

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**.

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

THE MIRACULOUS IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE will be visiting Nottingham Cathedral from **Friday 21st to Wednesday 26th April** at the beginning of the 2017 National Pilgrimage Tour. The Service of Reception will be on the Friday at 7pm, with the Guadalupe Mass following at 7.30pm. The Service of Reception, marking the end of the visit, will be on the Wednesday at 1pm. The image is based at the Shire in Bedford and is one of 220 authorised digital replicas, which confers the same blessings and graces as the original in Mexico. For details of the National Pilgrimage Tour, visit relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk

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.

THE POUND IN YOUR POCKET: New £1 coins go into circulation on **28th March 2017**. All the current £1 coins will cease to be legal tender on 15th October. See leaflet on the noticeboard at the back of church. Piggy-banks and old sofas beware!

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: £742	Rosminian Formation: £294 of which £68 gift aided
Standing orders: £611	<i>Thank you</i>



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In community: Fr Charles Sormany and Fr Simon Giles

Newsletter for Sunday 12th March 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Psalter Week 2

Lord Jesus think on me ... point thou the heavenly way

Our Lenten resolutions to live better lives by commitment to prayer, by denying ourselves of luxuries, by restraining from excesses and self-centred behaviour, by being focussed on God's love for us and translating that love into active love for our neighbour, isn't as easy or as straightforward as we may have expected! Neither was Jesus' forty day "*desert experience*"!

Abram too was "tested" when God called him to leave his native land, all his property, security and family to journey to an unknown land. Yet "it was by faith that Abram sojourned in the Promised Land [all the time] looking forward to the well-founded city (- the heavenly Jerusalem) designed and built by God." (Heb. 11:8-10)

As the "*children of Abraham*" – as *God's adopted sons and daughters* – our life's journey will include moments of darkness and perplexity, testing and transgressions and failures, but also of transcendent, transformative light, happiness, peace and contentment! This was Jesus' lesson to his chosen three.

Lord, strengthen my faith and point thou the heavenly way.

Let me thy loving servant be and taste thy promised rest.

(c.f. Hymn: Lord Jesus think on me, Laudate 204)

Fr Philip Sainter

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST. MARY'S

Sat	11 th	1730-1755	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		1800	John Saunders RIP
Sun	12 th	Second Sunday of Lent	
		0900	Youth Mass
		1030-1055	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		1100	Chris Dover RIP
		1245	Polish Mass
		1600	Italian Mass
Mon	13 th	0915	For the Parish
		1100	Requiem Mass for Anna Corbinzolu RIP
Tues	14 th	0800	Latin Mass (old rite)
		0915	Dennis Thurland RIP
Weds	15 th	0915	Angela McGreevy RIP
Thurs	16 th	0915	In Thanksgiving to Padre Pio
Fri	17 th	0915	John McEnery RIP and Tempoka Aluze-Ele RIP
		1825	Stations of the Cross
Sat	18 th	0915	Wendel John Castillo RIP
		1800	Michele and Filomena Paolella RIP
Sun	19 th	Third Sunday of Lent	
		0900	For the Parish
		1100	Joan Curtin RIP

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sun	12 th	am	Confirmation & First Holy Communion Parish Breakfast Following 9am and 11am Masses
Mon	13 th	1745-1900	Confirmation Class – Church Hall
Tues	14 th	1845	Rosary – Church
		1925	Scripture & Tradition – Library
Weds	15 th	1400-1600	Senior Citizens – Church Hall
Sat	18 th	1000-1100	First Holy Communion Class – Church Hall

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

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gerrard Davidson, Tadeusz Popowicz, Suzanne Burdett, Americo Lallo, James Wardle, Lucy Antill, Elsie Walmsley, Joyce Oakley, Polikarp Ereminowicz, John Saunders, Mario Lanza, Rev Fr Eddie Murphy, Guglielmo Buttarazzi and Eva Hao Xu

PARISH VOICE Spring issue is available after all weekend Masses. Suggested donation £1 to cover the printing cost.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Music Night to raise funds for the Confirmation retreat taking place **24th - 26th March** at the Briars in Crich. Thanks to your generosity, the price of the weekend is now reduced to **£60** per candidate. If any other young person not being confirmed would like to join us, you are very welcome and we would love to see you there. Please contact Liz on 07980 021916 or the parish office for more details. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH BREAKFAST: After 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday. All welcome. Proceeds to SPUC.

DEANERY LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE AND MASS: Sacred Heart, Loughborough, **Thursday 30th March**. Starts at 6.00pm with the opportunity of Confession, including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Mass at 7.00pm. Please put the date in your diary and make every effort to go along, joining with our wider family in the Church as part of Loughborough Deanery this Lent.

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 **Thursday 23rd March** for approximately an hour of prayer including Eucharistic Adoration. 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 on 0782 878 5771, or Greg on 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

GRACE DIEU MANOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS: 31st March and 5th May. Tour the nursery and school, meet teachers and pupils, and see how your child would be nurtured and thrive. Nursery 12 weeks-4 years and Prep School 4-11 years.

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.