

**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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**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. To commemorate this, there will be a special **Mass at 7pm** that evening, preceded by a procession of Our Lady. During the Mass I shall consecrate the parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady said at Fatima that Jesus wishes to establish in the world devotion to her Immaculate Heart. By consecrating our parish of St Mary of the Annunciation to her Immaculate Heart, we are putting it in her hands and asking her to defend it and protect it as her own property and to make her Son reign in it, because Jesus is, after all, the *only* way to salvation. In February, Cardinal Nichols consecrated England and Wales to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and this Sunday the bishops of Scotland will do the same.

I hope we will have a really big turnout for this Mass commemorating this important centenary. I am sure Our Lady's intercession and the Consecration will bring many blessings to our parish as we ever try to move forward in establishing the reign of God in the world and in our own hearts. Please put this date in your diaries. *Fr Paul*

**A VIGIL FOR PEACE AND CONSOLATION** will take place here at St Mary's on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. This will give our Parish and the wider community in Loughborough an opportunity for reflection and prayer, to remember those affected by the recent tragic events in London, Finsbury Park Mosque, Manchester Arena, Barcelona and Grenfell Tower.

**FROM THE SAINTS:** "All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison, for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man." (*St John Vianney, 1786-1859, Patron Saint of Parish Priests*)

**FR. CHARLES' ADDRESS:** The Presbytery, Oak St., Rugby, Warks. CV22 5EL. He would be delighted to hear from you, particularly for his 88th birthday on **5<sup>th</sup> September**.

<b>LAST WEEK'S FINANCE</b>	
First collection: <b>£ 671</b>	<b>Kwediboma £ 516</b> of which £ 230 was gift aided
Standing orders: <b>£ 622</b>	<i>Thank you</i>



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

**Newsletter for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017**  
**TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Psalter Week 2

**We are Saved Through the Mass**

The first thing one notices on coming into St Mary's is the stunning depiction of the crucifixion scene above the High Altar. And indeed, the Church insists that there should be a cross on or above every altar where the Mass is celebrated – and not just an empty cross, but one depicting the crucified Christ in His agony. In today's Gospel, Our Lord predicts His passion, death and resurrection, but the disciples are scandalised by this, since they do not yet realise this is how the human race will be saved. When Jesus stretched out His arms and died on the cross, He reconciled the whole human race with the Father, and earlier He had told us it is by His saving death that He wants us to remember Him. On the night before He died, He took bread and gave it to His disciples saying, "This is My Body which is given for you." And then over the chalice He said, "This is the chalice of My Blood poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. **Do this in memory of Me.**"

That which He had prefigured at the Last Supper, He realized fully the following day when He was crucified and poured out His Blood on the cross for all of us. At every Mass, His death is made present on the altar. Therefore, if Christ's death on the cross is the most important event in human history because by it we are saved, it follows that Holy Mass too is the most important event in human history. **Calvary and the Mass are one and the same.** The priest at every Mass is Jesus – not Fr Paul or Fr Simon, or even Pope Francis, but JESUS. In the words of Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, "Picture then the High Priest Christ leaving the sacristy of Heaven for the altar of Calvary. He has already put on the vestment of our human nature, the maniple of our suffering, the stole of priesthood, the chasuble of the Cross. Calvary is His cathedral; the rock of Calvary is the altar stone; the sun turning to red is the sanctuary lamp; Mary and John are the living side altars; the Host is His Body; the wine is His Blood. He is upright as Priest, yet He is prostrate as Victim. His Mass is about to begin" (1895-1979).

Fr Paul Gillham IC

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

<b>Sat</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1730-1755	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>1800</b>	For the Parish
<b>Sun</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>0900</b>	Hilda Bradshaw (Anniversary) RIP
		1030-1055	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>1100</b>	Katarzyna Hönl RIP
			<i>Presentation of Hannah Griffin</i>
		1245	Polish Mass
		1600	Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Bernadette O'Connell RIP
<b>Tues</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Joan Brown RIP
<b>Weds</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Katarzyna Hönl RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Thanksgiving Mass – Naty Foister
<b>Fri</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)</u></b>	
		0915	Cyril and Ethel Dale - Intention
		1315	<i>Funeral of Joan Brown (Loughborough Crematorium)</i>
		1800	U.C.M. 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass
<b>Sat</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	0915	Sheila Lasok – Intention

