

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.

MISSION APPEAL: This weekend we welcome to St Mary's Fr Michael Heap who is making an appeal on behalf of the White Father at all the Masses.

BEREAVEMENT MASS: This Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 10th November** at 7pm. There will also be a Book of Remembrance in which we can write the names of all our deceased relatives and friends. A monthly Mass will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of all those named in this book under the intention "For our deceased relatives and friends."

ADOREMUS 2018: The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress (Adoremus) will take place from **7th to 9th September 2018**. The main event will be held at the Liverpool Echo Arena on **Saturday 8th September**. The cost is £40. This parish has been allocated five places. If you wish to attend, please let Fr Paul know by **15th October**. For more information about the Congress, visit www.jumpdp.com/adoremus2018.

ROSMINI CENTRE, Ratcliffe College, LE7 4SJ - Saturday 14th October. A Prayer Conference on the Carmelite Tradition of Prayer led by Cyprian Blamires. Starting 10.30 for 11.00 am and finishing at 3.30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Suggested donation £15. Mass is available at 10.00 am.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: Seven-night pilgrimage departing **6th May 2018** on a half board basis. Flights included from East Midlands. Early bird offer of £585 available until 1/12/17. To find out more, visit aglowpilgrimages.com/medjugorje-pilgrimages or call 0800 689 4792.

FROM THE SAINTS: "Among all devotions approved by the Church, none has been favoured by so many miracles as the devotion to the most Holy Rosary." (*Pope St Pius X, 1903-1914*)

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First Collection: £ 964	
Standing Orders: £ 622	<i>Thank you</i>



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

Newsletter for Sunday 8th October 2017

TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter week 3

“I Desire that All be Saved”

Some of the parables of Our Lord can be quite hard for us to stomach, and today's Gospel could be an example of this. **“The Parable of the Wicked Tenants”** is an allegory of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection, but it also had meaning for the Jews of the Old Testament. God had established them in the Promised Land, but they continuously rebelled against Him. So He sent the prophets to call them to repentance – Israel rejected those prophets and even put them to death. Finally God sent His own Son, and then He was murdered too.

Like the Israelites, we are also offered the Kingdom of Heaven which we can either accept or reject. God never forces Himself on anyone. He totally respects our freedom. Like the Israelites of old, there are many today who reject God's prophets – that is the Church, the Scriptures and those who preach God's word, and the truth that we will all be judged one day and that we need to prepare ourselves for that judgement, otherwise we risk losing our souls. *“I tell you the Kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.”* But Our Lord doesn't tell us about judgement and Hell to frighten us. He tells us out of **love** because He desires that all be saved. Our Lord loves us more than we can ever imagine, and yet no one spoke of these realities more than He did. But at the same time He gives us all the grace and mercy necessary to attain Heaven, **but we have to choose it and embrace it in this life.**

I suppose most people *think* they want Heaven, but we have to remember Heaven is where *God's* will and where *God's* principles reign. But there are some who just don't want this and so God doesn't impose Heaven on those who do not want what it actually is. If I'm not trying to live a Christ-like life on earth, I'm just not going to fit in to Heaven. So by cultivating virtue **now**, and by cooperating with His grace, God is transforming us into the type of person we need to be if we're going to be happy in His Heavenly Kingdom.

Fr. Paul Gillham IC

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST. MARY'S

Sat	7 th	1730-1755	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		1800	Dave Hammond RIP
Sun	8 st	0900	For the Parish
		1030-1055	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		1100	Vocations to the priesthood and religious life <i>Presentation of Joshua Parkin</i>
		1245	Polish Mass
		1600	Italian Mass
Mon	9 th	0915	Margaret McDermott RIP
Tues	10 th	0915	Giuseppe, Stanislavo & Giovanna Sparano RIP
Weds	11 th	0915	Ashwin D'Souza RIP
		1900	Latin Mass (old rite)
Thurs	12 th	0915	George Houston RIP
Fri	13 th	0915	Cresilda Castillo
		1900	Fatima Centenary Mass - for the Parish
Sat	14 th	0915	Mary Collins' family, living and deceased
		1100	<i>Wedding of Emma Guarasci an Warren Thomas</i>
		1800	Harvest Youth Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tues	10 th	1845-1915	Rosary – Church
		1930-2030	Scripture & Tradition – Library – All welcome!
Weds	11 th	1400-1600	Senior Citizens – Hall
		1930	UCM – Library

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.

for those who have recently died: Sister Mary Angela Bennett and Joan Slevin. **May they rest in peace**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Connell, Ted Betts, Barbara Arden-Rowe, Frank McKeown, John McEnery, Sheila Edmundson, Kathleen Leakey, Frederick Smith, Eva Rouse, Alexandra Edwards, Michael Miles, Fred Papilota, Tony Lanza and Albert Robinson

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 15th October 2017**

This Friday 13th October is the Centenary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun

There will be a special Mass and Procession of Our Lady at 7pm and Fr Paul will consecrate our Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It would be wonderful to have a FULL church for this important occasion. Please do your best to attend.

THE PARISH AGM will take place at **3pm on 29th October** in the parish hall. There will be a financial report and overview of projects for the next year. If any groups and ministries would like to provide a short report please send to catherinemarybrady@gmail.com.

HARVEST MASS: A Harvest Youth Mass will take place on **Saturday 14th 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.

The Harvest Mass will be followed by film and pizza night in the parish hall. Everyone welcome but especially the Confirmation candidates! Film to be decided! Donation of £2 towards pizza and drinks please. Readers and volunteers to take part in the Offertory welcomed - let Father Paul or me know or just turn up. Hope to see you all next Saturday, especially all the Confirmation candidates. Liz@abells.net 07980021916

SCRIPTURE RESOURCE DAY - Saturday 4th November (1pm-4pm) at Grace Dieu Manor School – organised by The Adult Formation Department and the Marriage and Family Life Commission. Host: Bishop Patrick, Keynote speaker: chair of the Catholic Bible Association. Talks and workshops throughout the day. Families encouraged to attend as there will be children's activities run by Liturgy teams and The Briars Youth Retreat Centre. £10 per person, £15 per couple, £20/25 per family. Details of the programme and booking forms available at the back of the church (or from the office).

SISTER MARY ANGELA BENNETT (Rosminian) died very peacefully last Tuesday morning. For many years she was Headmistress at the Convent School of Our Lady here in Loughborough. *Requiescat in pace (May she rest in peace). Amen.*

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.