sewing group** has a group leader to run the class. She needs someone who knows how to use a sewing machine to help people with individual projects when they get stuck. Knowing how to use a sewing machine is essential. **The computer classes** give asylum seekers the opportunity to learn some basic IT skills, use the Internet and get access to a printer/photocopier. They are looking for volunteers who could support people with basic internet access and word processing. They have a group/class leader, and you would only be needed to help people individually if they get stuck. shali@leicester.cityofsanctuary.org.