

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**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 9.00 MASS, SUNDAY 9TH APRIL: There will be a special liturgy for children on **Palm Sunday** at the 9.00am Mass, also Stations of the Cross for children will take place on **Good Friday** morning at 10.00am in the hall.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017 Saturday 27th May to Saturday 3rd June: Still some vacancies. Cost: **£445** to include full board, coach and ferry travel and insurance. Please contact Vera Hurry for full details on 01509 231282.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA: The annual enactment of the events of Holy Week by young adults of the two Loughborough parishes, as their contribution to the ceremonies of Holy Week, is at 6.00pm in St. Mary's, Ashby Road, on Palm Sunday evening, **9th April**. We hope that as part of your Holy Week activities you will once again support their efforts with your attendance and participation. Undergraduates and students in Years 6 to 13 willing to participate, please contact Richard Mitchell (tel: 07812-997847) by **Thursday 30th March**.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA QUIZ is at 7.30pm on **Saturday 1st April** at Sacred Heart church hall. The price will be £6 as usual (£3 for students), to include a wine and cheese supper. Teams can be formed on the night, so don't worry about coming on your own or as a couple. All proceeds will be donated to the 'Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre', the National Centre for helping seriously wounded service personnel at Stanford Hall, just outside Loughborough. If you would like to come along to the quiz, please contact Will Holland on 07811 353 248; this helps with the catering.

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

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING: Please **Gift Aid whenever possible**. Be a regular Gift Aider or use the **blue Gift Aid envelopes** for those occasional donations you like to make. All you have to do is write your name and address on the blue envelope and sign it. We'll receive an additional 25% of what you've given. It's as simple as that!

MISSIO: In the past twelve months **£505.76** has been donated to Missio, the Catholic Mission which exists because 40% of the worldwide Catholic Church is too poor to support itself. Missio plays a crucial role supporting the local Church overseas and sharing the light of Christ by training priests, building churches and combating injustice, disease, poverty and exploitation in 157 countries. This is a way of answering the call to all baptized Catholics to put faith into action "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome..." If you would like a collection box to support Missio, please contact Marie Brookes on 01509 215180.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: £823	DEC East Africa Crisis Appeal: £457
Standing orders: £611	<i>Thank you</i>



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In community: Fr Charles Sormany and Fr Simon Giles

Newsletter for Sunday 26th March 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE (A)

Psalter Week 4

HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY

Some Signs and Symbols of Passiontide and Holy Week

As we are nearing Passiontide and the celebration of the Sacred Triduum, it is good for us to consider the meaning of some of the liturgical signs and symbols we will encounter during this period in the church and during the ceremonies.

Firstly from the Fifth Sunday of Lent, it is traditional to veil the statues, pictures and crucifixes in the church in purple with the exception of the Stations of the Cross. They remain veiled until the uncovering of the principle crucifix during the Sacred Liturgy on Good Friday. According to Abbot Gueranger, "The interpreters of the liturgy tell us that this ceremony of veiling the crucifix during Passiontide, expresses the humiliation to which our Saviour subjected Himself, of hiding Himself when the Jews threatened to stone Him, as is related in the Gospel. 'They took up stones therefore to cast at him. But Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple (John 8:59)'."

On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper (*Missa in Coena Domini*) when Our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist and ordained the Apostles as His first priests, and so the colour of the Mass is white. Bells are rung at the Gloria and then remain silent until the Gloria of the Easter Vigil. In place of the bells is used a 'crepitaculum' or a noisemaker which indicates that this is also a period of mourning for the Church – the night Our Lord was betrayed, abandoned by His disciples and imprisoned before being put to death the next day. Neither is the sign of peace given on this day, since Judas the traitor "profaned the sign of friendship by making it an instrument of death." Following the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, the altars in the church are stripped to show that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is interrupted and will not be offered again until Saturday evening.



