

**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 29th 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.**

**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.

**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.

**LACY (LEICESTERSHIRE ACTIVE CATHOLIC YOUTH) EVENT** -Via **Lucis (Stations of Resurrection) on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**, 3-8pm at the St. Francis Primary School, Melton Mowbray. For young people from Year 7 upwards with friends and families. £3 per person. There will be ice breakers, preparation time for involvement in the Via Lucis, refreshments, group activities, outdoor games, celebration of Mass (bring your musical instruments and also your voices) BBQ and then finally the candlelit procession to celebrate the Stations of Resurrection. Fr Simon Gillespie will be supporting all the events. For more details please see the poster at the back of church or contact Pauline Payne on 07885 187374 or paulinepayne@hotmail.com. Young people, especially the Confirmation candidates, at St Mary's Loughborough are encouraged to attend this fantastic occasion with spirituality, fun and food. If anyone is interested, and also any parents could help with transport please contact Emily via the parish office.

**LAST WEEK'S FINANCE**

First collection: <b>£1373</b>	Holy Places: <b>£451</b>
Standing orders: <b>£ 621</b>	<b>Thank you</b>

The **Second Collection** this weekend is 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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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

Psalter Week 2

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Today is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. The feast originates from revelations of Our Lord to St Faustina, a Polish nun in the 1930s. Jesus asked on many occasions that a feast of Divine Mercy be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Cardinal Karol Wojtyla was a great promoter of this devotion, and originally it was celebrated only in Poland. But when he became Pope John Paul II, he extended this feast to the Universal Church. St Faustina kept a diary of the words Our Lord spoke to her. Concerning this Feast of Mercy, He said:

“Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.” (*Diary 300*)

“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.” (*Diary 699*)

What a wonderful promise! At all Masses this weekend, there will be the Solemn Blessing of the Divine Mercy image asked for by Our Lord, and as always, confessions are available so as all may reap the benefits of this wonderful feast.

*Fr Paul Gillham*

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

<b><u>Sat</u></b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1925-1955	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		<b>1800</b>	Noel Doyle RIP
<b><u>Sun</u></b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b><u>Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday</u></b>	
		<b>0900</b>	Kathleen Blake, RIP
		1030-1055	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		<b>1100</b>	For the Parish
		1245	Polish Mass
		1415	<i>Baptism of Lewis Foster</i>
		1600	Italian Mass
<b><u>Mon</u></b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Robert and Josephine Phelps RIP
<b><u>Tues</u></b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Pasquale Addolorata Giorgio RIP
<b><u>Weds</u></b>	26 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Special Intention
<b><u>Thurs</u></b>	27 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Mary O'Hare RIP
		1800	Reception of Ann Checketts RIP
<b><u>Fri</u></b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	0915	John Lambert RIP
		1145	Funeral service for Sharon Biddles RIP at the crematorium
		1500	Requiem Mass for Ann Checketts RIP
<b><u>Sat</u></b>	29 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Michael Smith RIP
		<b>1800</b>	Salvatore Anna Maria and Gino Romano RIP
<b><u>Sun</u></b>	30 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Third Sunday of Easter</u></b>	
		<b>0900</b>	For the Parish
		<b>1100</b>	For the recently deceased of the Parish
			<i>Baptism of Joseph Roche-Miller</i>

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

<b><u>Tues</u></b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	1845	Rosary - Church
		1925	Scripture & Tradition - Library
<b><u>Weds</u></b>	26 <sup>th</sup>	1400-1600	Senior Citizens - Parish hall
<b><u>Thurs</u></b>	27 <sup>th</sup>	1900	Union of Catholic Women - Parish hall
		1930	RCIA - Library
<b><u>Sat</u></b>	29 <sup>th</sup>	1000-1800	Eucharistic Adoration Awakening - Church
		2000	Loughborough Life Saving - Parish hall

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**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.

**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 after Masses this weekend. Please join us. Wear an item of blue clothing and bring a photo of your mother to place on the altar rails.

**OPEN HOUSE/OPEN STUDIO** at the home of Alan and Sheila Leafe, 160 Ashby Road, Loughborough, **10am - 5pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. Featuring art and crafts by Adriana Boc, Paul Gent and Sheila Leafe. Tea/coffee/soft drinks and biscuits/cakes. Donations invited for Kwediboma. Additionally, 20% of any sales will be donated to Kwediboma.

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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, 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

**for those who have recently died:** Ann Checketts, Sharon Biddles and Richard Hennessey - **may they rest in peace**

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Domenico Di-Niro, Tony Sparano, Jeff Field, Robert Misiura, Joan Brain, Winifred Hyde, Mykolo Drobiszer, Danuta Ereminowicz, Jan Orzesezek, Norman Campbell, Addolorata Palmiero and Norman Welband