

**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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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** those preparing for their First Holy Communion, when Catholics become one with Christ, through the mystical and spiritual union of their souls with Jesus, and united with all others who are members of His mystical Body. Please pray also for those being baptised and confirmed, as through Baptism and Confirmation we are inserted into the Paschal Mystery of Christ, dying, buried, and raised with Him.

**THE PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will take place this **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at 7pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and several priests will be available for confession. This is a good opportunity for us to prepare well for Easter.

**CHRISM MASS:** This Celebration will take place on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 11.00am in St. Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham. It is at this Service that our Bishop blesses the three oils: the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism. Everyone is welcome.

**ANNUAL ENACTMENT OF THE EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK** (organised by the KSC) by young adults of St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Parishes, as their contribution to the ceremonies of Holy Week will be held at 6.00pm at St. Mary's on Palm Sunday evening, **25<sup>th</sup> March**. We very much hope that as part of your Holy Week activities you will support their efforts with your attendance and participation.

**EASTER TRIDUUM:** Lists will shortly go up at the back of the church for you to sign up for the Easter Triduum Ministries. Please fill in any gaps that you can to ensure that all ministries are covered.

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**, 10.30am-5.30pm. The first, annual pilgrimage for Catholic men. Meet, talk and share the faith with other men; listen to speakers, celebrate confession and Mass, pray for families and for the country; process to the old Abbey grounds for Benediction. All welcome. For more information visit [www.catholicman.co.uk](http://www.catholicman.co.uk).

**'WHY DO INNOCENT PEOPLE SUFFER?':** A study of the Book of Job by Fr Antonio Belsito on Saturday 24 March at the Rosmini Centre. Mass at 10.00 am with talk at 11.00 am and shared lunch at 1.00 pm.

<b>LAST WEEK'S FINANCE</b>	
First Collection: <b>£840</b>	Carpenter's Arms: <b>£254</b>
Standing Orders: <b>£642</b>	<b>Thank you</b>



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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 18th March 2018**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Psalter week 1**

**Last week a smile and flowers,  
this week serious and purple all around!!**

A sombre atmosphere descends at Mass this weekend as we hear Jesus tell His disciples that He has come to die – that's the reason He came. He uses a lovely picture of a grain of wheat that must die in the earth so as to bring new life. This is more than a loved one or a parent doing without for the sake of the next generation, or the sacrifice of one's self, that another may live. This is the Creator of all life, freely giving His life in the cruellest of ways, that all humanity, of every race and time, and all creation, may be saved, reborn, forgiven, healed, renewed with eternal life!

**WOW! Cosmic! Earth shattering! Apocalyptic!**

Jesus faces this great task with gentleness and love, describing it as '*Glory*', '*His hour*'. He speaks prophetically about the fate that He that knew awaited Him. From death comes life; from dying comes rising; from losing our lives in Him comes finding our lives for Him. As we make the sign of the cross at beginning of Mass today, look up at the crucifix above the altar during the Mass today and receive the blessing of the cross at the end of Mass today, and let's ponder its meaning, this sign of our belonging, this image recounting our forgiveness and healing, this great sign of God's love being poured out into our souls and lives for life and life eternal, and all by Grace. God's gracious love for us and all His creation.

Go out at the end of Mass with a smile, proudly bearing the cross of Christ deep within you and let the love which held Christ to that cross, which we have received in His Blessed Sacrament, be seen and heard in all you do and say this week.

*Deacon David OLV*

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**FROM THE SAINTS:** '*Who teaches the soul if not God? Look to Him.*'

*St John of the Cross*

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

<b>Sat</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	5.30-5.55pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)</i>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Vittorio Giorgio RIP
<b>Sun</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Fifth Sunday of Lent</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	For the Parish
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	John Knudsen RIP
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		<b>4.00pm</b>	Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (SOLEMNITY)</u></b>	
		9.15am	Clarissa Ryder RIP
		11.00 am	<i>Requiem Mass for Vivienne Ashleigh RIP</i>
<b>Tues</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	John & Dorothy Ginns RIP
		2.00pm	<i>Requiem Mass for Gary Clarke RIP</i>
<b>Weds</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	Norah Lillian Hutchings RIP
		7.00pm	<i>Reconciliation Service and Confessions</i>
<b>Thurs</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am	Mary Catherine Murphy RIP
<b>Fri</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	<i>End of Term School Mass</i>
		6.00pm	Bernard & Liz Concannon - Anniversary
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> (following 6.00pm Mass)
<b>Sat</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Clarissa Ryder RIP
		10.00-11.00am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request) and Eucharistic Adoration</i>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Giuseppe Romano RIP
<b>Sun</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	For the Parish
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	Margaret Quinn RIP

