

**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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**FROM THE SAINTS:** “Who is going to save our Church? Not our bishops, not our priests and religious. It is up to you, the people. You have the minds, the eyes, and the ears to save the Church. Your mission is to see that your priests act like priests, your bishops act like bishops, and your religious act like religious.”

*(Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, 1895-1979)*

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**FATHER PAUL** will be away from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August until Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**NEW TERM:** We welcome back all pupils and teachers to their schools, especially those who have moved on or are starting school for the first time.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** – There will be **ONLY ONE SOLEMN CONCELEBRATED MASS** on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.30am, to emphasise the importance of the National Eucharistic Congress which is taking place in Liverpool. The preacher will be Fr Anthony Meredith IC. Mass will be followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and concluded with Benediction. It is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will attend. (Saturday 6pm Mass will take place as usual).

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ROSMINIAN ASCRIBED** will be on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August** to be held at **Rosmini House, Garton Road, Loughborough** at **7.00 pm**.

**DIOCESAN DAY OR RENEWAL: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00am-5.30pm** at St Mary's Primary Academy, Wellington Street, Grimsby DN32 7JX. All welcome. The day will include workshops & seminars, Holy Mass, praise, time for prayer and activities for children of all ages. Free entry, with collection to cover the costs of the day. Booking essential. Contact the parish office: 01472 342301 / holytrinitygci@gmail.com.

**Next Second Collection:** 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> September for the **Kwediboma Mission Fund**

**LAST WEEK'S FINANCE**

First collection: **£881**

Standing Orders: **£666**

*Thank you*



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**Newsletter for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Psalter Week 4**

**The Fall of Those in High Places**

This Sunday's Gospel is the fifth and final part of Chapter 6 of St John's Gospel, which is Our Lord's discourse on the Holy Eucharist. This is the first time in the Gospels that the **fall of Judas** is mentioned. Judas was an Apostle and a priest, ordained at the Last Supper by Our Lord Himself just before he went off to carry out his abominable act of betrayal.

In the light of recent revelations of grave clerical misconduct, particularly from the USA, this is a reminder to us all that even the highest in the Church can fall mightily. Judas, after all, had the vocation to be an Apostle and a saint. There is nothing that pleases Satan more than the fall of a priest or religious, because scandals of this sort will inevitably cause many to lose their faith and trust in the Church completely.

So what are we to do? Our hearts naturally go out to the victims of these terrible crimes and we should pray for them and for their healing. We ought also to pray that God grant the perpetrators the grace of true repentance and also for those guilty of covering up. There have been news items of a similar nature a bit closer to home too, although they happened some decades ago. How much damage this does to the Mystical Body of Christ. Please pray also for those members of the clergy and hierarchy who are striving to lead a good and holy life, and who are having to deal with a very difficult situation not of their own making. And in the words of our Prayer for Vocations, pray *“that God give worthy priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.”*

In the light of all this, I feel it would be appropriate for us as a Parish to have a **Holy Hour** in the near future to pray for the Church in this time of tribulation. We do this in the knowledge that we can only get through this crisis with God's help. Let us also pray to Our Lady who is Mother of the Church who must be weeping many tears in these times.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S**

<b>Sat</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Kyle Rooney RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Sun</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>	Molly Monaghan RIP
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	For the Parish
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Pinchbeck & Knusden families RIP
<b>Tues</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Deceased members of the McGee & O'Mahoney families
<b>Weds</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Criseldo Castillo RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	30 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Dedication of Saint Barnabas Cathedral (FEAST)</u></b>	
		9.15am	Ann Fallon (GE)
<b>Fri</b>	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	Sr Mary Lucina (GE)
<b>Sat</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	Michael Gilroy (GE)
		10.00-11.00am	<b><i>Devotion of the Five First Saturdays</i></b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary &amp; Reconciliation with 15 minutes' meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary</i>
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	For the Parish
<b>Sun</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>	Ann Noon RIP
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	Anna Zimand - Intention

**THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S**

<b>Tues</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary – Church
<b>Thurs</b>	30 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	RCIA - Library

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick:** Mary Durning, Susan, John Feeney, Dale & Barbara Morrison, Paola Cavadini, Renata Maderna, Anu Awotula, Valentino Castillo Snr, Leonardo Lopez Wain, Teresa Frankow, Margaret Barson, Ethel Dale, Andrew Belton, Tendai Mufute, Arcenia Solohaga, Jim Moreland, Olga Maker, Hazel, Frank Chatonda, Brian Smith, Rosinah, Lee and Louise Raven, 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 & 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:** Anna Madge. **May she rest in Peace**

**RIDE AND STRIDE, SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

St Mary's will be open again for the Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride. Please consider taking part. You can walk, jog, drive your mobility scooter, or even ride your horse, or like myself you may choose to cycle. Last year I was joined by Peter Townsend of Sacred Heart. We had a great time cycling to many churches throughout Charnwood. Please get in touch if you would like to join me on your bike and we will plan a suitable route for all.

**Another important part of Ride and Stride is having welcomers** available from 10am until 6pm to sign visitors in. Please sign up for a slot on the list at the back of church if you are able to help with this.

The idea is to obtain sponsorship for the number of churches you visit during the day. Proceeds are split 50/50 between St Mary's Church and the trust. **Last year we raised over £600!** The trust gives out grants to churches 50 years old and over to assist with maintenance and repairs. We have benefited from such a grant in the past!

I have a sponsorship form pinned up at the back of church so please consider sponsoring me! Thank you, Alan Leafe (R+S organiser): 07780 921976 / alanleafe@gmail.com.

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**GRUB CLUB SUMMER 2018 - SUMMARY:** We were open for 11 sessions from 16<sup>th</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> August. We served approximately 380 meals. There was a total of 43 children to whom we served 191 meals, 18 adults to whom we served 62 meals and 36 volunteers to whom we served 127 meals. The children came from 9 separate schools, 8 of which are within Charnwood.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION:** Next meeting - **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** at 7pm in the Hall, which will include an evaluation of Grub Club and discussion about what's next.

**COUNTDOWN TO JUMP DOWN!** If anyone has not already sponsored George Checketts to do his Sky Dive, in order to raise money for LOROS, in memory of his late wife Ann, and would like to do so, please sign the sponsorship form at the back of the church. George jumps on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September!** Sponsorship money may be handed in before or after the jump, to either George or myself. Many thanks. *Sheila Leafe*

**THE UCM RECENT FUNDRAISING EVENTS** raised £267 for Kwediboma from the Open Garden event held at Dorothy and Terry's house. The sale of Marie's homemade produce along with bacon and sausage cobs sold after Sunday Masses raised £214.80 for St Mary's SPUC Group. Many thanks to all who were so generous.

**REMINDER TO PARISHIONERS:** When sending in your requests for insertions into our newsletter, please will you send them to **BOTH** the newsletter address **AND** the office address (both can be found at the top of the newsletter). Thank you.

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**PLEASE PRAY for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Lesley Owens, Irene Elsner, Kyle Rooney, David Wells, Edwardina Pannell, Roderick MacMillan, Baby Tayler Jade Moreland, Nesia Orton, Dorothy Shipman, Nicola Palmieri and Rev Sr Mary Anthony Pople.