

**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 on that day at 11.30am, followed by a procession with a statue of Our Lady. There will be no 9.15am Mass on that day.

**CONFIRMATION MASS:** Bishop Patrick will confirm 22 of our youngsters at a special Confirmation Mass next **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**, starting at 7pm. You are all invited to attend and support them through your prayers and your presence. There will be a reception in the hall after the Mass.

**NOTTINGHAM DIOCESE RETIRED PRIESTS' APPEAL:** As you will know, Dr. John Curran, the Appeal Director, gave a short talk on the crucial need for the Appeal at the end of each of the Masses celebrated during the weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The response from parishioners at St. Mary's has been quite magnificent. The amount raised through the Parish has increased from just over £43,000 to £51,078. This means that the Parish only has to raise another £3,488 to reach the Parish target of £54,566. The Diocese plans a specific second collection in June and is also arranging a sponsored walk, with the proceeds going to the Appeal. To those who have responded so generously to the Retired Priests' Appeal, a very sincere thank you from the Appeal Director and from the members of the Parish who are involved in the organisation of the Appeal.

*Kieron Shaw, Hon Treasurer*

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** There will be a Renewal Day in Hinckley on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May**, with Fr. J. Daley, starting at 10 am. It is important that you all attend.

**GIFT AID:** New boxed sets of numbered envelopes for UK tax-paying parishioners will be available at all three main Masses during the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> May. Please remember to collect your box. Those using monthly standing orders will receive their annual letter in the usual way. St. Mary's total Gift Aided income for the year 2016/17 exceeded £52,000 which is bringing in tax refunds from HMRC over £13,000. **Any member of our congregation**, currently paying UK tax on their income, could easily join this effective (and painless) form of fundraising. Please help to boost our regular collection income and complete one of the yellow forms at the back of the church and drop it into the church post box. Thank you.

*Geoff Mercer*

<b>LAST WEEK'S FINANCE</b>	
First collection: £ 844	
Standing orders: £ 621	<i>Thank you</i>

The **Second Collection** which did not take place last weekend, for the *Diocesan Clergy Formation Fund*, will take place **THIS** weekend.



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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 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Psalter Week 4

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - VOCATIONS SUNDAY PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Please pray fervently in public and privately, individually and as a family for vocations to the priesthood and religious life *from our own homes*:

**LEADER:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.

**ALL:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives to serve Your Church and to make You known and loved.

**LEADER:** Bless our families. Bless our children.

**ALL:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

**LEADER:** Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

**ALL:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thursday 12 May: **Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Patrick. All parishioners welcome.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May: **The Ascension of the Lord.**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June: **Pentecost Sunday** – only one International Mass today at 11.00am

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June: **First Holy Communion Mass** at 3.00 pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June: **Corpus Christi**

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

<b>Sat</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	1925-1955	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request 1800 Jack and Katie Smith RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Sun</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Inez and Felixberto Cogal RIP (Anniversary)
		1030-1055	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		1100	For the Parish
		1245	Polish Mass
		1415	Baptism of Baby Georgia R. Hossack
		1600	Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Peter Malone RIP
<b>Tues</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Doreen Lambert RIP
<b>Weds</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Jeanne and Albert Robinson RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Ann Checketts RIP
		1900	<b>Confirmation Mass with Bishop Patrick</b>
<b>Fri</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Tommy Cunningham RIP
<b>Sat</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	0915	NO MASS
		11.30	<b>Procession and Special Centenary Mass in honour of Our Lady of Fatima</b>
		1800	Angelo-Maria Calabrese RIP
<b>Sun</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	0900	For the Parish
		1100	Province intention <i>Welcome to Ethan Pelegrino</i>

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

<b>Sat</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	1900	Film for Confirmation Class – Parish Hall
<b>Mon</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	1900	SPUC - Parish Hall
<b>Tues</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	1845	Rosary - Church
		1925	NO Scripture & Tradition
<b>Weds</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	1400-1600	Senior Citizens' Club – Parish Hall
		1900	Union of Catholic Mothers - Library
		1300-1500	Craft and Chat – Parish Hall
		2015-2100	Photographs and celebratory refreshments following 7pm Confirmation Mass – Parish Hall

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

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Elias Winter, Desmond O'Leary, Beatrice Roper, Kevin Mortell, Ernest Newton, Carmella Lallo, Joan Ramsden, Ethel Copestake, Kath Brooks, Jean Walvin, Katie Smith, Felixberto Cogal and Rev. Fr. Terry Watson.

**BREAKFAST ROLLS** will be on sale after the 9 and 11 o'clock Masses this Sunday in the hall. Please come and enjoy!

**OPEN HOUSE/OPEN STUDIO** at the home of Alan and Sheila Leafe, 160 Ashby Road, Loughborough, **10am - 5pm TODAY, 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.

**THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA QUIZ** is at 7.30pm on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** 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 'Missio' - a Catholic Charity that works to provide education for children in Africa. If you would like to come along to the quiz, please contact Will Holland on 07811 353 248; this helps with the catering.

**CARPENTERS ARMS /ST. JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE:** St. Mary's has a long tradition of supporting this venture in Loughborough and once again we are asked to continue our support. Please could your donations include non-perishable groceries, tinned goods preferably with a ring pull device for opening, toiletries eg hand wash, soap, shampoo also household cleaning products. There is a box at the back of church next to the repository stall where you can leave your donations from there they will be delivered to the Carpenters Arms. Thank you for your continued support.

**LACY (LEICESTERSHIRE ACTIVE CATHOLIC YOUTH) EVENT - Via Lucis (Stations of Resurrection), Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 3-8pm** at St. Francis Primary School, Melton Mowbray. For young people (Year 7+) with friends and families. £3 pp. Please see the noticeboard at the back of church for more information. If anyone is interested, and also if any parents could help with transport, please contact Emily via the parish office.

**ROSMINI CENTRE: Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May:** Scripture Study with Fr. Antonio Belsito IC *"The Book of Acts: A Model of Church for Today"*. 10.30/11.00am-1.30pm, followed by a shared table (Mass at 10.00). All are welcome. Please do phone or email if you are attending - [rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com](mailto:rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com); 01509 813078.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION:** Join Bishop Patrick and Catholics from all over the Diocese as we witness to the joy of our faith through the streets of Nottingham on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017**, starting at 2.30 pm from St Mary's Church, Goodliffe Street, Hyson Green, Nottingham, NG7 6FZ and finishing at St Barnabas Cathedral. For route map and printable 'flag' visit: [www.bemerciful.co.uk](http://www.bemerciful.co.uk)

**FULL-TIME TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SOUGHT** by St Paul's Catholic School, Leicester, from August. See noticeboard for details or call 0116 241 4057.

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick:** Elisabeth Chalmers, Tendai Mufute, Margaret Jackson, David Allen, 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, David Hart, Eddie Hamilton, Katie Mercer, Hannah Bechler, Val Wells, Alan and Judith Creighton