

**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**.

**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 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April for approximately an hour of prayer including Eucharistic Adoration. Fr Belsito will be speaking on the Mass within the context of the Last Supper and Crucifixion. The title is: 'The Upper Room.' 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 0782 878 5771, or Greg 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*

**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.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **this evening, 9<sup>th</sup> April**. We hope that as part of your Holy Week activities you will once again support their efforts with your attendance and participation.

**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.

**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>£851</b>	DEC East Africa Crisis Appeal £66 extra
Standing orders: <b>£611</b>	<i>Thank you</i>



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

In community: Fr Charles Sormany and Fr Simon Giles

### Newsletter for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

Psalter Week 2

**Palm Sunday** is also known as **Passion Sunday**. Today we begin the most holy – indeed, the most important - week in the liturgical life of the Church. Today we remember and ponder two key features of Jesus' ministry: His kingship as Lord and Saviour of all mankind and his Passion and agonising death.

We recall how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of Isaiah and Zechariah when he entered the Holy City amidst enthusiastic cries of acclamation, praise and worship. But he did so, not as a warrior seated on a war-horse, surrounded by his troops, but as a humble servant, seated on a donkey. Throughout history Christians have imitated the acclamations of the Hebrew children who welcomed Jesus with cries of "Hosanna to the Son of David". And so should we!

But let the Liturgy of the Word also speak to us of the horrendous events that occurred towards the end of Jesus' life, as we recall his journey to Calvary and his excruciating death on the cross.

*Fr Philip Sainter*

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**Please make every effort to make this a truly holy week by attending the liturgies of Maundy Thursday (The Institution of the Eucharist), Good Friday, The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.**

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

<b><u>Sat</u></b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	1730-1755	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		<b><u>Palm Sunday Vigil Mass</u></b>	
		<b>1800</b>	Laura & Samuel Sagrado RIP (Anniversary)
<b><u>Sun</u></b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u></b>	
		<b>0900</b>	Terence John Foister RIP (*with Children's Liturgy*)
		1030-1055	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		<b>1100</b>	For the Parish
		1245	Polish Mass
		1415	Baptism of Sophie and Laura Cooke
		1500	Baptism of Sofia Carrelli
		1600	Italian Mass
<b><u>Mon</u></b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	0800	Latin Mass (old rite)
		0900	Morning Prayers
		0915	Giovanni Gallo RIP
		1900	Service of Reconciliation and Adoration
<b><u>Tues</u></b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Morning Prayers
		0915	Province Intentions
		1900	Holy Hour
<b><u>Weds</u></b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Morning Prayers
		0915	Province Intentions
		1100	Chrism Mass <i>at the Cathedral</i>
<b><u>Thurs</u></b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Maundy Thursday</u></b>	
		0900	Morning Prayers
		0915	NO MASS
		1900	Mass of The Last Supper, then Watching until 10pm
<b><u>Fri</u></b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Good Friday – Day of Fasting and Abstinence</u></b>	
		0900	Morning Prayer
		0915	NO MASS
		1500	The Passion of Our Lord
		1900	Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions
<b><u>Sat</u></b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Holy Saturday</u></b>	
			NO MASSES IN THE MORNING
		<b>2000</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>

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

<b><u>Sun</u></b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	1800	KSC Youth Passion - Church
<b><u>Tues</u></b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	1845	Rosary – Church
		1925	NO Scripture & Tradition until 25 <sup>th</sup> April
<b><u>Weds</u></b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	1400-1600	Senior Citizens - Hall
		1930	Holy League - Church
<b><u>Fri</u></b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Children's Stations of the Cross – Church Hall

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The Second Collection on **Good Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April**, will be for the Holy Places of Palestine

\*\*\*\*\* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED \*\*\*\*\*

**for various ministries on Maundy Thursday,  
Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.**

**Please volunteer your name on the boards at the back of church.**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** For the Big Easter Clean-up of your church on Good Friday morning, **14<sup>th</sup> April**. Come any time after 9.15am. Everyone welcome. Equipment provided

**MASS IN HONOUR OF MOTHERS:** Our annual Mass to celebrate our mothers will be held on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. It will start at 10.45am 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. Tickets for a light lunch at £8 will be on sale the weekend after Easter. Please join us. Wear an item of blue clothing and bring a photo of your mother to place on the altar rails.

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL:** Congratulations to St. Mary's School for its recent successful OFSTED inspection. The inspector recognised the good quality of education in the school and the caring nature of the school community. The strength of the Catholic and Christian ethos of the school was praised. The inspector was so positive about both the committed staff and the strong and supportive parents that form part of the whole school community.

**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.

**DOMESTIC CLEANER REQUIRED:** Three hours per week (flexible hours). For more information, please speak to Fr Philip (01509 262123).

**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](mailto:stephenholmes1180@gmail.com).

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick:** Olga Maker, Carmella Giancola, Joan Pears, 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, 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.

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

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Samuel Sagrado, Elisa Pinto, Margaret Garton, Dorothy Cayless, George Finney, Denis O'Mahony, Giovanni Gallo, Mary Woodhouse, Kevin D'Arcy, Freda Reilly, Jean Whieldon, Donald Smith, Charles Pears, Margaret Pascall, Wilholmina Camara, Edward Loftus, Cosimo Calabrese, Giuseppe Romano, Kenneth Holden and Rev. Sr. Mary Magdalen Ferguson.