

**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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**OCTOBER** is the month specially dedicated to the Holy Rosary and the first Sunday in October is traditionally known as 'Rosary Sunday'. Therefore the 11am this Sunday will be a Votive Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary but with the Sunday readings.

**MISSION APPEAL:** Next weekend, Fr Michael Heap will be making an appeal at all Masses on behalf of 'The Missionaries of Africa', also known as the White Fathers. Through pastoral ministry, the media, social welfare, justice and peace, leadership training, educational and medical work, the Missionaries of Africa aim to be of service to the Church in Africa.

**CENTENARY OF FATIMA AT ST MARY'S:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 will be the centenary of the final apparition of Our Lady at Fatima when the most spectacular miracle of modern times took place – the Miracle of the Sun witnessed by 70,000 people, which verified the truth of the apparitions and the importance of its message. To commemorate this great event, there will be a special **Mass at 7pm** that evening, preceded by a procession of Our Lady. During the Mass I shall consecrate our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary which I am sure will bring us many blessings as we ever try to move forward in establishing the reign of God in the world and in our own hearts. **What a wonderful witness we would give if the church were full.** Please do your very best to attend. *Fr. Paul*

**ROSMINI CENTRE - SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER** - Scripture Study by Father Antonio Belsito - *St Paul and his Churches: Difficulties and Hopes.* 10.30 for 11.00. Shared table, and soup available. (Mass available at 10.00 am). Please ring 01509 813078 to book in.

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**FROM THE SAINTS:** "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." (*Blessed Pope Pius IX, 1846-1878.*)

**PLEASE PRAY for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Margaret Warren, June Upton, Concetta Buttarazzi, Arthur Spencer, Francesco Muffato, Peter Foreman, Amanda Giorgio, Venessa Ponchon, Margaret Camp, Giovanni Russo, Vera Sparks and Rev. Fr. Tim Maloney.

<b>LAST WEEK'S FINANCE</b>	
First Collection: <b>£ 665</b>	Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal: <b>£ 234</b>
Standing Orders: <b>£ 622</b>	<i>Thank you</i>



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Served by the Rosminians: Fr Paul Gillham, Parish Priest;

Rev David Jones, Deacon. In community: Fr Simon Giles

**Newsletter for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

**TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ROSARY SUNDAY**

Psalter week 2

**The Rosary is the "Weapon"**

OCTOBER is the month during which the Church especially emphasises **the importance of the Holy Rosary**, largely because the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls this month. The feast was instituted to honour Our Lady for the victory of the Christians against the Ottoman Empire at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571 who were the enemies of the Church. Pope St Pius V got the whole of Christian Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. After five hours of battle, nearly all the Ottoman galleys lay on the floor of the Mediterranean. At the time, Pope Pius V was in his room in Rome talking business with someone, when he suddenly went into an ecstasy for about three minutes, and then announced to his visitor, "This is not the time for business. Let us give thanks to God for victory over the Turks." He immediately attributed this unlikely victory to Our Lady and the Rosary. As a result, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was established on October 7<sup>th</sup> which we still celebrate today.

Our Lady, whenever she appears throughout the world always emphasises the importance of saying the Rosary. All the apparitions at Lourdes began with St Bernadette saying the Rosary with Our Lady. Our Lady told Sister Lucia of Fatima that in these troubled times in which we live, a new power had been given to the recitation of the Holy Rosary, and that there is no problem whether temporal, or above all spiritual, in our own lives or in the life of the whole world that cannot be resolved by the praying of the Rosary. "With the Holy Rosary, we will save ourselves. We will sanctify ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls."

The saints and the popes have always stressed the importance of the daily Rosary. St Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." Pope St John Paul II said the Rosary was his favourite prayer and "How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening!" If you don't already say the Rosary, try to begin with one decade a day and then gradually build up to five decades. It becomes easier with practice. Equip yourselves for the daily battle in which we are all engaged – that is the battle for souls!

