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.

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.

RETIRED PRIESTS' APPEAL: After each of the Masses on **Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th 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.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017: **Saturday 27th May to Saturday 3rd June**. Cost £445 (Deposit £131) includes full insurance, coach and ferry travel, full board in Lourdes. lunch on arrival plus celebratory dinner. Further details or booking forms from Vera Hurry 01509 231282

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**. Booking forms with details of course dates are available from the back of church and from the office. Sponsorship is available for anyone wishing to attend this course.

THE MONTEVERDI VESPERS: On **Saturday 25th February** at 7.45pm, there will be a performance of the Monteverdi Vespers in our Cathedral Church of St Barnabas, sung by the Cathedral Choir and Cathedral Youth Choir with the Choir of St Mary's in the Lacemarket. They will be joined by the acclaimed English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble. Tickets available from the Royal Concert Hall Box Office, in person, or by telephoning 0115 989 5555, or via the Cathedral Music website: www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com.

VACANCY: High quality, suitably qualified Programme Coordinator sought by The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre to deliver residential retreat programmes to young people aged 11-18. Please see the poster at the back of church for more information. Full details and application pack available from Angela Gillespie: 01773 852044 angela@ndcys.com.

ROSMINI CENTRE LE7 4SJ: Friday 3rd February at 7.00pm: ***Healing Mass with the blessing of the throat.*** All are welcome, Tea & Coffee after the Mass.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First collection: **£951**	Pax Christi: £**251**
Standing orders: **£611**	***Thank you***

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Psalter Week 4

THE BEATITUDES

Variously described as 'The Compendium of Christ's Doctrines' or 'The Magna Carta of the Kingdom' or 'The Ruling Maxims of Jesus' Kingdom', **THE BEATITUDES** refer both to those words of blessing with which, according to both Matthew and Luke, Jesus began that great discourse which is known as the **Sermon on the Mount** and they describe **the state of being** (- the way of living) which is characterised by **intimate union with God** *(see for example, Psalm 1:1: "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked"; Psalm 2:12: "Now, O kings, understand, take warning, rulers of the earth; serve the Lord with awe and trembling, pay him your homage, lest he be angry and you perish … Blessed are they who put their trust in God.")*

Thus, in the Catechism of the Catholic Church we read, 'God put us in the world to know, to love, and to serve him, and so to come to paradise. Beatitude makes us 'partakers of the divine nature' and of eternal life. *(c.f. 2Pt 1:4; Jn 17:3)* With beatitude, man enters into the glory of Christ and into the joy of the Trinitarian life. (CCC 1721)

The Catechism continues, 'The beatitude (- the blessedness) we are promised, **confronts us with decisive moral choices**. The beatitude invites us to **purify our hearts** from bad instincts and to **seek the love of God** above all else. The beatitude teach us that **true happiness is not found in riches, or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement … but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love.** (1723)

Lord, grant me the grace to purify my heart, to walk humbly in your presence, to love and adore you, and to know the power of your love operating in my life. Amen.

Fr Philip Sainter

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST. MARY'S

Sat	28th	*1730-1755*	*Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request*
		1800	Muriel Lewin RIP (Anniversary)
Sun	29th	**0900**	For the Parish
		1030-1055	*Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request*
		1100	Maria Romano RIP
			Presentation of Hannah Preddy
		1245	Polish Mass
		1600	Italian Mass
Mon	30th	0915	Roger Galvin RIP
Tues	31st	0915	Elaine Smith RIP
Weds	1st	0915	Vera Murphy - Intentions + Noel Doyle RIP
		1900	Latin Mass (old rite)
Thurs	2nd	**The Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas (FEAST)**	
		0915	David Taylor RIP
		1115	Latin Mass (old rite)
		1600	*Reception of John Ginns RIP*
			at Mount St. Bernard's Abbey
		1900	Mass with presentation and enrolment of Confirmation candidates
Fri	3rd	0915	**First Friday Mass**
			Frank Durning - Intention
		1030	*Requiem Mass for John Ginns RIP (at Mt St Bernard's Abbey)*
		1730	Novena – Filipino Community
		1800	Parish/Filipino Mass
Sat	4th	0915	Mary McKibbon
		1000-1100	*Adoration and Reconciliation in Church*
		1430	*Baptism of Annabelle Taylor*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tues	31st	1845	Rosary – Church
		1925	Scripture & Tradition – Library
Weds	1st	1400-1600	Senior Citizens' Group – Church Hall
Thurs	2nd	1900-2130	Hot dogs and celebratory supper organised by Parish Youth following enrolment of Confirmation candidates
Fri	3rd	1700-2100	Filipino Community – Church Hall
Sat	4th	1000	Baptism Class (by arrangement)

KWEDIBOMA HEALTH CENTRE FUND: Next weekend, **4th & 5th February,** there will be a second collection after all Masses for the Kwediboma Health Fund. Any donations that you make will be used to help finish the building of the new Surgical Ward. Thank you.

Terry Spicer

*** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ***

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.

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PARISH VOICE: Production of the Spring edition of the Parish Voice magazine is underway, but if you have any submissions:- articles, photos, recipes etc, we would love to hear from you (**office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk**). Our thanks to those who have already submitted articles and to all our parishioners for your continued support of the magazine.

NEW MUSIC GROUP: Are you free on a Tuesday morning? Do you play an orchestral instrument? Are you Grade 3+? If the answer is YES then why not come along and play with Loughborough's Daytime Orchestra at All Saints Church. This NEW group meets on a Tuesday morning from 10.00am - 12.00pm on the following dates: January 31, February 7, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28. The cost for the Spring term is £37 - this includes all music plus a 'half-time' cup of tea or coffee + biscuits! A wide ranging repertoire has been chosen with something for everyone. If you would like to join us, please contact the Music for Everyone team on 0115 958 9312 or just come along to a rehearsal and give it a try.

ARE YOU SEEKING ACCOMMODATION? If you are a mature (student/professional) person looking for a room in a large comfortable and quiet shared house in the forest side of Loughborough with respectful co-tenants, please text Katerina on 07925 856530.

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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 and 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.

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: John Ginns, Noel Doyle and Dennis Thurland - **may they rest in peace.**

and **for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Lisa Thomas, Muriel Lewin, John Parker, Mary Embleton, Bernard Hudson, Irene Harlow, Giuseppina Russo, Olive Keeping, Tony Benincasa, Francis McHugh, Maurice Keetley, Eliza Aldiss, Adelaide Taylor, Paul Rose and Rev. Fr. James Patrick Woodcock.