

THIS WEEKEND WE MARK THE END OF THE YEAR OF MERCY.

Throughout the Year of Mercy many of us have taken the opportunity to be pilgrims passing through the Holy Doors at St Barnabas Cathedral, Mount St Bernard's, The Briars, St Peter's in Rome and elsewhere. Through the graces and blessings we have received this year, may we continue to imitate the merciful love of God our Father.

THE FUNERAL OF FR. TED CODY IC (former Parish Priest at St Mary's) will take place at 11.30am on **Wednesday 23rd November** at St Peter's Church, St Peter's Street, Cardiff CF24 3BA.

RCIA: The next two meetings will take place on **1st and 15th December** at 7.30pm in the Library.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: This will be held on **Saturday 3rd December in the Hall.** Donations for the tombola and bottle stall are needed. Please give any contributions to UCM members or leave in the parish office to be collected. Please label '*For Christmas Fair*'. Thank you.

DEANERY QUIZ: **Saturday 26th November**, 8pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. St. Mary's will be represented by a team of four people – guest teams also very welcome. Tea, coffee, biscuits and sandwiches available for a small charge; bring your own food and drinks if you wish. There will be no charge for entering, but there will be a raffle in aid of the Sick and Retired Priests Fund.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT in support of **Rainbow's Hospice.** Singing for fun at Kegworth Hotel DE74 2DF. 7.30pm **Monday 5th December.** Do join us! Please see poster at the back of the church.

EVENING OF CAROLS AND POPULAR CHRISTMAS SONGS: **Friday 9th December**, 7.30pm at the United Reform Church Frederick Street with the Singing for Fun Group. Admission free. Retiring collection for Loughborough Town of Sanctuary. All welcome.

NOTTINGHAM CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE: **Tuesday 6th December** at 7pm. Escape the hustle and bustle of the pre-Christmas season with an evening of traditional carols and readings in our beautiful Cathedral featuring our Cathedral Choir, Youth Choir and the dazzling *Essentially Brass*. Refreshments afterwards and retiring collection.

If you know of anyone who is sick, in hospital or in need of a visit from one of our priests, **please let Fr Philip or Fr Paul know!** They cannot know that a sick parishioner is asking to see a priest if no-one mentions it! ****

Second Collection this weekend: is for **The Exaireo Trust**

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection:	£760	
Standing orders:	£623	<i>Thank you</i>



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In community: Fr Charles Sormany and Fr Simon Giles

Newsletter for Sunday 20th November 2016
Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Psalter Week 2

Pondering the SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

What does the Solemnity of Christ the King mean to us? Do you believe in the absolute and supreme authority of Jesus Christ in all things?

Affirmed in the scriptures and especially in Mark 11:9-10; 13:26; 15:29-39; John 19:1-22; Col:1:12-20), the celebration of Christ the King was originally part of the celebration of The Ascension, which marks Jesus' exaltation and crowning with heavenly glory.

Today we happily declare: Jesus is Lord! Jesus is our King! Jesus is our Saviour and Redeemer! To him be glory and majesty, honour and praise!

In the words of the Psalm:

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. He subdues peoples under us and nations under our feet. Our inheritance, our glory, is from him, given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy, the Lord ascends with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. God is king of all the earth, Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (Ps 47:1-9)

This weekend we affirm our commitment to encouraging **THE YOUTH** of this parish to grow in the faith and to take pride in their membership of the Catholic Church. Breakfast will be served in the hall after the 9.00am Youth Mass this Sunday.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST. MARY'S

