

**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.

**CENTENARY OF FATIMA APPARITIONS:** To celebrate the centenary of Our Lady's appearances at Fatima in 1917, from March to July there will be a parish effort to make the First Five Saturdays devotion as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, which includes the Communion of reparation. This will take place in conjunction with the 9.15am Saturday Parish Mass. Further details nearer the time.

**KWEDIBOMA HEALTH CENTRE:** Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Kwediboma Health Centre fund on the **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February**. Through your generosity £606.00 was raised, of which £370.00 was gift aided. Your money, along with the £1,970.00 that was already in the Kwediboma Fund, will be sent to the Health Centre in the near future.  
*Terry Spicer*

**GROUP REPRESENTATIVES** and parishioners with specific responsibilities are invited to a Parish Team Meeting at 7.30pm, **22<sup>nd</sup> February** in the parish hall. This is an opportunity to update others on your work and identify any support needed.

**ROSMINI CENTRE Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> February** *DoCat Study: "Principles of the Church's Social Teaching"*. 10.30/11.00 – 1.30 pm followed by a shared table. Tea/coffee provided. (Mass is at 10.00). All are welcome. Please do phone or email: 01509 813078 if you would like to attend [rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com](mailto:rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com).

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** led by Sister Anna Patricia **every Thursday at 10am** at the Convent (17 Garton Road). All welcome.

**EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** The Renewal Day this year will be on **13<sup>th</sup> May**, led by Bishop Patrick, at St Peter's, Hinckley. If you are not on the email circulation, please collect your letter from the Repository.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Miss Priscilla Jordan**, deputy head teacher of St Clare's in Coalville, on her appointment as head teacher of St Mary's, our primary school. She succeeds Mrs Annette Jones, who retires after 21 years of devoted service. Miss Jordan will take up her appointment at the beginning of the summer term.

**FLAME 3 2017!** On **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017**, 10,000 young Catholics will gather at Wembley Arena for CYMFed (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation) Flame 3 2017! Nottingham Diocese is taking a group of over 200 young people and St Mary's Youth (age 14+) will be invited to travel on the Leicester coaches with De Lisle. Please do join in. The cost is £20 per ticket which includes your very own Sheriff of Nottingham hat. Coach costs are being paid for by the diocese. To get your name down, please contact Liz on 07980021916 or just let her know you would like to come along.

**HELP TO PUT AN END TO MODERN DAY SLAVERY:** Training event hosted by Bishop Patrick McKinney to equip people to recognise and act upon human trafficking and modern day slavery. **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** 6.30-8.30pm at Our Lady & St. Patrick in the Meadows, Nottingham NG2 1JQ. To book, please contact Louise Cooke: [jpnnottingham@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:jpnnottingham@nrcdt.org.uk) /07410 411048 or Diane Williams: [formation@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:formation@nrcdt.org.uk) / 0115 953 9841. Registration from 5.30pm and a simple meal available of soup and a roll.

#### LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: <b>£724</b>	Kwediboma: <b>£606 of which £370 was gift aided</b>
Standing orders: <b>£611</b>	<i>Thank you</i>



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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 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Psalter Week 2

**A Happy Valentine's Sunday to all our young couples - to those preparing for marriage and to those who are recently married!**

--- THE TWO WAYS ---

*'Look, today I am offering you life and prosperity, death and disaster. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God ... if you love the Lord your God and follow his ways, if you keep his commandments, his laws and his customs, you will live ...'* (Deut 30:15ff)

*'If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within in your power. God has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.'* (Eccles 15:15-17)

Since the will of God is that we follow his commandments and so have life, why do we balk at doing precisely that? Why pick and choose which of the Ten Commandments or which of Jesus' teachings we are going to follow?

We know by reasoning and from experience that the *Highway Code* is there for our good and the good of all who travel by road, and that to ignore those road signs is to put our own life and that of others at risk! Similarly, to ignore the commandments of God is to put our own life and that of others at risk.

