

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR JOE MULLEN IC:** A Memorial Mass will be celebrated to mark the first anniversary of the death of Fr Joe Mullen IC at Loughborough University Chapel on **Saturday 28th January** at 2pm. This will be followed by the dedication of a plaque in his memory in the University Remembrance Garden at 3pm. All welcome to attend.

**REMINDER:** There are Confessions between 10am and 11am at St. Mary's every Saturday morning and at Mt. St. Bernard's Abbey from 2.30 – 3.00pm daily.

**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK (18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY):** Loughborough Churches Partnership will mark this week of prayer with a United Service **today (22<sup>nd</sup> January)** starting at 6.30pm at Emmanuel Church, Forest Road. Guest Speaker: Ness Wilson, Leader at Open Heaven Church.

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY IS HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY,** when we are asked to pray for an end to genocide. We remind ourselves that we too have a part to play in building a better world, even if we are not yet sure what that part is, and we ask God for the faith, wisdom, strength and resources to do this important work.

**BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS:** Adult Formation Department will be commencing a new BCC course at Holy Trinity Parish Centre in Newark **starting 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ANNUAL VALENTINE MARRIAGE MASS WITH RENEWAL OF VOWS:** **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stjohnfisher-wigston.leics.sch.uk). Closing Date **9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**.

#### LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: **£740**

Standing orders: **£611**

*Thank you*



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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 22nd January 2017 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Psalter Week 3

#### Why do we genuflect in front of the tabernacle?

Some people ask the question as to why Catholics go down on their right knee before going into the pew or when they pass the tabernacle. Well, it is an age old tradition in the Catholic Church for Catholics to show veneration and adoration to Our Blessed Lord whom we believe is really and truly present in the tabernacle. Of course, if we are unable to genuflect, we make a bow. When we do this we remind ourselves that we are literally in the presence of God, both physically and mentally. This reminded me of a story.

There was once a French priest, famous for preaching on the Eucharist, who every day after closing the church would prostrate before the Blessed Sacrament. One day he heard a commotion in the confessional and a woman appeared who said, "I'm not a Catholic, but I've been listening to your talks and I wanted to see if you practiced what you preach. Now that I've seen you're sincere in adoring God, I want to become a Catholic." This story not only shows us that we must remember to give adoration to Our Lord, but also how we can often influence others by our actions.

In preparation for the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima in 1917, an Angel appeared to the three seers in 1916 "holding a chalice in his hands, with a host above it from which some drops of blood were falling into the sacred vessel." The Angel left the chalice and host suspended in the air, and prostrated himself upon the ground with the children and prayed the following prayer with them three times:

*Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of JESUS Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended.*

Jesus is truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Let us never neglect to adore Him there.

*Fr Paul Gillham*

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

|              |                  |   |   |
|--------------|------------------|---|---|
| <b>Sat</b>   | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 1730-1755   | <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>     |
|              |                  | <b>1800</b>   | Dorothy Ginns RIP                                   |
| <b>Sun</b>   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>0900</b>   | Assumpta & Pasquale Picciano RIP                    |
|              |                  | 1030-1055   | <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>     |
|              |                  | <b>1100</b>   | Nicola Romano RIP                                   |
|              |                  |   | <i>Presentation of Annabelle Taylor for Baptism</i> |
|              |                  | 1245  | Polish Mass   |
|              |                  | 1600  | Italian Mass  |
| <b>Mon</b>   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 0915  | For the Parish                                      |
| <b>Tues</b>  | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 0915  | Beatrice McGowen RIP                                |
| <b>Weds</b>  | 25 <sup>th</sup> | <b><u>The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (Feast)</u></b>        |   |
|              |                  | 0915  | Teresa Denton RIP                                   |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 0915  | Ann and George Checketts - Intention                |
| <b>Fri</b>   | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 0915  | Francesco & Carmela Bosco                           |
|              |                  | 1900  | Latin Mass (old rite)                               |
| <b>Sat</b>   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | <b><u>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</u></b> |   |
|              |                  | 0915  | Vera Hurry - Intention                              |
|              |                  | 1000-1100   | <i>Adoration and Reconciliation in Church</i>       |

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

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

|              |                  |      |                                 |
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| <b>Tues</b>  | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 1845 | Rosary – Church                 |
|              |                  | 1925 | Scripture & Tradition – Library |
| <b>Weds</b>  | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 1930 | UCM – Library                   |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 1930 | R.C.I.A. – Library              |
|              |                  | 1930 | Men's Holy League – Church      |

**TURNING POINT:** There will be no further meetings until after 10<sup>th</sup> February.

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**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, 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.

**and for those who have recently died:** Michael Doyle and Stanford Shumba - **may they rest in peace**

**\*\*\* DATES FOR YOUR DIARY \*\*\***

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:** Presentation and Enrolment of Confirmation candidates at 7pm Mass, followed by hot dogs in the Hall.

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

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

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**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.” St John Paul II*

**SPUC GROUP:** St. Mary's recently restarted SPUC group will be fundraising after Sunday Masses on **29<sup>th</sup> January**. Breakfast rolls will be on sale in the hall as well as cakes, jams and chutneys. Please come and support us.

**RETIRED PRIESTS' APPEAL:** After each of the Masses on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**, Dr John Curran (the Appeal Director for the Nottingham Diocese/Rosminian Retired Priests' Appeal) will deliver a short talk on the progress made on the Appeal. So far, the Parish has raised just under £45,000 of the target of £54,500. The Bishop has asked that, in the remaining life of this Appeal, parishes in the Diocese endeavour to make this cause the priority in terms of their charitable giving. John Curran will arrange for packs to be available after the Masses have finished and he will be available to deal with any queries.

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

**SNUG PACKS FOR REFUGEES:** Open Heaven Church is collecting essential warm clothing for refugees in camps and on the streets of Paris between now and the end of January. Please see the notice at the back of church for details of how you can help, or contact [gemma@openheaven.org](mailto:gemma@openheaven.org).

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**PLEASE PRAY for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joseph Hall, Wanda Souraty, Nicholas Robottom, Rita George, Thomas Hunt, John Allcock, Mary Oliver, Eddie Bak, Bob Harlow, Luisa Zenthon, Louisa West, Bethany Wilson, Jude Jones and Esther Garrett.