**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

**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 serving Your Church and making 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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**ELDERLY ITALIAN SPEAKING LADY** resident at Connaught House would really appreciate a regular half hour, weekly visit by an Italian speaker. Please contact Silvia Lindsay on 07582 887719 or the parish office.

**LOST: green rosary beads in Lourdes rosary pouch**. If you have found these could you please hand them in to the Parish Office. Many thanks. *Maura Whymark*

**CATHOLIC SINGLES** is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or call 0161 941 3498.

**MUSIC FOR ITALY**: **Thursday 3rd August, 7pm, Nottingham Cathedral**. Join the Cathedral Choir for their pre-tour concert showcasing some of the music they will be singing on their upcoming tour to Northern Italy. The programme will include music by various composers who were at one stage maestro di cappella or organist at St Mark's Basilica, Venice, including **Adrian Willaert**, **Andrea Gabrieli**, **Giovanni Gabrieli** and of course, **Claudio Monteverdi**, whose *Vespers of 1610* the choir performed earlier this year in celebration of the 450th anniversary of the composer's birth. The concert will be bookended by music from the British Isles, most notably *O nata lux* by **Thomas Tallis** and *Hymn to the Creator of Light* by **John Rutter**.

**THE REPOSITORY** will be closed during August for stocktaking.

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**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** "We gain more in a single day by trials that come to us from God and our neighbour than we would in ten years of penance and other exercises that we take up ourselves." *St Teresa of Avila*

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| **LAST WEEK'S FINANCE** | |
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| First collection: **£ 805** | |
| Standing orders: **£ 621** | ***Thank you*** |

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**Newsletter for Sunday 30th July 2017**
**SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
Psalter Week 1

# Save all the Fish!

The Parable of the Dragnet in this week's Gospel teaches us something important about the Church – that is it is made up of both good and bad alike. The net symbolizes the Church and the fish represent us, while the water represents the world in which the Church exists and with whom it must interact. But at the end of time, as we say in the Creed each week, there will be a Judgement when Our Lord *"will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead"*. But in the meantime both the good and the bad are inside the net of the Church. As was evident in last week's Parable of the Wheat and the Tares, the fact that God allows both good and evil to co-exist for a time is to give everyone the opportunity for conversion.

The Parable of the Dragnet also reminds us to make sure we're not just going through the motions of being Catholic. We have to really try and follow Christ every day of our lives. It also reminds us that there are people around us who need our help. The fact that family and friends appear to have a good relationship with God doesn't mean they don't need our prayers, because if we're only judging by appearances, in the parable *all* the fish in the net seemed to be safe. It's possible some of the fish near us could be going through a tough time right now. They could be in a spiritual battle or suffering a temptation of which we are unaware. So let us never forget to pray for each other, thus helping each other to stay faithful to Christ. Our Lord wants to bring everyone to eternal life with Him. May we all play our role in helping bring that to fruition.

*Fr Paul Gillham*

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

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| **Sat** | 29th | *1730-1755* | *Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request* |
| | | **1800** | Frenchy Frilot RIP |
| **Sun** | 30th | **0900** | For the Parish |
| | | | *Presentation of Audrey Lindsay* |
| | | *1030-1055* | *Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request* |
| | | **1100** | Estrella Marti RIP (Anniversary) |
| | | 1245 | Polish Mass |
| | | *1430* | *Baptism of Sophia Locker and Jakub Michalczyk* |
| | | 1600 | Italian Mass |
| **Mon** | 31st | 0915 | Valentino Castillo Jr RIP |
| **Tues** | 1st | 0915 | Linda, Mark & Matt - Intention |
| | | *1230* | *Requiem Mass for Christopher Pacynko RIP* |
| **Weds** | 2nd | 0915 | Florrie Clarke RIP |
| | | 1900 | Latin Mass (old rite) |
| **Thurs** | 3rd | 0915 | John & Anne McEwan - Intention |
| **Fri** | 4th | 0915 | **First Friday Mass** - Moyna McGlynn RIP |
| | | *1100* | *Requiem Mass for Giuseppe Romano RIP* |
| | | 1800 | Parish/Filipino Mass |
| **Sat** | 5th | 0915 | Province intention |
| | | *1000-1100* | *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions* |
| | | *1400* | *Baptism of Audrey Lindsay* |
| | | **1800** | Heather Saunders RIP |
| **Sun** | 6th | **0900** | Editha Castillo RIP (Anniversary) |
| | | **1100** | For the Parish |