No wonder the Psalmist tells us today: **"They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart."**

*Fr Philip Sainter*

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

<b>Sat</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	1730-1755 <b>1800</b>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i> Parish/Anointing Mass For the Parish <i>Presentation of Valentine Bentham</i>
<b>Sun</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>0900</b> 1030-1055 <b>1100</b> 1245 1600	Derrick Baxter RIP <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i> Valentine's Mass for Young Couples Polish Mass Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	0915 1730	Vera Murphy - Intentions <i>Reception of Noel Doyle RIP</i>
<b>Tues</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Saints Cyril and Methodius, Patrons of Europe (FEAST)</u></b>	
		0915 1100	Peter Midwinter <i>Requiem Mass for Noel Doyle RIP</i>
<b>Weds</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Kath Skinner RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Nora Twambley RIP and family intentions
<b>Fri</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	0915 1900	David Taylor RIP Latin Mass (old rite)
<b>Sat</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	0915 1000-1100 <b>1800</b>	Deceased members of Moore & Thompson families <i>Adoration and Reconciliation in Church</i> Jim Slevin RIP
<b>Sun</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>0900</b> <b>1100</b>	For the Parish Cliff Brookes RIP

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

<b>Sun</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	1200	Drinks following Valentine's Mass – Church Hall
<b>Tues</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	1845 1925	Rosary – Church Scripture & Tradition – Library

**PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick:** Maria Sainter, 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, 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.

**for those who have recently died:** Noel Doyle and James Priestley - **may they rest in peace.**

and **for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Michael Bradley, Josephine Brown, Harold Main, Christopher Whittingham, Peter Smith, Samuel Reid, Peter Rose, Jamila Dawood, Cliff Brookes, Helena Lawryniewicz, Matti Bazi, Ellen Spurr, David Collins and Nina Juskiewicz and Tempoka Aluze-Ele

**TODAY'S VALENTINE'S MASS** for all engaged and newly-wed couples will be followed by drinks in the Hall. Also on **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.

**SALE OF DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES,** marmalades, jams and lemon curd after 9 am and 11am Masses **this Sunday**, to raise funds for the Kwediboma Health Centre.

**LOURDES FUND:** Sale of cakes, bottles and gifts after all Masses on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February.**  
*Bernie Mc Enery*

**PARISH VOICE:** Production of the Spring edition of the Parish Voice magazine is underway. 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. Deadline for submissions: **21st February.**

**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 **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** for approximately an hour of prayer including Eucharistic Adoration. Fr Colin Patey will be giving a talk on St Peter in the New Testament 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 07921 587 901. *“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*

**ALL WELCOME TO A PARISH CHEESE, WINE AND CHOCOLATE MUSIC NIGHT** to raise funds for the *Confirmation retreat* organised by the Confirmation group with the UCM. **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, from 7.30pm in the parish hall. £5 a ticket or £10 per family – bring your instruments or just turn up!

**NEW GROUP:** This year is the 50th anniversary of our Parish UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) group. Many of our current members have been involved from its formation. We would like to begin a new group encouraging younger women to enjoy our experience of friendships and support. Anna Ball will, for the time being, be the facilitator of this new group. We will be holding a social evening for interested women of the Parish on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** in the Parish Hall from 7 to 9 pm and we will be providing supervision for any children you may wish to bring along. Further details from Anna Ball 07870 581390 or Dorothy Hutchings 07742 620268.

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH BREAKFAST:** **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March** after the 9am and 11am Masses. All welcome. Proceeds to SPUC.

**FEDERATION OF ENGLISH MARTYRS, Oakham and St Augustine's, Stamford, Catholic Voluntary Academies** is seeking to make the following appointments from September 2017 **Head Teacher - English Martyrs Catholic Voluntary Academy, Oakham and Head Teacher – St. Augustine's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Stamford.** Details from EPM, at [headship@EPM.co.uk](mailto:headship@EPM.co.uk). Closing date for applications: **20<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**