A crepitaculum

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST. MARY'S

Sat	25 th	1730-1755	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		1800	Mary & Graham Embleton RIP
Sun	26 th	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
		0900	For the Parish <i>Welcome – Jacob Poja</i>
		1030-1055	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		1100	Margot & Stan Trojan RIP
		1245	Polish Mass
		1415	Baptism of Michael Konstantyn Ciski
		1600	Italian Mass
Mon	27 th	0915	Meryl & Terry Murphy in Thanksgiving
Tues	28 th	0915	In Thanksgiving
Weds	29 th	0915	Derrick Baxter RIP
		1900	Latin Mass (old rite)
Thurs	30 th	0915	Holy Souls
		1900	Station Mass & confessions (6pm) at Sacred Heart
Fri	31 st	0915	Holy Souls
		1825	Stations of the Cross
Sat	1 st	0915	Ned McKay RIP

Devotion of the First Five Saturdays (2)

1000-1100 *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Reconciliation with 15 minutes meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary*

1400 *Wedding of Katie Checketts and Edward Rowsell*
 1800 *Venancio Castillo Sr. RIP*
Presentation of Georgia Hossack

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Mon	27 th	1745-1900	Confirmation Class – Church Hall
Tues	28 th	1845	Rosary – Church
		1925	Scripture & Tradition – Library
Weds	29 th	1400-1600	Senior Citizens – Church Hall
Thurs	30 th	1930-2100	Leics Active Catholic Youth (LACY) – Hall & Library
Fri	31 st	1900-2100	Flower Festival Meeting – Church Hall
Sat	1 st	1000-1100	Baptism Class by arrangement – Library
		1000-1100	First Holy Communion Class - Church Hall

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: - may they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antony Askew, Richard Allan, Arthur Clarke, Barry Upton, Raymond Johnson, Maria Di Girolao, baby Joseph Alcock, Thomas Walsh, Beryl Flattley, Salvatore Chiamonte, Josephine Cavanagh, Lewis Holders, Marcello Carecci, Nigel Ainsworth, Terry Sweeney and Rev Frs. Dennis Horgan & Edwin Manning.

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

SALE OF DELICIOUS HOMEMADE CAKES, marmalade and lemon curd after 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday this weekend. Proceeds to go to the DEC East Africa Crisis Appeal.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for various ministries on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Please volunteer your name on the boards at the back of church.

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 make every effort to go along, joining with our wider family in the Church as part of Loughborough Deanery this Lent.

SECOND LENTEN CONVERSATION: **Wednesday 5th April** at 7pm in the parish hall. Our focus is Outreach and what we can do better as a parish. Please join us for an hour.

Catherine Brady

101 CLUB: A big thank you to all who support our monthly 'lottery' which contributed £4,100 to church projects in 2016 after handing out £1,200 in prize money. If you are not familiar with the 101 Club, members pay £5 per month for each number taken. The draw takes place on the last Friday of the month, with one prize of £100. For more information, or to join the scheme, please contact Ann de Rijk through the parish office.

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.

ASSISTANT FACULTY LEADER SOUGHT for RE from August 2017 for St. Paul's Catholic School, Leicester - an exciting opportunity for an appropriately experienced person to take on leadership responsibilities of a successful faculty, operating across Key Stages 3, 4 and 5. The successful candidate should be a committed, practising Catholic. Application packs available from Helen Oliver (holiver@st-pauls.leicester.sch.uk or 0116 2414057).

ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT: 37-year-old man looking to rent with a family or in a shared house in the Loughborough area. I am a self-employed gardener, attend mass at St Wilfred's RC Church in Coalville and would like to make a new start in Loughborough. My contact information is: Tel 07944674813 or email: stephenholmes1180@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: Carmella Giancola, Joan Pears, Clarissa Ryder, Barbara Finch, Frank Chatonda, Brian Smith, Rosinah, Janet Middleton, Justin Johns, Kevin and Olive Chapman, Malcolm Leafé, Phillip Dew, 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.