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

<b>Mon</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	History Group – Church Hall
<b>Tues</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>	5.00-6.30pm	KSC Passion Rehearsal – Church
		6.45-7.15pm	Rosary – Church
		7.30-8.30pm	NO Scripture & Tradition <b>until 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>
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**PLEASE PRAY for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Guglielmo Buttarazzi, Eva Hao Xu, Ann Ludlow, Paddy Mills, Genoveffa De Blasio, Timm Tymzyszyn, Henry Black, Ann Turner, Claire Coburn, John Kilyon, Edward Wortley, Elena Romaniello and Joan Hammond.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION - 28th April 2018, 2pm:** Bishop Patrick will lead the annual Blessed Sacrament Procession, as we witness to our faith through the streets of central Nottingham. Starting at St Mary's, Hyson Green, and proceeding to the Cathedral, for Benediction at around 4 pm. After Benediction we will pause to pray before the tomb of the Venerable Mary Potter to pray for her Beatification. For more information please make contact with Fr. David Palmer: [catholicdavid@me.com](mailto:catholicdavid@me.com) Do join us, before the Blessed Sacrament Procession, for the study morning at St. Mary's, Hyson Green. Bishop Patrick will open the morning in prayer at 10 a.m. and we will finish just before the start of the procession. The study morning will be looking at the Eucharist. For more information please contact: [formation@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:formation@nrcdt.org.uk).

**PARISH VOICE:** Parish Voice Spring Issue will be available after all Masses, this weekend 17/18 and next 24/25 March. With more pages, it includes items on liturgies, activities, St Mary's 50 year UCM history, schools' news, Social Justice and much more. Lots of photos too! **Donations of £1 would be much appreciated.**

**PARISH SOCIAL EVENT - FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL:** 7pm-11pm in St Mary's Parish and School Hall. Entertainment by the talented musician and virtuoso accordionist Rosemary Wright. Light refreshments. Drinks available. Tickets £10. All proceeds will go to the Parish Hall Refurbishment.

**LET'S HELP THE HOMELESS:** If you meet a homeless person and they need a bed for the night call national charity StreetLink on **0300 500 0914** and they will help. You just have to say where you saw the person. Exaireo will take usable furniture and electrical items (good enough to give a friend). Call 01509 767930. Your gift will help support their work with residents.

**UNCLAIMED PRIZE** from Lourdes Sale - white ticket **numbers 56-60**. Please see Louise in the office.

**BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE RETIRED PRIESTS APPEAL: Palm Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March,** 7.30pm at St Francis of Assisi Church in Long Eaton (NG10 1DH). Renaissance and baroque music for Holy Week will be performed by the Aitone early music consort. Admission is free, and a collection will be taken to be shared between Aitone and the Retired Priests Appeal. All are welcome. For a programme of the pieces to be performed, visit [www.aitone.org.uk](http://www.aitone.org.uk). For map and directions, visit [www.lecatholic.org.uk](http://www.lecatholic.org.uk).

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick:** Adriana Boc, Anu Awotula, Stephen Bowmer, Valentino Castillo Snr, Leonardo Lopez Wain, Teresa Frankow, Margaret Barson, Ethel Dale, Sam Putres, Andrew Belton, Robert Onions, Tendai Mufute, Arcenia Solohaga, Jim Moreland, Olga Maker, Hazel, Barbara Finch, Frank Chatonda, Brian Smith, Rosinah, Lee and Louise Raven, Justin Johns, Kevin and Olive Chapman, Rowena Orton, Vera Cunningham, Kerry Berry & family, Crispin Castillo, Jack Murray, 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 and Geraldine Paul.

**and for those for who have recently died:** Gary Clarke and Vivienne Ashleigh. **May they rest in peace**