

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

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.

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 commitment. 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!

EXAIREO: With thanks to the eight parishioners and Fathers Philip and Charles who attended the conversation with Pennie Shepherd, Exaireo worker, last week. Pennie gave a spirit-filled account of her own life and the work she does for the homeless charity, looking after the 'Lazaruses on our doorstep'. We discussed the ways in which the parish can contribute, in many ways. Not just money but time to befriend. Look out for more info in a November newsletter.
Catherine Brady, PPC Chair

COLLECTION COUNTERS: We need two parishioners to join the rota for counting the collection. Counters carry out the task, usually on Sundays, about once every 6-7 weeks. It takes an hour. Training will be provided. Please speak to Father Philip, Kieron Shaw or Catherine Brady.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First collection:	£786
Ride & Stride:	£1,180
Standing orders:	£630
	<i>Thank you</i>



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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 9th October 2016 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Psalter Week 4

Pondering the Word of God

We often associate "*the peripatetic*" with Aristotle (+ 322BC) who taught philosophy while walking in the Lyceum of ancient Athens. Luke's gospel portrays Jesus also adopting the "peripatetic style" as he taught his disciples, and the crowds who followed him, as he made his way to Jerusalem.

This Sunday's story of the **Ten Lepers** has lessons which must be learned by us as we journey through life, endeavouring to proclaim Jesus and our faith in him. Combining two stories - Jesus healing ten lepers (vv 11-14) and the return of the grateful Samaritan who thereby earned Jesus' praise and salvation (vv 15-19) - Luke instructs us and encourages us:

- 1. To seek and pray for mercy:** "Jesus, Master ! Have mercy on us" (- *Kyrie, eleison! Christe, eleison! Kyrie, eleison!*)
- 2. To come before the priests to seek reconciliation** "Go and show yourself to the priests". (Please read Leviticus 14, Romans 14:11-12, 1 John 1:9 & James 5:16)
- 3. To come before Jesus, the divine Son of God in humble prayer:** humbly falling on our knees in reverence, praise and thanksgiving to Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST. MARY'S

<u>Sat</u>	8 th	1730-1755	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1800	Sr Mary Clement RIP
<u>Sun</u>	9 th	0900	Antonino Lanza RIP (Anniv)
		1030-1055	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1100	For the Parish
		1245	Polish Mass
		1600	Italian Mass
<u>Mon</u>	10 th	0915	Holy Souls
<u>Tues</u>	11 th	0915	Sheila Brown RIP
		1630	<i>Reception of Olga Keane RIP</i>
<u>Weds</u>	12 th	0915	Gemma Doherty RIP
		1100	<i>Requiem Mass for Olga Keane RIP</i>
<u>Thurs</u>	13 th	0915	Cresilda Castillo RIP (Anniv)
<u>Fri</u>	14 th	0915	Allen Junio RIP (Anniv)
<u>Sat</u>	15 th	0915	Province Intention
		1000-1100	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church</i>
		1200	<i>Frank & Carol Lallo's 50th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass</i>

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

<u>Tues</u>	11 th	1845	Rosary & Divine Mercy – Church
		1925-2025	Scripture & Tradition Group – Library. All welcome!
<u>Weds</u>	12 th	1400-1600	Senior Citizens - Hall
		1930	UCM - Front Room
<u>Thurs</u>	13 th	1900-2100	Craft and Chat

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: 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: June Upton, Margaret Warren, Donald Folkes - **may they rest in peace.**

for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank McKeown, John McEnery, Sheila Edmundson, Kathleen Leakey, Frederick Smith, Eva Rouse, Alexandra Edwards, Michael Miles, Fred Papilota, Antonino (Tony) Lanza, Albert Robinson, Karol Baron, John Lambert, Anne Moore, Allen Junio and Cresilda Castillo

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.

'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 15th October** at St Peter's, Hinckley (7.30pm) and on **Sunday 16th October** at Albert Hall, Nottingham (7.30pm). Tickets are £5 each, and are available from Fr Simon.

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.

FLAME 3 2017: On **Saturday 11th 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. 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 person 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.

LGBT MASS: Within the context of the Jubilee of Mercy, Bishop Patrick will celebrate a Mass for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Catholics in St Barnabas' Cathedral on **Saturday 15th October** at 3.00 pm.

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.

We know for sure that the activities of our SPUC group saved at least three babies from abortion, because we heard about it afterwards. There would have been many more we did not hear about. We must continue the good work.
Fr Charles

101 CLUB: Thank you all for your support. Everything is now back on track after one or two hiccups during the summer. We have now caught up with the winning numbers thus far, which are: **83** for August and **27** for September. If you would like to win £100, come and see Ann for details in the Parish Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses. It only costs £5.00 a month.

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

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.