

TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to keep this Sunday as a day of prayer for world peace and to reflect on the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the annual World Peace Day: *Nonviolence: a style of politics for peace.*

REMINDER: There are Confessions every Saturday mornings between 10am and 11am.

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS: Adult Formation Department will be commencing a new BCC course at Holy Trinity Parish Centre in Newark starting 4th February 2017. The purpose of the course is to support and enable the catechists in the Diocese of Nottingham to pass on the Catholic faith with effectiveness and confidence by providing appropriate training and formation opportunities. This is a 24-hour course divided into 12 sessions. Please see the poster at the back of the church for details. Booking forms with details of course dates are also available from the back of church and from the office. Sponsorship is available for anyone wishing to attend this course.

BLESSED TANSI MEMORIAL MASS: Bishop Patrick McKinney will celebrate Mass with all African Catholics in Leicestershire at Blessed Sacrament Church Gooding Avenue, LE3 1JS on **Sunday 22nd January 2017** at 10.00am. A reception lunch will be provided after Mass in the Parish Hall. For more information email africancatholicchaplaincyleic@gmail.com or call 07834071282.

ANNUAL VALENTINE MARRIAGE MASS WITH RENEWAL OF VOWS: **Sunday 12th February**, 3pm, at Nottingham Cathedral. All married couples are invited to celebrate their marriage with Bishop Patrick, and to renew their vows to each other. Whether you are celebrating five years or fifty years, you are very welcome.

VACANCY: The governors of St John Fisher Catholic Academy, Wigston, Leicestershire are seeking to appoint a new headteacher. Further details are available from Mrs C Smith on 0116 2882203 or by visiting www.stjohnfisher-wigston.leics.sch.uk. Closing Date **9th February 2017**.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: £860	Carpenter's Arms: £295
Standing orders: £623	<i>Thank you</i>



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In community: Fr Charles Sormany and Fr Simon Giles

Newsletter for Sunday 15th January 2017 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Peace Sunday

Psalter Week 2

Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Year

Now that Christmas is over, we are back in “**Ordinary Time**” and the liturgical colour of the season is green. Ordinary Time refers to the liturgical periods that fall *outside* the major seasons such as Advent, Lent, Christmas and Easter, and there are two such periods – after Epiphany and after Pentecost.” Prior to the changes of the Second Vatican Council they were known as “Sundays after Epiphany” and “Sundays after Pentecost.” Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6th. There is no First Sunday in Ordinary Time since it is replaced by either the Epiphany or the Baptism of Our Lord.

While “ordinary” in everyday conversation can mean something uninteresting or dull, it can also mean customary, regular, and orderly. The root of the word comes from the Latin “*ordinalis*,” which means “showing order, denoting an order of succession.” Hence, Ordinary Time is the standard, orderly, counted time outside of the other liturgical seasons, and it emphasizes **discipleship** – what it means to be a follower of Jesus in terms of priorities, morality, money and how we will ultimately be judged by God.

It's appropriate that the Gospel for this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time features St John the Baptist pointing out Jesus as the Lamb of God. The Saviour of the World, the God Man is walking among us, seeking to transform our lives and to save us. This is far from being ordinary!

Fr Paul Gillham

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST. MARY'S

Sat	14 th	1730-1755	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1800	Rita Preston RIP
Sun	15 th	0900	Derrick Baxter RIP
		1030-1055	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1100	For the Parish
		1245	Polish Mass
		1600	Italian Mass
Mon	16 th	0915	Jacinta and Michael Feryn - Intention
Tues	17 th	0915	Frances Shaw RIP
Weds	18 th	0915	Reginald Granger and Ambrosine Faulks
		1900	Latin Mass (old rite)
Thurs	19 th	0915	Vittorio Festa RIP
Fri	20 th	0915	Fr Sainter's intentions
Sat	21 st	0915	Roger Galvin RIP
		1000-1100	<i>Adoration and Reconciliation in Church</i>

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Mon	16 th	1900	History Group
Tues	17 th	1845	Rosary – Church
		1925	Scripture & Tradition – Library
Weds	18 th	1400-1600	Senior Citizens - Hall

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: Joan Pears, Clarissa Ryder, Barbara Finch, Frank Chatonda, Brian Smith, Rosinah, Janet Middleton, Justin Johns, Kevin and Olive Chapman, Stewart Brady, Malcolm Leafe, Phillip Dew, Roger Hubank, Rowena Orton, Ann Checketts, Vera Cunningham, Crispin Castillo, 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, David and Claire Potter, Jamie, Mark, Stephen Coultas, Jane Moss, Jean Hooper, David Hart, Eddie Hamilton, Katie Mercer, Hannah Bechler, Alan and Judith Creighton and Val Wells.

for those who have recently died: John Ginns - may he rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Annie Robinson, Emily Heath, Ian North, Paul Turner, Rev Fr Joe Mullen, William Hodgson, Albin Topolewski, Nora Cunningham, Alan Offiler-Russell, Frank Church, Kathleen Gratland, Rev Fr Eugene Monaghan, Henry Reed, Bogdon Wozniak, Justina O'Donoghue, Mary Connell, Thomas Jones, Lucia Calardo and Marie Spencer

***** **DIARY DATES** *****

Thursday 2nd February: Presentation and enrolment of Confirmation candidates at 7pm Mass, followed by hot dogs in the Hall.

Sunday 5th February: Presentation of babies and young children for a special blessing during 9am and 11am Masses.

Sunday 12th February, 11am: Valentine's Mass for all engaged and newly-wed couples, followed by drinks in the Hall.

MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE: The next meeting of St Mary's Holy League, open to all men of the parish, will be held at 7.30pm on **Thursday 26th January** for approximately an hour of prayer including Eucharistic Adoration. Fr Michael Eastwood will be giving a talk on the Holy Eucharist and there will also be an opportunity afterwards 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

101 CLUB: A big thank you to all those supporting our monthly "lottery" which contributed £4100 to Church projects during 2016 after handing out £1200 in prize money. This month's winning number is 43. If you would like to know more or would just like to bring in your contribution, Ann de Rijk will be in Church after Saturday evening Mass and after 9 and 11 am on Sunday this weekend. Thank you again.

ORGAN RECITAL: **Saturday 11th February**, 7.30pm, United Reformed Church, Frederick Street, Loughborough. Tickets £5 (under 16s free) from antonius73@hotmail.com or call 01509 267888.

SNUG PACK FOR REFUGEES: Open Heaven Church are collecting essential warm clothing for refugees in camps and on the streets of Paris between now and the end of January. See the notice at the back of church for details of how you can help, or contact gemma@openheaven.org.

Fr Philip is on his annual Christmas break/ retreat