

**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.

FROM THE SAINTS: The soul that is united with God is feared by the devil as though it were God Himself (*St John of the Cross, 1542-1591*).

CONGRATULATIONS to our fourteen young parishioners who made their First Holy Communion yesterday (Saturday). Please keep them and also those who did so last month in your prayers. I would also like to thank Anne Murphy, Mary Hunt and Deacon David who have worked so hard in helping them prepare for this important day in their lives. *Fr Paul*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES will be presented to all those who have made their First Holy Communion this year after the 11am Mass on **Sunday 24th June** in the hall. *Fr Paul*

FR ANGELO SOLONIRINA: We are delighted that Fr Angelo has now arrived. He looks forward to meeting all of you and participating in parish life. *Fr Paul*

FRIDAY 29th JUNE is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul and is a Holyday of Obligation, which means one is bound to attend Mass unless prevented by a serious reason from doing so. Masses that day will be at 9.15am and 7.00pm.

Forthcoming Second Collections:

16th/17th June: Deacon David Jones, to show our appreciation for all that he does for St. Mary's and in honour of his Priestly Ordination which will take place on 30th June.

23rd/24th June: Day for Life NRCDT (National). This is the day in the Catholic Church's year dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life. The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death. Following the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act last October, we mourn the large annual number of abortions, which will doubtless increase following the recent Irish referendum, and ask that you continue to pray for the care and support of mothers and their children in the womb. Thank you.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: **£867**

Standing Orders: **£656**

Thank you



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

Newsletter for Sunday 10th June 2018

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Psalter Week 2

“I Have Come to Cast Out the Prince of this World”

In today's Gospel Our Lord has been healing and casting out demons, and it is evident from His words that there are two kingdoms: the kingdom of Satan and the kingdom of God. But with the coming of Our Lord, the kingdom of Satan is coming to an end. After all, Our Lord is the seed of the woman (Mary) who has come to crush the head of the serpent (*Genesis 3:15*). Our Lord also reveals that He has come not only to punish the devil, but to free those who are bound by him. He casts out demons simply by His word or by His touch, and He forgives sins, freeing us from bondage to Satan and evil. But be under no illusion - **Satan is real** – he is the leader of the fallen angels who rebelled against God, and we are under constant attack.

But never be afraid, because with Our Lord on our side, the devil and his army can never really harm us, but they will certainly try to. In the words of St Peter, “the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour” (*1 Peter 5:8*).

Genuine demonic **possession**, where a demon can take hold of someone's body, is very rare. However, dabbling with the occult, consulting fortune tellers or mediums or using Ouija boards can open the door to evil, and for this reason is forbidden by the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 2116*) – so we should NEVER, EVER have anything to do with these things. They are very dangerous. Neither is there such a thing as “white” magic. All of these things have an evil origin, even if those involved don't realise it.

However, the normal way we are attacked is through **temptation**. Being fallen creatures, we are attracted by our base instincts of pride, greed, lust, anger, envy, sloth and gluttony (the Seven Deadly Sins). So we have to, with God's help and prayer, try to form the **virtues** in our lives which are the opposite of **vice**. But we will be tempted to choose what is bad for us. This is what happened in the Garden of Eden. The devil tempted Adam and Eve by *lying* to them, telling them that if they disobeyed God, they would become like God. Our Lord didn't call Satan the “father of lies” for nothing! The way to protect ourselves is through **prayer, confession** and **Holy Communion**.

We must pray to always choose God's Will. Try to put bad thoughts out of your mind. It may be a battle, but every time we resist for the love of God, we grow in grace and virtue. And never despair. Remember, God showed His infinite love for us by dying on the Cross to save us. He will never let us down if we call upon Him.

Fr Paul Gillham IC

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat	9 th	6.00pm	For the Parish
Sun	10 th	9.00am	In honour of the Sacred Heart
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		11.00am	Andrew Spicer RIP
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		2.15pm	<i>Baptism of Caleb Sameh-Ebong</i>
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	11 th	<u>St. Barnabas, Apostle, (FEAST)</u>	
		9.15am	Allan Collinge RIP
Tues	12 th	9.15am	Deacon David Jones (GE)
Weds	13 th	9.15am	Barbara Finch RIP
		11.30am	<i>Funeral of Barbara Finch RIP</i>
Thurs	14 th	9.15am	Sam Njie – Intention
Fri	15 th	9.15am	Sam Njie – Intention
Sat	16 th	9.15am	Sam Njie – Intention
		10.00 – 11.00am	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
		5.30 – 5.55pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		6.00pm	Ann O'Rourke RIP (Anniversary)
			<i>Confirmation of Francesca & Jessica Sparano</i>
Sun	17 th	9.00am	For the Parish
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		11.00am	Vittorio Giorgio RIP

