

**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.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** beginning on Monday **6th March** will run from 5.45pm until 7pm. Candidates are asked to bring a Bible with them to each session. Everything else will be provided.

**LENT 2017:** Lent = Fast, pray, give alms. What are you thinking of doing this year? Come along for an hour of conversation focused on Catholic Social Teaching. The focus will be what more we can do individually and as a community to implement some of the principles. Wednesdays **8th March** and **5th April**, 7-8pm in the parish hall. For more information please contact Terry Spicer or Catherine Brady.

**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 **13th 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 11th 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 7th 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 /07410 411048 or Diane Williams: formation@nrcdt.org.uk / 0115 953 9841. Registration from 5.30pm and a simple meal available of soup and a roll.

**'SUNDAY @ FOUR':** dementia friendly act of worship starting on **19th February 2017** at 4:00pm and then every 3rd Sunday of the month at Loughborough Baptist Church. See noticeboard at the back of church.

**KWEDIBOMA HEALTH CENTRE:** £2,500 was transferred to the Health Centre on Friday, 10th February 2017 to help pay the building costs for the new ward.

#### LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection:	<b>£675</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 19th February 2017 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Psalter Week 3

## The Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima

This year is the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. Between 13th May and 13th October 1917 she appeared six times to three young children, Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia. At the final apparition, a spectacular miracle occurred – witnessed by 70,000 people, believers and unbelievers alike. The sun 'danced' in the sky for twelve minutes and then came hurtling towards the earth. It was so terrifying that witnesses thought it was the end of the world! Many cures, both spiritual and physical were recorded. Our Lady's message to the children and to the world was clear:

- Repent of our sins
- Pray for the conversion of Russia and consecrate it to her Immaculate Heart
- Make reparation for the offences and blasphemies made against her Immaculate Heart.

It has been proposed that we should make the **Devotion of the First Five Saturdays** which Our Lady requested at Fatima beginning on 4th March. This includes going to confession, attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion *worthily*, reciting five decades of the Rosary and meditating for fifteen minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary. This should be done for five consecutive first Saturdays of the month with the purpose of making reparation to her. This would take us through to July.

I'm sure if we were to do this, it would bring down many blessings on our parish, to us as individuals and to the world. To anyone who makes this devotion Our Lady said, "I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls."

*Fr Paul Gillham*

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

<b>Sat</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	1730-1755	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		<b>1800</b>	Jim Slevin RIP
<b>Sun</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>0900</b>	For the Parish
		1030-1055	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		<b>1100</b>	Cliff Brookes RIP
		1245	Polish Mass
		1415	Baptism of Valentine Bentham
		1600	Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	0915	John and Dorothy Ginns RIP
<b>Tues</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	0915	Clarissa Ryder - Intention
<b>Weds</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b><u>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (FEAST)</u></b>	
		0800	Latin Mass (old rite)
		0915	John McEnery RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	0915	Dennis Thurland RIP
<b>Fri</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Ernest Benjamin Shaw RIP
<b>Sat</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Umberto Fabbriatore RIP
		1000-1100	Adoration and Reconciliation in Church
		<b>1800</b>	Michele and Filomena Paoletta RIP
<b>Sun</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>0900</b>	Alfred Michael George Box - Intention
		<b>1100</b>	For the Parish

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

<b>Mon</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	1930	History Group – Library
<b>Tues</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	1845	Rosary – Church
		1925	Scripture & Tradition – Library
<b>Weds</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1930	Parish Team Meeting – Church Hall
		1930	UCM – Library
		1930	Men's Holy League – Church
<b>Thurs</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	1900-2100	UCM New Group – Social Evening – Church Hall
		1930	RCIA – 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 Leafé, 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.

**and for those who have recently died:** Marie Richardson - **may she rest in peace.**

**for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Wanda Wajzert, Sheila Jarvis, Filomena Paoletta, Francis Brooks, Colubrio Buttarazzi, Terry Cleverly, Emily Mingay, Sean Lynch, Richard Hönl, Susan Bagnell, Jan Skowronski, Paul Want, Leslie Prentice, Pat Murphy, Barbara Herbert, Audrey Wilbram, and Stephen Scott.

**YOUNG ADULTS' RETREAT** at the Cathedral Church of St Barnabas, Derby Road, Nottingham, NG1 5AE: **3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

*"Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in his sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received ... but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage."*

*St. Francis of Assisi*

**Retreat** led by the **Franciscan Friars of the Renewal** to be held for the young adults of the Diocese, providing an opportunity to encounter the grace and mercy of God, through the Sacraments, with renewed understanding. Please see our notice board for sequence of events covering the weekend. Enquiries: 0115 953 9839 or [office@stbarnabascathedral.org.uk](mailto:office@stbarnabascathedral.org.uk)

**LOURDES FUND SALE** after all Masses this weekend, **18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> February**. Sausage and bacon rolls, cake stall, tombola, raffle and pre-loved items. *Bernie Mc Enery*

**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

**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.

**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.

**FINANCE MINUTES**, approved at the last parish Finance Team meeting, are available at the back of church

**1 DAY WITHOUT US** is a National Day of Action on **20<sup>th</sup> February 2017** to celebrate the contribution of migrants to the UK, to coincide with UN World Day of Social Justice. There are many ways in which you can take part in this day. To find out more, go to the national website: <http://www.1daywithoutus.org> Join us at the celebration outside the town hall in Leicester at 6.00pm.

**NEW ROTAS** for Welcomers, Readers & Eucharistic Ministers now ready for collection.

**2017 DIARIES:** There are still a number of 2017 diaries for sale at the Repository @ £1.65