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

<b>Mon</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1900	SPUC Group – Church Hall
<b>Tues</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	1845	Rosary – Church
<b>Weds</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Flower Festival Preparation – Church Hall
<b>Thurs</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Flower Festival Preparation – Church Hall
<b>Fri</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	1900	U.C.M. Buffet after Anniversary Mass – Church Hall
<b>Fri - Mon</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	*** <b>Flower Festival &amp; Art Exhibition</b> ***	
		<b>Fri, Sat, Mon: 10.30am-5.00pm. Sun: 1.00pm-5.00pm</b>	

**PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick:** Angela Brienza, Margaret Barson, Cyril Dale, 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, 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, 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.

**for those who have recently died:** - Joan Brown and Phillip Dew. **May they rest in peace.**

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Gladys Bexon, Ken Lowe, Peggie Cimellie, Olimpia Buccheri, Susan Kearney, Hilda Bradshaw, Bridget Butler, Megan Eager and Abbie Elston

**FIRST FRIDAY 6PM MASS:** Regrettably, for the time being, I have had to cancel the 6pm Mass on the First Friday of the month., due to our now reduced manpower and also because attendance at this Mass has been very low. The Friday 9.15am Mass will continue as before.  
*Fr Paul*

**POLISH AND ITALIAN MASS:** Please note that on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** there will be no Polish or Italian Mass due to the Flower Festival.

**FLOWER FESTIVAL & ART EXHIBITION AT ST MARY'S: 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September.** In aid of Kwediboma Medical Centre in Tanzania. Free entry. Refreshments in the Hall. **Greenery urgently needed for the Flower Festival displays.** Please place whatever you can spare in the trailer which will be outside the Parish Hall between Monday and Wednesday (4-6 September). Thank you,  
*Bernie McEnery*

**RIDE AND STRIDE, SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017.** Please consider taking part: you can walk, jog, drive your mobility scooter, or even ride your horse, or like myself you may choose to cycle. Proceeds are split 50/50 between St Mary's Church and the Trust which gives out grants to churches 50 years old and over to assist with maintenance and repairs. Please consider sponsoring me! (sponsorship forms at back of the church)  
*Alan Leafé*

**ANNUAL GUILD OF ST STEPHEN, MASS AT ST BARNABAS' CATHEDRAL, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017** at 11am.. This is a wonderful opportunity for servers to meet, serve, and socialise with other servers from across the Diocese. Servers who wish to serve at Mass are asked to bring either cassock and cotta or an alb. Family and friends are also warmly welcome

**DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER** (organised by Sacred Heart and open to parishioners from St. Mary's). The coach will leave from Sacred Heart at 8am and return from Walsingham at 5pm. £25to include coach, morning coffee and a carvery meal on the return journey. See the poster and sign-up sheet at the back of the church

**ROSARY GROUP:** Every Thursday after 9.30 am Mass, the Rosary is offered by a group of parishioners at Sacred Heart Church, and our Rosary Group meets here at St. Mary's every Tuesday from 6.45pm – 7.15pm . A warm invitation is extended to all to join in this devotion.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS) – Mass at Nottingham Cathedral:** Come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass at 1:00pm at St Barnabas' Cathedral, Notts on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**. It is an opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of AoS in ports of your diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. More info at salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

**ALIVE - NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September,** 7.00pm-9.30pm at Ratcliffe College, LE7 4SG. Bishop Patrick invites young adults from across the diocese to come together for an evening of Prayer & Praise, good music, food and fun. If you would like to attend, phone 01509 813078 or email [alive.nottingham@gmail.com](mailto:alive.nottingham@gmail.com)

**HEADSTRONG:** My younger granddaughter is climbing Mt Kilimanjaro with a group later this month, to raise funds for Headstrong, a mental health charity. Donations raised will be matched £ for £ by Warwickshire and Leicestershire Councils. Information at the back of the church.  
*Geoff Mercer*

**101 CLUB:** Slight change in contact point. Ann will be at the repository after all Masses this weekend 2/3 September.

**REPOSITORY:** Half price sale on lots of items to make way for new stock: cards, books, statuettes etc.