

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.

THANK YOU to all parishioners who helped prepare the church for the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. I think we can all agree the church looks truly magnificent. Thank you also to those who helped ensure the smooth running of the Liturgy and who assisted in any way. I have received many appreciative comments about the ceremonies. Finally, thank you again for your generosity in your Easter Offerings to the clergy. We are most grateful.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION: This **Monday 9th April** is the transferred Solemnity of the Annunciation. Since this is our Patronal Feast (we are St Mary of the Annunciation), in addition to the 9.15am Mass, there will be a Solemn Mass on Monday evening at 7.00pm.

PREACHING ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST: In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool this September, Bishop Patrick has asked us to preach for four consecutive Sundays on various aspects of the Holy Eucharist. This will begin next weekend, **14th/15th April**.

CHARISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL: **Saturday 5th May**, 10am-4pm, at Our Lady of Lincoln, Laughton Way, Lincoln LN2 2HE. Ros Powell, a full time Catholic Lay Evangelist, will be leading the day, which includes Mass, lively praise and worship, inspiring talks and healing ministry. Drinks provided, packed lunch needed. For more details, see the poster at the back of church or contact Williams Babalola: 07739 539591.

DEACON DAVID JONES will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at the Birmingham Oratory by Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham on **Saturday 30th June**. The ordination service begins at 12.30pm. Perhaps if enough parishioners would like to attend, we could arrange a coach?

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

Collection for the Clergy: £1565 of which £95 was Gift-Aided	Collection for Holy Places: £535
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Standing Orders: £ 643	<i>Thank you</i>
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Rev David Jones, Deacon. In community: Fr Simon Giles

Newsletter for Sunday 8th April 2018

Second Sunday of Easter - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Psalter week 2

TODAY is the Day of Mercy!

Today, the Octave day of Easter is also known as "**Divine Mercy Sunday**". The Feast was instituted by Pope St John Paul II in response to Our Lord's revelations to St Faustina, a twentieth century Polish nun, whom the same Pope canonised in 2000. The Divine Mercy image which Our Lord instructed St Faustina to have painted with the words "JESUS I trust in You" at the bottom, will be blessed at all Masses this weekend. Furthermore, Our Lord made the most incredible promise regarding this Feast of Mercy:

*"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain **complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.**" (Diary of St Faustina, 699).*

Think about it. In the normal way, while confession forgives the *guilt* of our sins, the temporal punishment remains. This means we have to do penance and make reparation for our sins, even though they've been forgiven by a good confession and absolution. But on this Feast of Mercy, if you make a good confession (all mortal sins since your last good confession should be mentioned), and receive Holy Communion, **all guilt and temporal punishment is removed**. That is the equivalent of a second Baptism! Even if our sins be as red as scarlet, they will be made white as wool if we but turn to His infinite mercy and trust in Him.

On Monday this week, we celebrate our Patronal Feast of the **Annunciation**, when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary she would be the Mother God Who was going to take to Himself our human flesh. "*Behold, I Myself will seek My sheep, and will visit them*" (Ezekiel 34:11). God becoming man and dying on the Cross to save us from Hell is the ultimate act of His mercy. After this, how can we ever doubt His great love for us?

Fr Paul Gillham IC

FROM THE SAINTS: "How happy I am to see myself imperfect and be in need of God's mercy" (*St Thérèse of Lisieux, 1873-97*).

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat	7 th	6.00pm	Michael Kilbane RIP
Sun	8 th	<u>Second Sunday of Easter - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</u>	
		9.00am	Deceased members of the Monaghan/Kenyon families
		<i>10.30-10.55am</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		11.00am	For the Parish
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		<i>2.15pm</i>	<i>Baptism of Luca Ronnie Ramshaw</i>
Mon	9 th	<u>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY</u>	
		9.15am	Terence Foister RIP (Anniversary) <i>School Mass</i>
		7.00pm	For the Parish
Tues	10 th	9.15am	Giovanni Gallo RIP (Anniversary)
Weds	11 th	9.15am	Joseph Carroll & family
Thurs	12 th	9.15am	Deceased members of the Shaw and O'Boy families
Fri	13 th	9.15am	Don & Kath Howell & family - Intentions
Sat	14 th	9.15am	Charles Spicer RIP
		<i>10.00-11.00am</i>	<i>Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration</i>
		<i>1.30pm</i>	<i>Baptism of Arthur Busby and Catherine Minards</i>
		6.00pm	Mary Cochrane (née Rooney) RIP
Sun	15 th	<u>Third Sunday of Easter</u>	
		9.00am	For the Parish
		<i>10.30-10.55am</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		11.00am	Ann Checketts RIP (Anniversary)

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Sun	8 th	After Masses	UCM Spring Fair – Hall
Tues	10 th	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary – Church
Weds	11 th	2.00-4.00pm	Senior Citizens – Hall
		7.30pm	UCM – Library
Sat	14 th	10.00am	First Holy Communion Class (6) – Hall

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.

UCM SPRING FAIR to raise funds for Kwediboma. Our Spring Fair has been taking place **this weekend**, and continues in the hall after 9am and 11am Masses on **Sunday**.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION GROUP MEETING: **Tuesday 17th April**, 7-8pm, in the parish hall. Please come along to find out how we are supporting local charities.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT - FRIDAY 20th 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.

THERE WILL BE A MASS TO CELEBRATE OUR MOTHERS at 11.30am on **Saturday 5th May** followed by a light lunch. Tickets (£10) will be on sale after Easter.

THE NEXT PARISH LUNCH will be on **Friday 25th May**, 12.30pm, at Longcliffe Golf Club in Nanpantan. £13 per head. Menu tbc. If you are interested please advise Catherine Brady **by 9th April**: catherinemarybrady@gmail.com.

MARCH FOR LIFE/LIFEFEST 2018: This year the March for Life UK is being held in **LONDON** on the **5th May**. The Nottingham branch of SPUC is organising a coach for the event and will stop at Loughborough to pick up anybody who wants to go. Approximate timings: Depart Loughborough at 8.00am and returning by 8.30pm. More information regarding the day can be found at the following website: www.marchforlife.co.uk To book a place please contact Greg on 07921 587 901 / greg@villiersforbes.co.uk.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: **Sunday 22nd 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.

LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN OF SANCTUARY: Do you want to know how to work with us to support Asylum Seekers in Loughborough? Come and find out! Open Meeting: **Tuesday 15th May** at 7.00pm at John Storer House. Everyone welcome!

PROTEST CHARNWOD INFORMATION EVENING: **Wednesday 18th April, 5.30pm**, to air your views about the proposed closure of our Children's Centres. Roseberry Street Peter's Community Centre. **NO IFS, NO BUTS, NO CHILDREN'S CENTRE CUTS!** Bring your voices, signs, placards – don't let this Consultation close without a fight!

PLEASE PRAY for those for who have recently died: **May they rest in peace**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Terence Foister, Giovanni Gallo, Ann Checketts, Margaret O'Toole, Pete Malone, Elisa Pinto, Margaret Garton, Dorothy Cayless, George Finney, Denis O'Mahony, Mary Woodhouse, Kevin D'Arcy, Freda Reilly, Jean Whieldon, Donald Smith, Charles Pears, Margaret Pascall, Wilholmina Camara, Edward Loftus and Rev. Sr. Mary Magdalen.