

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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: From last week, there are sheets at the back of the church for you to put the names of any deceased relatives or friends who you wish to be entered into a special Book of Remembrance. For all those listed, a Mass will be celebrated for the repose of their souls, firstly at the Bereavement Mass on **Friday 10th November** at 7pm and then on the First Friday of every month for one year under the intention "For our deceased relatives and friends." A new book will be made in November 2018. *Fr. Paul*

A DAY OF DISCERNMENT: Thinking that you might be called to the Priesthood? Join us at The Old Friary, Gordon Road, Nottingham, NG3 2LG on **Saturday 25th November** from 10 am – 3pm. A day of recollection and discernment for anyone 16+ who may be thinking of sharing God's love and care through the ministry of a priest. Beginning with Parish Mass at 10am, we will use the opportunity together to look at how God is calling us and what it means to be a priest. Lunch will be provided, and the day will end with quiet reflection and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone welcome! Call 0115 9501064 or email nottinghamvocations@hotmail.co.uk

ROSMINIAN PILGRIMAGE TO STRESA & LAGO MAGGIORE: Led by Fr John Daley, **16th-22nd August 2018**. Cost: £595 including flights & transfers, and half board at a lakeside hotel. A few places remaining. For more information and to book, call Fr Daley on 0116 2415159.

IF YOU OR A RELATIVE ARE SICK and need a visit from a priest to administer the sacraments, please let us know, otherwise we won't know to visit. Any priest will be only too pleased to come as this is one of the purposes for which he is ordained. Please don't ever think you are being a nuisance or that Father is too busy!

FROM THE SAINTS: "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." *St. Augustine* reminds us here of the truth that we are beggars at God's door and someone is begging from us. He entreats us to remember that "as you treat your beggar, so will God treat His."

Next week's **Second Collection** will be for **Exaireo**, the charity which helps homeless people to rehabilitate themselves by providing accommodation, education, skills training, advice and support

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First Collection: £ 845	Ride & Stride - St. Mary's share of the amount raised: £ 318.50
Standing Orders: £ 622	<i>Thank you</i>



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Newsletter for Sunday 5th November 2017 **THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

Psalter week 4

The Month of the Holy Souls

As the weather grows colder and the leaves fall, Remembrance time comes round and so it is natural that our thoughts turn to those whom we loved who are no longer with us.

How appropriate, then, that our Catholic Church offers us November, which began with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, as the *Month of Holy Souls* in Purgatory - those who have died in grace, yet who failed in this life to make satisfaction for all their sins. In recent times, perhaps no Catholic doctrine has been more misunderstood by Catholics themselves than the doctrine of Purgatory. Consequently, we can tend to downplay it, even seem a little embarrassed by it, and it is the Holy Souls who suffer because of our discomfort.

Purgatory is not, as many people think, one last trial; all of those who make it to Purgatory will one day be in Heaven. Purgatory is where those who have died in grace, but who have not fully atoned for the *temporal punishments* resulting from their sins, go to finish their atonement before entering Heaven. This is an expression of God's love as He desires to cleanse our souls so that they may experience the fullness of joy with Him.

As Christians, we don't travel through life alone but within the community of the Church. We are to support and help each other, and this is true of the Holy Souls as well. They can pray for us and we should pray for them, that they may soon be freed from their punishments for their sins and enter Heaven.

We should pray for the dead throughout the year, but especially in this *Month of the Holy Souls*. Let's devote some time each day to pray for them, starting with those closest to us - such as our parents, but including always those in greatest need and those most forsaken.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord. Let Light perpetual shine upon them.

Deacon David OLW

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST. MARY'S

Sat	4 th	1730-1755	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1800	For the Parish
Sun	5 th	0900	Derrick Baxter RIP
		1030-1055	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		1100	James O'Rourke
		1245	Polish Mass
		1600	NO Italian Mass
Mon	6 th	0915	Holy Souls
Tues	7 th	0915	Giovanni Palmieri RIP
		1100	<i>Funeral Service for Francesco Mazzotti RIP</i>
Weds	8 th	0915	Vito Caruso RIP
Thurs	9 th	<u>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)</u>	
		0915	Geraldine Jackson RIP
Fri	10 th	0915	Angela Talora RIP
		1900	For the Bereaved of the Parish
Sat	11 th	0915	Mila Ira Rodriguez and family and deceased members of Rodriguez family

