

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: "The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." *Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fatima*

ADVANCE NOTICE: The Blessing of Graves at Loughborough Cemetery will take place on **Wednesday 2nd November** after the morning mass. The annual Mass for the Bereaved will be held on **Friday 11th November** at 7.00pm.

FATHER PAUL will be on retreat from **Monday 17th to Friday 21st October**.

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

PARISH COUNCIL TO PARISH TEAM. We have had a pastoral parish council here at St Mary's for 23 years. It has been a support to our priests in representing parishioner views on a huge variety of issues, all with the intention of making this a welcoming, caring parish and spiritual home for our people. You will know from what I have written in both the newsletter and Parish Voice that we have struggled to get new people to join the PPC in recent years and we believe that it is time to trial a new approach: a Parish Team. Father Philip has asked a few people to become a lead voice for areas of parish life that currently have no nominated leader eg Communication, Outreach, Liturgy etc. This team will meet probably three times a year and discuss relevant topics brought to their attention by priests or parishioners. The outcomes will be communicated to the parish. In addition, **people leading or representing other groups and ministries will be asked to meet with the priests and Parish Team to assess how they are doing and identify any support they may need.** The first meeting will be on **Wednesday 16th November** at 7.00 pm in the hall. This is a new consultative approach for the parish and will be evaluated at the end of the year. Your feedback is important to us so let us know what you think. *Catherine Brady*

RCIA PROGRAMME: The first session (mainly informal introductions and information giving) will take place in the front room of the presbytery on **Thursday 20th October**, starting at 7.30 pm. 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!

ST. MARY'S NEXT SECOND COLLECTION: This will be held during the weekend of **22nd/23rd October** for **World Missions**. Donations go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. By giving a donation, we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection:	£697	
Standing orders:	£630	<i>Thank you</i>



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In community: Fr Charles Sormany and Fr Simon Giles

Newsletter for Sunday 16th October 2016
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
 Psalter Week 1

Pondering the Word of God - which invites us to pray

Last week's encouraging words from Luke's gospel were:

1. To seek and pray for mercy (*Kyrie eleison!*).
2. To seek reconciliation ("Go and show yourself to the priest").
3. To come before the Lord in humble prayer.

This Sunday our first reading portrays Moses leading God's people towards the Promised Land. In the face of adversity, Moses prays. The moment he stops praying, disaster strikes. We then hear Jesus telling his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.

So, God's Word is reinforcing the necessity of prayer. Pray continually and never lose heart!

Pray on your own, pray spontaneously, pray the prayers of the Church, pray together with your friends ... but never cease to pray!

Fr Philip Sainter

DIARY DATES

Friday 11th November, 7.00 pm: Mass for the Bereaved of the past three years

Sunday 20th November, Feast of Christ the King, End of the Year of Mercy, 9.00am: Youth Mass. All First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates and their parents are asked to attend.

Sunday 27th November, First Sunday in Advent, 9.00am Mass: Formal welcome of all First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST. MARY'S

<u>Sat</u>	15 th	1730-1755	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1800	For the Parish
<u>Sun</u>	16 th	0900	William & Edward Angrave
		1030-1055	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1100	Those who sympathised with Denise and the Dawson family
			<i>Presentation of Cara Niamh Cashin-Fuller</i>
		1245	Polish Mass
		1600	Italian Mass
<u>Mon</u>	17 th	0915	Jane West RIP
<u>Tues</u>	18 th	<u>Saint Luke, Evangelist - FEAST</u>	
		0915	Jim O'Dwyer
<u>Weds</u>	19 th	0915	Margaret Mary Warren RIP
<u>Thurs</u>	20 th	0915	Dorothy Ginns RIP
		1145	<i>Cremation Service – Donald Folkes RIP</i>
		1630	<i>Reception of Enzo Sozzo RIP</i>
<u>Fri</u>	21 st	0915	Province Intention
		1100	<i>Requiem Mass for Enzo Sozzo RIP</i>
<u>Sat</u>	22 nd	0915	Colin and Vincent Johns – intention
		1000-1100	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church</i>
		1430	<i>Baptism of Cara Cashin-Fuller and Ian Fuller</i>

MORNING PRAYER: 9.00am, Monday-Friday inclusive, before 9.15am Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

<u>Mon</u>	17 th	1700	History Group – Front Room
<u>Tues</u>	18 th	1845	Rosary & Divine Mercy – Church
		1925-2025	Scripture & Tradition Group – Library. All welcome!
<u>Thurs</u>	20 th	1900-2100	Craft and Chat - Library
		1930	R.C.I.A. – Front Room

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: Phillip Dew, Roger Hubank, Rowena Orton, Ann Checketts, Vera Cunningham, 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, Val Wells.

for those who have recently died: Donald Folkes and Enzo Sozzo - **may they rest in peace.**

PARISH VOICE: The autumn issue of St Mary's Parish Voice will be available after all weekend Masses. Suggested donation £1.00 to cover printing costs.

CAMEO (COME & MEET EACH OTHER): The CAMEO group is a Parish women's group that meets together in each others' homes to socialise and enjoy a shared table. It enables women from all Parish Masses who do not usually see each other to meet and is also an opportunity to catch up with old friends. The next meeting will be held at Liz Abell's house on **Friday 28th October**, starting at 7.30pm. For more information and directions to Liz's house, please call 07980 021916.

UCM/SPUC 50th ANNIVERSARY POSTCARD EVENT. This will take place the weekend of **22nd/23rd October**. Postcards will be distributed at Masses by UCM/SPUC members and parishioners to be filled in and returned after the Masses. It will be 50 years since the Abortion Act was passed next year, 2017. The completed cards will be delivered to the House of Commons as a voice speaking up for innocent unborn children who are unable to speak for themselves.

MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE: The first meeting of St Mary's Holy League, open to all men of the parish, will commence at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 26th October** for approximately an hour of prayer including Eucharistic Adoration and a brief talk. There will be an opportunity afterwards, for those who so wish, to meet for a drink and a chat. Please come and support this great tradition of prayer and friendship. For further details please contact Terry 0782 878 5771, or Greg 0792 158 7901. *“Do not be afraid to be holy! Have the courage and humility to present yourselves to the world determined to be holy, since full, true freedom is born from holiness.” Pope John Paul II*

REPOSITORY: New stock has arrived for Christmas! - cards, calendars, advent calendars and colouring books – all available to buy from the repository. Come and take a look after Mass.

HOMEMADE CAKES, marmalade, jams, and lemon curd for sale in the hall after 9am and 11am Masses. This will be in aid of the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund.

PARISH TRIP TO ROME: 6th - 11th NOVEMBER Due to serious illness, there are two, possibly three vacancies on the pilgrimage. For further details please call Eddie Orton on 01509 550 280.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER: If you are sending a notice for the newsletter by email, could you **please send it to both newsletter@stmarysloughborough.org.uk and office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk**. This will ensure that your message is picked up by either Marion or Louise, if not both. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gisela Rodgers, Marie Strafford, Frances England, Elizabeth Elliott, Edna Pervin, Terry Lee, Margaret Walton, Wanda Zawodna, Gertrude Worthley, Kathleen Bradbury, Louisa Finney, Inez Wardle, Mary Preston and Wilfred Cornelius.