Sat	19 th	1730-1755	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1800	<u>Vigil Mass for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (SOLEMNITY)</u>
			The Brady Family - Intention
Sun	20 th	0900	<u>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (SOLEMNITY) - Youth Mass</u>
			Dorothy Ginns RIP
		1030-1055	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1100	For the Parish
		1245	Polish Mass
		1415	<i>Baptism of Jacob Canon</i>
		1600	Italian Mass
Mon	21 st	0915	Paola & Luigi Bellofatto
Tues	22 nd	0915	Natalie Gillham RIP
Weds	23 rd	0915	Emily Houston RIP and Michael Copston RIP
Thurs	24 th	0915	Alan Tinker RIP
Fri	25 th	0915	Fr. Anthony Les Slack RIP
Sat	26 th	0915	Fr. Tim Maloney RIP
		1000-1100	<i>Adoration and Reconciliation in Church</i>
		1800	<u>Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent</u>
			Evelyn Woodhouse RIP

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun	20 th	After 9am	Breakfast in Church Hall following Youth Mass
		Mass	
Mon	21 st	1900	History Group
Tues	22 nd	1845	Rosary & Divine Mercy – Church
		1925-2025	Scripture & Tradition Group
Weds	23 rd	1400-1600	Senior Citizens – Church Hall
		1930	Union of Catholic Mothers – Library
Thurs	24 th	1300-1500	Craft and Chat – Church Hall **
		1930	Holy League - Church
Fri	25 th	1400-1600	Turning Point
		1730-2100	School Discotheque

**** Please note the new time and venue for the Craft and Chat group ****

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: may they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Linda Howkins, Jean Woodcock, Tina Cassella, Joyce Gilliver, Pat McLoughlin, Albert Barker, Alan Tinker, Frank Michalski, Claire Kelly, Geraldine Jackson, Martin Gallagher, and Antony O'Malley.

MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE: The next St Mary's Holy League for all men of the parish will be on **Thursday 24th November** at 7.30pm for approx an hour of prayer including Eucharistic Adoration and a brief talk. Also, there will be a chance afterwards to meet for a drink/chat if you wish. Please come and support this great tradition of prayer and friendship. For further details please contact Terry 07828 785771 or Greg 07921 587901. *"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

EXAIREO: Dettie Wallington, founder of the Exaireo Trust that helps the homeless in Loughborough, will speak after Masses this weekend. There will also be a second collection after all Masses this weekend to help the Exaireo Trust carry out essential work in helping the homeless in Loughborough.

THE CARPENTER'S ARMS/ST JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE will soon be distributing Christmas hampers and are requesting goods to be included in these. Please see the noticeboards at the back of church for suggested items. Keith Reynolds from the Carpenter's Arms will be speaking at all weekend Masses on **Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December.**

PARISH VOICE: Items of interest are now needed for the Winter Issue of the parish magazine. Articles, photos, comments, recipes, poems etc. are always welcome from all age groups as well as from new contributors. Please email office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk with subject 'Parish Voice' or deliver in an envelope marked 'Parish Voice' to the Parish Office. Copy deadline: **this Sunday 20th November.**

LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN OF SANCTUARY (LToS) needs more volunteers to do a shift outside the Asylum Registration Centre in Loughborough. As a volunteer you would be standing outside the centre for a shift of one and a half hours once a week or whenever you can manage it, greeting the people who exit the centre saying, "Hello", offering them a leaflet which provides them with information and offering them a voucher for some food and drink at John Storer House. If you would like to help and feel able to help refugees in this way please contact loughboroughtos@gmail.com for more information. Thank you. *Frank Fay*

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

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: Roger Galvin, Janet Middleton, Justin Johns, Kevin and Olive Chapman, Sue Moreland, Stewart Brady, Malcolm Leafe, Phillip Dew, Roger Hubank, Rowena Orton, Ann Checketts, Vera Cunningham, Barbara Watkins, Crispin Castillo, Frank Chatonda, Holly Jones, Reuben Farrant (aged 8), Jack Murray, Brenda Schuler, Vera Hurry, Andrew Spicer, Margaret Stanford, Christina Mortell, Clelia Paciolla, Freddie Hess, 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, David Hart, Eddie Hamilton, Katie Mercer, Hannah Bechler, Rosinah, Alan and Judith Creighton, Val Wells.