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Mon	6 th	1900	SPUC Group – Hall
Tues	7 th	1845-1930	Rosary – Church
Weds	8 th	1400-1600	Senior Citizens – Church
		1930	U.C.M. – Library

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: Leonardo Lopez Wain, Teresa Frankow, Angela 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, 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, Dennis Nolan, James, Alan & Judith Creighton, the Tucker family and Geraldine Paul.

for those who have recently died: Ken Gillham and Francesco Mazzotti. **May they rest in peace**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margarete Szczur, Bob Moore, Jerzy Stepowski, Marion Utley, Ron Lucas, Antoni Juskiewicz, Patricia Wilkinson, Dirk Van Der Meyden, Margaret Veals, Alice Hoggan, Kate Anderson, Kathleen Leakey, Michele Giorgio, John Brewin, Daniel Fellows and Lena Chievetta.

**Father Paul has been called away to be with his father, who was critically ill and who died on Thursday 2nd November, All Souls Day.
We ask for your prayers for both of them.**

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS MEAL: A table has been booked for 30 people at the Radmoor College restaurant on the college site, Epinal Way at 12 noon, **Thursday 7th December**. The cost is £13 per person (drinks extra) for a 3 course meal. Very reasonable and it is a nice restaurant. Also licensed. The meals are cooked and served by Hospitality students in training but don't be deterred. You may know from The Echo that the staff regularly win catering awards. Check it out online. If any parishioners would like to come, a deposit of £8 will be needed by **13th November**. Catherine Brady will be around at both Masses on **Sunday 12th November** to collect your deposits. The menu is on the centre church noticeboard. For further information please contact catherinemarybrady@gmail.com

PARISH VOICE: If you have any submissions for the magazine – articles, photos, recipes, comments etc please email office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk or put in an envelope marked **Parish Voice** and deliver to the Parish House. Thanks to all parishioners who continue to support the magazine. Extended deadline is now **Tuesday 7th November**.

SAMARITANS PURSE SHOE BOXES. There are a few boxes at the repository. Please help yourself.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE: **Saturday 2nd December**, 11am - 2pm. We would be very grateful for tombola prizes, bottles for the bottle stall, toys in good condition, jewellery and scarves. Most important of all is your support on the day. Do come along and have a cup of tea or coffee, cakes, scones plain or with jam and cream, bacon or sausage cobs (or both!) or maybe a good bowl of homemade soup with crusty bread. Sit and have a chat with fellow parishioners. Donations may be handed in to the office on Wednesday or Friday mornings, or left in the Library clearly labelled 'for the Christmas Fayre'. Thank you.

The Events Team

CAROL SERVICE – Sunday 17th December: We need readers for the afternoon carol service. If you are interested, please contact Catherine Brady

FUNDRAISER FOR THE CARPENTERS ARMS: The next Knights of St Columba quiz is at 7.30pm on **Saturday 18th November** at Sacred Heart church hall. The price will be £6 as usual (£3 for students), to include a wine and cheese supper, and all proceeds will go to The Carpenters' Arms, the Loughborough based charity that helps men with drug and alcohol dependency problems. Teams can be formed on the night, so don't worry about coming on your own or as a couple. If you would like to come along, if possible please contact Will Holland on 07811 353 248; this helps with the catering.

FAIR TRADE FAYRE: at Loughborough Baptist Church, Baxtergate. **Saturday 18th November**, 10am – 3pm. Admission free. Huge selection of fair traded crafts, fashion, jewellery, decorations, food and gifts. All welcome!

A DAY OF SILENCE & REFLECTION: Led by the Secular Discalced Carmelites, a day of silence & reflection to mark the 1st anniversary of the canonisation of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity takes place on **Saturday 18th November 2017** at Mount St. Bernard's Abbey. For details/bookings please contact Heather on 01773 599982 or e-mail: heatherward55@gmail.com

WELCOMERS', READERS' AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA - November 2017-February 2018 Thanks to those of you who have given timely notice of changes, and also to those who have agreed to the request to send your copies by e-mail. I would be grateful if more of you would supply your e-mail addresses so that the number of hard copies produced could be minimised. Hard copies for those NOT receiving the rota by e-mail are at the back of the church.

REPOSITORY will be open after all weekend Masses. Come and browse!

101 CLUB: Ann will be at the Repository after all Masses this weekend for subscriptions.