

**OCTOBER** is the month dedicated to the **Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary** and the first Sunday in October is traditionally known as "**Rosary Sunday**". Therefore the 11am Mass this Sunday will be a Votive Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary, but with the readings of the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017:** Application forms are available at the back of church and at St Mary's School.

**STARTING THIS MONTH, in addition to the usual Confession times** before the 6pm and 11am Masses, **Confessions will also be available in the church between 10 and 11am every Saturday** morning. Also, don't forget that Friday Masses will be at 9.15am with an additional Mass at 6.00pm on the first Friday of the month.

**AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE PARISH AND PARISH AGM:** This will be held at 3pm **THIS SUNDAY** in the Parish Hall. Please come! Everyone is invited!

**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 **29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** The initials RCIA stand for 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults', which in everyday language means the response to those who show an interest in learning more about the Church's life and teaching or directly request preparation for reception into the Church. Joining the programme does not imply any commitment. The first session (mainly informal introductions and information giving) will take place in the front room of the presbytery on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**, starting at 7.30pm. If you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please let them know about the programme and try to come with them. It's not easy walking into a room full of strangers!

**LAST WEEK'S FINANCE**

First collection:	<b>£855</b>	
Standing orders:	<b>£630</b>	<i>Thank you</i>



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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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016**  
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**  
 Psalter Week 3

**ON PRAYING TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS**

On 29<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated the feast of the **Archangels**, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. On 2<sup>nd</sup> October we remember our **Guardian Angels**. St Bernard begins his reflections on their importance in our lives by quoting Ps 90: 'God has given his angels charge of you, to guard you in all your ways.' So, let us pray to our Guardian Angels each day and also teach our children and grandchildren to do the same:

**Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here,  
 ever this day (or night) be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.  
 Amen.**

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**ON PRAYING THE ROSARY**

The Roman Pontiffs have continuously and consistently stressed the importance of reciting **the Rosary** every day. Below are some quotations:

Would you like me to tell you a 'secret'? It is simple, and after all, is no secret: 'Pray, pray much. Say the Rosary every day.' -Pope Saint John Paul II

How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary in the evening. -Pope Saint John Paul II

Spread the Rosary, the prayer so dear to the Virgin and so esteemed by popes; by it the faithful can best fulfil the command of Christ: 'Ask and it shall be given; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you.' (Mt. 7:7). The Rosary puts all who have trust in it into communication with Our Lady. -Pope Paul VI

The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest of all prayers to the Mediatrix of all grace; it is the prayer that touches most the heart of the Mother of God. Say it each day. -Pope St. Pius X

The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying. -Pope Leo XIII

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

<b>Sat</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1730-1755	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>1800</b>	Prue Welton - Intention
<b>Sun</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>0900</b>	Youth Mass - For the Parish
		1030-1055	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>1100</b>	John McEnery RIP
		1245	Polish Mass
		1415	<i>Baptism of Lily Josephine Perkins</i>
		1600	Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0915	Amanda Giorgio RIP (Anniv)
<b>Tues</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Maurice Hynes RIP
<b>Weds</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	0800	Latin Mass (old rite)
		0915	Arthur Clarke RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Mary Wright RIP
<b>Fri</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Harvest Fast Day - Rita Preston RIP
		1730	Novena - Filipino Community
		1800	Parish/Filipino Mass
<b>Sat</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	0915	May Lions - Intention
		1000-1100	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church</i>

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

<b>Sun</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Following	<b>Harvest Breakfast served by the Parish Youth in the Hall. All welcome!</b>
		0900 Mass	
		1500	AGM - Hall
<b>Mon</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1900	History Group
<b>Tues</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1845	Rosary & Divine Mercy – Church
		1925-2025	Scripture & Tradition Group – Library. All welcome!
		1930	Visiting Group - Front Room
<b>Thurs</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	1900-2100	Craft and Chat

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick:** Vera Cunningham, June Upton, Barbara Watkins, Crispin Castillo, Frank Chatonda, Holly Jones, Reuben Farrant (aged 8), Frank Mills, Jack Murray, 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, 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 and Val Wells.

**To help us keep our sick list up to date, please contact us to confirm the names of those you would still like to be included. Thank you.**

**HARVEST FAST DAY - 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** This Harvest Fast Day we are invited to join 32-year-old Nicanora, from Bolivia, on her journey from poverty to abundance. We can stand alongside Nicanora as she learns new skills and receives materials and seeds that will enable her to grow enough food to feed her family. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope from the back of the church and give what you can.

**PARISH VOICE MAGAZINE:** The autumn issue of St Mary's Parish Voice will be available from next weekend. Suggested donation £1.00 to cover printing costs.

**'BALM OF MERCY'** is a play written by Fr Frank Daley of SPANNED for the Year of Mercy at the request of Bishop Patrick. It will be performed on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October** at St Peter's, Hinckley (7.30pm) and on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October** at Albert Hall, Nottingham (7.30pm). Tickets are £5 each, and are available from Fr Simon.

**SPUC - 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Last weekend Fr Charles attended the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC). Arthur Clarke started and ran a branch of SPUC here, but when he died our group ceased to function. We must take this opportunity to start again.

**DO YOU TRAVEL FROM BARROW-ON-SOAR** to attend St. Mary's 11am Mass? If so, would you be willing to offer a lift to a disabled parishioner? Please contact Malcolm Smith on 07342 264399 if you can help. Due to the problems he encounters in trying to get to the bus stop, he currently attends the Polish Mass! Let's see if we can get him to one in English!

**FLAME 3 2017:** On **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017**, 10,000 young Catholics will gather at Wembley Arena for CYMFed (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation) Flame 3 2017. **You are invited!** It is going to be bigger and better than ever before. The Nottingham Diocese is taking a large group of over 200 young people and Saint Mary's Youth (age 14+) will be invited to travel on the Leicester coaches with De Lisle. Please do join in. The cost is £20 per ticket which includes the ticket price and your very own Sheriff of Nottingham hat. Legendary. Coach costs are being paid for by the diocese. To get your name down, please contact Liz on 07980021916 or just let her know you would like to come along.

**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.

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**PLEASE pray for those who have recently died:** Sr Mary Clement, Olga Keane, Ronald Bird and Donald Folkes - **may they rest in peace.**

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Concetta Buttarazzi, Arthur Spencer, Francesco Muffato, Peter Foreman, Amanda Giorgio, Vanessa Ponchon, Margaret Camp, Giovanni Russo, Vera Sparks, Rev Fr Tim Maloney, John Connell, Ted Betts and Barbara Arden-Rowe