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

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| **Tues** | 1st | 1845 | Rosary – Church |
| | | 1900 | Flower Festival Meeting – Hall |

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick:** Margaret Barson, Ethel Dale, Sam Putres, Angelina, Margaret Jackson, Andrew Belton, Garry Clarke, Robert Onions, Tendai Mufute, David Allen, Arcenia Solohaga, Jim Moreland, Olga Maker, Hazel, Carmella Giancola, Barbara Finch, Frank Chatonda, Brian Smith, Rosinah, Justin Johns, Kevin and Olive Chapman, Malcolm Leafe, Phillip Dew, Rowena Orton, Vera Cunningham, Kerry Berry & family, Crispin Castillo, Reuben Farrant, Jack Murray, Brenda Schuler, Andrew Spicer, Christina Mortell, Clelia Paciolla, Freddie Hess, Margaret Woodhouse, Pauline Davey, Lee and Louise Raven, Danilo Salvador, Christopher Browne, David and Claire Potter, Jamie, Mark, Stephen Coultas, Jane Moss, Eddie Hamilton, Hannah Bechler, Val Wells, Alan & Judith Creighton, Deirdre Malcolm, the Tucker family and Geraldine Paul.

***Please inform 'the newsletter' or parish office of any changes that need to be made to this list***

**FLOWER FESTIVAL (8th - 11th SEPTEMBER): Tuesday 1st August, 7pm**. Important meeting (in the Hall) for anyone doing a display, volunteering or thinking of sponsoring. See you there.

**THE LOUGHBOROUGH CATENIAN CIRCLE** would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family to join us for an informal barbecue at The New Inn, Peggs Green, LE67 8JE on **Saturday 12th August** from 2pm onwards. All guests can enjoy free food with our compliments. If you are interested in coming along, please contact one of the following: Stephen Stanyard - stephenstanyard@hotmail.com; Sean Hale - sean.hale48@gmail.com / 07443 902947; Stewart Jones - h12sky@gmail.com / 01509 646598; Robin Graham Brown - rgrahamb@aol.com

**ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY: Sunday 27th August** at Mount St. Bernard Abbey to pray for World Peace and the Young People of our Diocese. Concelebrated Mass at 2pm. (Principal Celebrant, Rt. Rev. Dom Erik Varden O.C.S.O, Abbot of Mount St. Bernard Abbey) then break for a picnic, followed by Solemn Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady and Act of Consecration, Rosary Procession, Exposition, Blessing of the Sick, and Benediction. It is advisable to take a chair. More information on the poster at the back of Church.

**CARPENTER'S ARMS/JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE**: Now that the school holidays are with us, many children will go without a cooked school lunch, which for some is the main meal of the day. More families will be resorting to food banks resulting in a drain on resources. Please could we appeal for more canned groceries, breakfast cereals and dried pasta, rice etc. Toiletries are also very welcome, as are 'goodies' and 'treats'. Please keep your donations coming in. Thank you.

**FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND, 28th September - 2nd October 2017 (four nights):** £649 per person sharing. For more information, please see the noticeboard at the back of church, or contact Patricia anytime on 01268 762278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.

**LOURDES 35th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE: Saturday 26th May - Saturday 2nd June 2018.** Cost approximately £470 to include full board in Lourdes, coach/ferry travel, full insurance and driver's tips. If interested, please contact Vera Hurry on 01509 231282.

**FATIMA PILGRIMAGE:** Anne Murphy and Greg O'Connor are hoping to arrange a pilgrimage to Fatima in late May next year. If interested please see Anne or Greg. More information will be available later.

**FORTHCOMING DATE:** on **Wednesday 27th September** (from 7pm) a **vigil for peace and consolation** is being planned here at St. Mary's for the recent events in Manchester, London and the Grenfell Tower tragedy. Further details later.

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died:** Helena Townsend, Christopher Pacynko and Giuseppe Romano: **may they rest in peace.**

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Jane Row, Derrick Brewin, Norman Boyce, Amelia Michalski, Giuseppe Giancola, Andy Tchorzewski, Pina Stanyard, Joseph Rowan, Francesca Cutillo, Ruby Campbell, Bertie Byrne, Johanna Hall, Margaret Curran, Estrella Marti and Editha Castillo