

RITE OF ELECTION RCIA 2017: This will take place on **Friday 10th March** in St. Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, at 3.00pm. This is an important stage in the journey of the catechumens and candidates. The final stage of the RCIA is called Mystagogy – understanding the mysteries – Our new Catholics will ponder the experience and meaning of the sacraments and participate with the faithful in the eucharistic life of the church and its mission for justice and peace. Please pray for our new Catholics and make them feel welcome in the community.

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**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR those preparing for their first Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and all those being baptised.

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.

LENTEN FAST DAY: CAFOD envelopes are available for you to take from the back of church, and will be collected on **4th/5th March**.

MARCH FOR LIFE, BIRMINGHAM, MAY 20TH 2017: This annual event draws thousands of supporters from across the land and attracts huge publicity for the pro-life movement. It is inspiring to be with so many people who are dedicated to this most important of causes. The SPUC group are hoping to get a group of supporters from Loughborough and will run a coach, on a contributions basis, if we can get enough people. Please put the date in your diary and further details will appear in a flier to be produced soon. There is a website too at marchforlife.co.uk. Please help us to save lives.

Michael Murphy

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This devotion helps us to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. We try to perform this devotion in a spirit of **reparation** for the sufferings and insults that Jesus endured during His Passion, an act which was described by Pope John Paul II as "the unceasing effort to stand beside the endless crosses on which the Son of God continues to be crucified". St. Mary's is following this devotion every Friday throughout Lent at 6.25pm.

Prayer: Almighty God, deliver us, we pray, from coveting material goods, from falling into the temptation of serving mammon and putting money in the forefront of our life. Help us to serve you in truth, in beauty, and in righteousness, with singleness of heart as your servant, to the benefit of others, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived and died only to serve us. *Amen*

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: £802	Lourdes Fund: £536
Standing orders: £611	<i>Thank you</i>

The next Second Collection will be on **4th/5th March** for the **Rosminian Formation Fund**



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In community: Fr Charles Sormany and Fr Simon Giles

Newsletter for Sunday 26th February 2017
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Psalter Week 4

Not to be forgotten:

The Septuagesima Season – Preparing for Lent

Septuagesima Sunday is the name for the ninth Sunday before Easter. The term Septuagesima is sometimes applied also to the period commonly called **Shrovetide** (the Pre-Lenten Season) that begins on Septuagesima Sunday and ends on **Shrove Tuesday**, the day before Ash Wednesday, when **Lent** begins.

With so little time remaining before we begin the season of Lent, let us not ignore the ancient Christian tradition of **Septuagesima** – this time of “**preparing for Lent**” - which will undoubtedly contribute to making our Lenten observances more fruitful.

Practical, challenging Lenten resolutions will bear fruit in our personal lives:

- **Prayer:** on getting up, on the way to work, in the evening. Grace before your main (*family*) meal.
- **Fasting (& penance):** refrain from over-eating, drinking alcohol, eating chocolates. Go to confession.
- **Good Works:** reach out to those in need with divine love (which you have received through prayer, scripture reading, the Eucharist)

May abundant blessings and spiritual growth be yours as we all endeavour to make Lent a truly meaningful season.

Fr Philip Sainter

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST. MARY'S

Sat	25 th	1730-1755	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		1800	Michele and Filomena Paoella RIP
Sun	26 th	0900	Alfred Michael George Box - Intention
		1030-1055	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		1100	For the Parish
		1245	Polish Mass
		1430	Baptism of Emma Offiler Russell
		1600	Italian Mass
Mon	27 th	0915	Mary John RIP
Tues	28 th	0915	Susan Moreland RIP
Weds	1 st	<u>ASH WEDNESDAY - Day of Fasting and Abstinence</u>	
		0915	Whole School Mass in Church: Angela Romano RIP
		1900	The Staff at Leicester Hospitals - Intention
Thurs	2 nd	0915	Jonas Anvuur RIP
Fri	3 rd	0915	First Friday Mass
			Janet and Robert Stinson RIP
		1730	Novena – Filipino Community
		1800	Parish/Filipino Mass
		1825	Stations of the Cross (immediately following Mass)
Sat	4 th	0915	Margaret Mary Barry - Intention

Devotion of the First Five Saturdays (1)

1000-1100	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
1100	15 Minute Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary

Sun	5 th	1800	Vigil Mass for First Sunday of Lent – For the Parish
		<u>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</u>	
		0900	Paulino Divinagracia and Joy Paulino Divinagracia RIP
		1100	Carmine Romano RIP

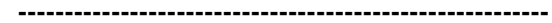
THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tues	28 th	1845	Rosary – Church
		1925	NO Scripture & Tradition
Weds	1st	1400-1600	Senior Citizens' Club – Church Hall
Sat	4th	1000-1100	First Holy Communion Class – Church Hall

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: Carmella Giancola, 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, Willis Flack, Val Wells, Alan and Judith Creighton.

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

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. For any further information, call 0115 953 9839 or email office@stbarnabascathedral.org.uk



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.

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 3rd March**, from 7.30pm in the parish hall. £5 a ticket or £10 per family; bring your instruments or just turn up! Donations of bottles of wine will be gratefully received; please either drop them off beforehand or bring them on the night.

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

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

2017 DIARIES: There are still a number of diaries for sale for 2017 from the Repository. Price £1.65.

OUR LADY'S CONVENT SCHOOL OPEN MORNING: **Wednesday 8th March**, arrive by 10am. Call 01509 638280 to book your visit. There will be another opportunity to visit the school on **Thursday 4th May**.

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. Simple meal available of soup and a roll.



PLEASE PRAY for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sheila McFerran, Carmella Lallo, Valerie Roberts, Linas Linkevicius, Michael Warltire, John Wisniewski, Gerald Cunningham, Eddie Weightman, Antonietta Sacchetta, Lillian Sweeney and Fr. Joseph Maguire

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