

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April is Divine Mercy Sunday**

- a feast instituted by St John Paul II and the result of revelations made to St Faustina, a Polish nun in the 1930s. It is a very special day when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-open and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day. If you haven't had a chance to make your Easter confession, don't miss out on this great opportunity. Our Lord told St Faustina, "When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul."

**CENTENARY MASS FOR OUR LADY AT FATIMA: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

marks the centenary of the first apparition of Our Lady at Fatima. There will be a special Mass that day at 11.30am, followed by a procession with a statue of Our Lady. There will be no 9.15am Mass that day.

**'TWILIGHT' RETREAT AT ST JOSEPH'S, Uppingham Road, Leicester LE5**

**6RA, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.** An evening of talks, prayer, reflection and music led by Fr John Daley IC on the '**Easter Story**'. Begins in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (entrance at the side of the church) at 7.00 pm and finishes with a hot drink around 9.00 pm. Cost: suggested donation of £2.

**MARCH FOR LIFE, UK. MAY 20<sup>th</sup> 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 coach will leave Loughborough for Birmingham at 8.30am, returning to Loughborough at 6.00pm. Voluntary contributions for this would be welcomed. To book a seat please contact Michael Murphy on 07977 543505 asap or email michaeljudemurphy@yahoo.ie or contact Greg O'Connor on 07921 587901: email greg@villiersforbes.co.uk There is a website for this very good cause at marchforlife.co.uk. Please help us to save lives.

*Life from conception – No exception!*

*Michael Murphy*

**LAST WEEK'S FINANCE**

First collection:	<b>£1,080</b>	
Standing orders:	<b>£ 611</b>	<i>Thank you</i>

Our **Collections** on **EASTER DAY** are for the *Priests of the Parish*.

The **Second Collection** on *Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April* will be for the *Diocesan Clergy Formation Fund*.



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Served by the Rosminians:

Fr Philip Sainter, Parish Priest; Fr Paul Gillham, Assistant Priest

In community: Fr Charles Sormany and Fr Simon Giles

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**EASTER DAY (A)**

Psalter Week 1



*Surrexit Christus,  
Alleluia!*

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

<b><u>Sat</u></b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Holy Saturday</u></b> <i>1925-1955 Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i> <b>2000</b> <b><u>Easter Vigil</u></b>
<b><u>Sun</u></b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</u></b> <b>0900</b> Giuseppe Romano RIP (Anniversary) <i>1030-1055 Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i> <b>1100</b> For the Parish 1245      Polish Mass 1600      Italian Mass
<b><u>Mon</u></b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	0915      Ann & George Checketts - Intention <i>1100      Baptism of Ben Burton &amp; Emily Waez</i>
<b><u>Tues</u></b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	0915      Mary O'Hare RIP
<b><u>Weds</u></b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	0915      Terence Brotherhood RIP
<b><u>Thurs</u></b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	0915      John & Dorothy Ginns RIP
<b><u>Fri</u></b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	0915      Ginette Blanc - Intention
<b><u>Sat</u></b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	0915      Giuseppe, Stanislavo & Giovanna Sparano RIP <b>1800</b> Noel Doyle RIP
<b><u>Sun</u></b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b><u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u></b> <b>0900</b> Kathleen Blake RIP <b>1100</b> For the Parish

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**Please pray for those who have recently died:** Joan Pears, Richard Hennessey, Peter Malone - **may they rest in peace**

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Dempsey, Giovanni Palmieri, Maurice Welband, Sarah Berridge, Daniel O'Connell, Jack Brady, Giuseppe Romano and Edward Connell.

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**CAR PARKING: Due to maintenance work being carried out in the School playground it will not be possible to park in that area during the Easter period.**

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES** Thank you for participating in the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:** Social meeting in the Parish Hall at 7pm on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. This year is the 50th anniversary of our parish Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) group. This new group is an opportunity for younger women of the parish to enjoy the friendship and support that members of the UCM have offered to each other over the past 50 years. Contact Anna Ball on 07870 581390 for more information.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AWAKENING:** an initiative of Jesus Youth, an international Catholic youth movement. We will be hosting 8 hours of this period of prayer on **Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April from 10am to 6pm**, here at St Mary's. The prayer intentions will include: **the re-evangelisation of Europe, vocations to religious life and a restoration of the culture of life** in this world. **Please reserve times on the sheet at the back of church to ensure there is a constant presence in front of the Lord.**

**MASS IN HONOUR OF MOTHERS:** Our annual Mass to celebrate our mothers will be held on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11.15am**. It will start at 11am with a short procession around the school playground during which the priest carries a statue of Our Lady. Lunch will follow Mass at about 12, and tickets for this (£8) will be on sale next weekend. Please join us. Wear an item of blue clothing and bring a photo of your mother to place on the altar rails.

**VACANCY** for Learning Area Progress Leader (Second in Department) in Religious Education at **De Lisle College**. The college is looking to appoint a well-qualified, enthusiastic and innovative individual to lead and manage aspects of the learning and progress within the Religious Education learning area and support the Department Leader of Learning. See noticeboard or call 01509 268739 for more information.

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick:** Fr John Bland, Arcenia Solohaga, Jim Moreland, Olga Maker, Carmella Giancola, Clarissa Ryder, Barbara Finch, Frank Chatonda, Brian Smith, Rosinah, Janet Middleton, Justin Johns, Kevin and Olive Chapman, Malcolm Leafe, Phillip Dew, Rowena Orton, Ann Checketts, Vera Cunningham, Crispin Castillo, Holly Jones, Reuben Farrant, Jack Murray, Brenda Schuler, 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.

Fr Simon Giles is in Lourdes and Fr Paul Gillham is visiting his father. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.