

*I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all our parishioners who have contributed financially towards the upkeep and maintenance of St Mary's and its priests throughout 2016.*

*In addition to your weekly donations, so many of you have also contributed with tremendous generosity to the Parish Loan Repayment, the Retired Priests' Fund, Kwediboma, the Carpenter's Arms, Exaireo and the many other appeals made by us and the Diocese.*

*Thank you for your loyalty, kindness, thoughtfulness and gospel charity:  
"Love is the fulfilment of the Law" - "Legis Plenitudo Charitas" (Rm 13:10).*

*Please be assured of my prayers and those of my fellow priests.*

*Each week we remember all our parishioners in our prayers during the Mass.*

*Fr Philip Sainter*

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**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.

**CHILDREN DUE TO START SCHOOL NEXT SEPTEMBER 2017:** Applications are invited from parents and families for any child due to start school for the first time in September 2017. A form needs to be completed for the Local Authority via their website: [www.leics.gov.uk](http://www.leics.gov.uk) and a school application form needs to be completed and sent back to school. The final date for applications is **16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. If parents know of any children due to start school next September 2017, please urge them to complete all the forms in good time and return them to the local authority and to the school. ***Parents are strongly urged to complete the Local Authority form online.***

**PEACE SUNDAY - 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017:** Donation envelopes for Pax Christi will be distributed this weekend, for return by next Sunday. Pax Christi's vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

**The second collection this weekend is for the Carpenter's Arms**

<b>FINANCE</b>	
25 December - First Collection: <b>£497</b>	
25 December - Parish Priests: <b>£1393</b> of which £307 was gift aided	
1 January - First collection: <b>£765</b>	
Standing orders (both weeks): <b>£623</b>	<i>Thank you</i>



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Served by the Rosminians:

Fr Philip Sainter, Parish Priest; Fr Paul Gillham, Assistant Priest

In community: Fr Charles Sormany and Fr Simon Giles

### **Newsletter for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

#### **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Psalter Week 1

On Christmas Day we celebrated Jesus' birth and we recalled how the shepherds (representing the Israelites) were the first to see 'the Word made Flesh'. Today, on the Solemnity of the Epiphany (*Epiphany* means manifestation), we recall how the Magi (representing the Gentiles and all peoples of the world) come from the East and also worship and adore him. In this way, the Epiphany brings to perfect fulfilment all the purposes of Advent: The incarnate Son of God, truly God and truly man, the light of the world, is revealed as Lord and Saviour of ALL mankind.

The antiphon for the Magnificat this evening reminds us that Our Lord was also 'manifested' / 'revealed' as Lord and Saviour and as the Son of God, at his baptism and at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

There is a long-standing Christian tradition of having ones home blessed on this day. With newly blessed chalk a cross is inscribed on the lintel (above the front door), together with the year and the initials of the three wise men (**C+M+B** - Caspar, **M**elchior and **B**althasar). These initials are interpreted to mean *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*.

*Fr Philip Sainter*

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

<b>Sat</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	1730-1755	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		<b>1800</b>	<b><u>Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord</u></b>
			For the Parish
<b>Sun</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>		<b><u>The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)</u></b>
		<b>0900</b>	The Brady Family - Intention
		1030-1055	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		<b>1100</b>	Fr Ted Cody RIP
		1245	Polish Mass
		1600	Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>		<b><u>The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</u></b>
		0915	John Cuff RIP
<b>Tues</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Giuseppe, Stanislavo & Giovanna Sparano RIP and Mavis Maguire RIP
<b>Weds</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Segundino Edmund Pascuala RIP
		1230	Requiem Mass: Susan Moreland RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1030</b>	The Queen Family - Intention (Please note changed time)
<b>Fri</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Mrs Dorothy Fellowes RIP
<b>Sat</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Roger Galvin RIP
		<b>1800</b>	Rita Preston RIP

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

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

<b>Tues</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	1845	Rosary – Church
		1925	Scripture & Tradition – Library
<b>Weds</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	1930	UCM – Library
<b>Thurs</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	1930	RCIA – Library
<b>Fri</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	1400-1600	Turning Point - Hall

**PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: Susan Moreland - may she rest in peace**

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Tickle, Rosemary Pearson, Robert Milnes, Juozas Petrenas, Marie Paparozzi, Cederic Spencer, Tony Kennedy, Frederico Buccheri, Helly Claydon, Armando Zollino, May Adam, Montague McArdle, Laurie Devaney, Mary Brookes and Bill Davey**

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**Fr Philip is on his Christmas break, and then on retreat, for the next fortnight**

\*\*\*\*\* **DIARY DATES** \*\*\*\*\*

**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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**WITH THANKS** to the wonderful priests and parishioners of St Mary's who have supported us and the family so well with prayers, Masses and presence, during Stewart's recent illness. He was discharged on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January after a long hospital stay. A quick recovery thanks to great care, support, prayer and abundant hope. Deo gratias.

*Stewart and Catherine Brady*

**LEICESTERSHIRE ACTIVE CATHOLIC YOUTH (LACY)** are holding a "Skittles Night" for all young people, families and friends on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017** at The Star and Garter Public House, 114 Leicester Road, Wigston, LE18 1DS. Cost: £8.50 per person to include food. Bookings needed by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January. See poster at the back of Church for full information or email Mile: mikesewell@btinternet.com or Pauline: paulinepayne@hotmail.com.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY AWARENESS RAISING EVENT: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January: 11am -1.30 pm** Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Gooding Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester LE3 1JS. This is the Leicester and Leicestershire session of Bishop Patrick's programme of training events. Please book your place with Diane Williams on formation@nrcdt.org.uk or 0115 9539841. (Coffee and cake from 10.45am and light lunch provided at 1.30pm.) **Free event - all welcome.**

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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, 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.**