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Tues	12 th	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary - Church
		7.30-8.30pm	Scripture & Tradition – Library
Weds	13 th	7.30pm	Union of Catholic Mothers – Library
Sat	16 th	11.15am	Baptism Class – Side Chapel

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: John Feeney, Dale and Barbara Morrison, Paola Cavadini, Renata Maderna, Adriana Boc, Anu Awotula, Valentino Castillo Snr, Leonardo Lopez Wain, Teresa Frankow, Margaret Barson, Ethel Dale, Sam Putres, Andrew Belton, Tendai Mufute, Arcenia Solohaga, Jim Moreland, Olga Maker, Hazel, Frank Chatonda, Brian Smith, Rosinah, Lee and Louise Raven, Justin Johns, Kevin and Olive Chapman, Rowena Orton, Vera Cunningham, Crispin Castillo, Jack Murray, 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, Geraldine Paul and Violet Bowler.

and for those for who have recently died: Chris Johnstone, Barbara Finch, Andrew Spicer, John and Bridget Brown. **May they rest in Peace**

THE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION last Sunday was wonderful. Thank you to all who participated and to the children who scattered the petals in front of the procession. People have been talking about it all week! A great public witness to our faith in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. *Fr Paul*

SCHOOL CAR PARK: We would ask parishioners using the school playground for parking while attending Mass not to smoke or leave cigarette ends in the playground. Also, please do not allow your children to play on school equipment left out there, as recently some damage has been done. Thank you. *Fr Paul*

PARISH VOICE: The team would be grateful for items of interest for the magazine's *Summer Issue*. Items on any subject from any age group are always welcome, particularly from new contributors. Articles, opinions, letters, recipes etc can be emailed to the Parish Office (office@stmaryloughborough.org.uk) or handed in to the Parish Office. **Copy Deadline: Tuesday 19th June**

GRUB CLUB: Thanks to all those parishioners who came to the meeting last Monday. There was a good response and we feel even more confident that this venture will be a success. Look out for specific requests for materials in the next few weeks.

Catherine Brady, Grub Club Chair

DEEPENING OUR FAITH at the Rosmini Centre on **Saturday 16th June** starting at 10.00 am with Mass followed by Bishop Robert Barron DVD on 'The Church as Sacrament'. Shared table lunch with soup and a roll. Please book in advance. All welcome.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA QUIZ will be at 7.30pm on **Saturday 23rd June** at Sacred Heart church hall. This will be the 52nd of these quizzes, which since 2008 have raised a grand total of £8,929 for a range of charitable causes. The price will be £6 as usual (£3 for students), to include a wine and cheese supper, and all proceeds will go to Wateraid, which aims to provide access to safe water throughout the world. Teams can be formed on the night. If you would like to come, if possible please contact Will Holland on 07811 353 248; this helps with the catering.

THE 42nd ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO RODSLEY, birthplace of St Ralph Sherwin will take place on **Sunday 24th June** in honour of the English Martyrs. Assembling at the Corner Barn at Rodsley Crossroads at 3.00pm for 3.15pm, it will start with a short procession back to the barn for a Concelebrated Mass led by The Right Rev Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

"GOOD NEWS FOR THE EAST MIDLANDS": The story of the Diocese of Nottingham'. Canon Anthony Dolan, a retired priest and former archivist of our diocese, has, together with many other contributors, compiled this book which contains more than 360 pages of information and photographs about our parishes, religious communities, schools, pilgrimage sites and martyrs. A limited number of copies of the book are available from the Parish Office at a reduced price of £16. Extra copies can be ordered by emailing or contacting the Retired Priests Appeal Office 0115 888 2644. srpfappeal@nrcdt.org.uk. You can also order from the website www.retiredpriestsappeal.com. We hope you will enjoy reading this fascinating book, the first history of our diocese to be published since 1950.

PLEASE PRAY for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ann O'Rourke, Joan Roper, Tony McAlister, Irene Clarke, Catherine Fitzpatrick and Doreen Dicks.