*Fr. Paul Gillham IC*

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

<b>Sat</b>	30 <sup>th</sup>	1730-1755	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>1800</b>	For the Parish
<b>Sun</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>0900</b>	Roger Galvin RIP
		1030-1055	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>1100</b>	Richard and Katarzyna Hönl RIP
		1245	Polish Mass
		1500	<i>Marriage of Marek Haborak and Aneta Staniek</i>
		1630	Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0915	Sheila Lasok RIP
		1345	<i>Requiem Mass for Brian Michael Tallon RIP</i>
<b>Tues</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0915	George Senior Houston RIP
<b>Weds</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Roman Kownacki RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Julie May Merwick (GE)
<b>Fri</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>		<b>First Friday of the Month – Harvest Fast Day</b>
		0915	Rita Preston RIP
		1100	<i>Requiem Mass for David Hammond RIP</i>
		1730	Novena – Filipino Community
		1800	Parish/Filipino Mass
<b>Sat</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Donal MacDaid RIP
		1000-1100	Five First Saturdays Devotion (1)

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

<b>Mon</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1900	History Group – Library
		1900	SPUC Group – Church Hall
		1900	Finance Meeting – Community Room
<b>Tues</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1845-1915	Rosary – Church
		1930-2030	Scripture & Tradition – Library – All welcome!
<b>Thurs</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	1900	Catholic Social Teaching/Outreach Group Mtg. – Hall
<b>Sat</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Baptism Class (by appointment)

**PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick:** Teresa Frankow, Angelina Brienza, Margaret Barson, Cyril Dale, Ethel Dale, Sam Putres, 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, Rowena Orton, Vera Cunningham, Kerry Berry & family, Crispin Castillo, Reuben Farrant, Jack Murray, Margaret Stanford, Brenda Schuler, Andrew Spicer, Christina Mortell, Clelia Paciolla, Freddie Hess, Margaret Woodhouse, Pauline Davey, Danilo Salvador, Christopher Browne, David and Claire Potter, Jamie, Mark, Stephen Coultas, Jane Moss, Eddie Hamilton, Hannah Bechler, Val Wells, Alan & Judith Creighton, the Tucker family and Geraldine Paul.

**and for those who have recently died:** David Hammond and Brian Tallon. **May they rest in peace.**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

The application forms for First Confession and First Holy Communion are available at the back of the church. **The closing date for enrolment is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

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**COURAGEOUS - Youth 2000 Retreat for young people aged between 16-35 years of age - St. Benedict's Academy - 27th-29th October 2017:** Bishop Patrick has invited Youth 2000 to lead a retreat for young people and families of the Diocese to be held at St Benedict's Academy, Derby, from 27th-29th October 2017. The weekend is a Diocesan initiative and will be run in partnership with the Diocese and the Briars' Team. The retreat is called Courageous, as it is hoped that through talks, Mass, Fellowship, Adoration, Praise and Worship, Reconciliation and Healing, that all who attend will be built up in the courage of their faith to become better followers of Jesus Christ. For more information visit [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org) or contact: Joe Hopkins [jhopkins@christtheking.notts.sch.uk](mailto:jhopkins@christtheking.notts.sch.uk)

**HARVEST FAST DAY** is on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. Please remember to take home your Fast Day envelopes after Mass. They will be collected from you next weekend, **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October**.

**HARVEST MASS: A Harvest Youth Mass** will take place on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm**. For the past number of years St. Mary's has donated generously to the Carpenters' Arms /St. Joseph's Storehouse and this year we are appealing once again for parishioners to support these organisations. A collection of canned goods, non-perishable items, toothpaste, soap and shampoos would be gratefully appreciated. Donations can be left in the boxes at the back of church next to the repository. Thank you for your generosity.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING/OUTREACH GROUP MEETING:** The next meeting will take place in the Parish Hall at 7pm on **5<sup>th</sup> October 2017**. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting where we discuss how we can apply the principles of our faith in our everyday life and the surrounding community.

**THE SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION GROUP:** Discussions about the Faith take place on **Tuesdays at 7.30 pm** in the church library. You will find information about the programme on the notice board at the back of the church.

**REPOSITORY:** 2018 Diaries now available plus Advent Calendars, cards. etc.

**CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY BOOKLETS:** These are now available for you to buy at the back of the church on the rack near the Repository. There are prayer books, booklets on contemporary moral issues, on good parenting, booklets for young people, spirituality books and general instructions in the Faith. Do make use of this resource so as you are able to defend the Catholic position when challenged.

**101 CLUB:** Ann will be at the Repository for collections this weekend. **September's winning number is 27** - prize money still to be collected!

**RATCLIFFE COLLEGE OPEN MORNING:** **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October**, 9.30am-12.00 noon. All welcome to look around and see what the school has to offer. For more information call 01509 817072 or visit [www.ratcliffe-college.co.uk](http://www.ratcliffe-college.co.uk).

**EXAIREO** is in desperate need of single beds and mattresses for homeless people who manage to get accommodation. Please contact Catherine on 07976 255039 or ring Dettie at Exaireo on 01509 266422. Thank you.