

**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: Our Lord has created persons for all states in life, and in all of them we see people who have achieved sanctity by fulfilling their obligations well.

(St Anthony Mary Claret, 1807-70)

OUR VERY OWN NOVICE: As mentioned on the front page, one of the new Rosminian Novices for the Province is Nam Vu, who has been in St Mary's Parish all his life. Nam has also been a very faithful Altar Server here for many years and at the time of entering the Novitiate was the longest serving. After studying at Loughborough University, Nam has decided to take the leap and try his vocation with the Rosminians. We wish Brother Nam well and we keep him in our prayers.

EDUCATION SUNDAY For both Sunday Masses we will be joined by Dr John Pye, the new Headteacher at De Lisle College. He will talk briefly at the Masses and will also join us afterwards for tea and coffee.

ROSMINI CENTRE: **Saturday 22nd September** talk by Fr Antonio Belsito is **postponed until 3rd November**. Apologies from Fr. Antonio.

INVITATION to join in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the blessing and official opening of the present St Joseph's church in Leicester. A full programme will be posted on their parish website <http://www.stjoseph-leicester.btkc.co.uk/> or search 'St Joseph's Leicester Live' on YouTube.

This week's **second collection** is for the **Home Missions**

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: **£660**

Standing Orders: **£669 @ 31.08**

Thank you



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**Newsletter for Sunday 16th September 2018
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 4**

Called To Be Saints Together

Last Saturday 8th September, the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday, was a great day for the Rosminian Order in this Province. Fr Anthony Meredith IC received three Novices into the new Rosminian Novitiate at the Rosmini Centre, not far from here, who want to test their vocation - to see if God is calling them to the Religious life. Hopefully a fourth Novice will be arriving soon from New Zealand. This is surely an answer to prayer since we have not had a Novitiate in this country for many years. We in this Parish have been praying our Prayer for Vocations for almost two years now, that God "*give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.*" And "**choose from our homes** those who are needed for Your work." I know a number of you pray this prayer daily at home with your families and it has certainly borne fruit, since not only do we now have a Novitiate, but one of the Novices - Nam Vu - is from this Parish and I know of others who are considering it.

This does not mean that everyone who enters the Novitiate will make Final Vows or be ordained a Priest. The Novitiate lasts for two years, during which time the Novices will be seeking to purify themselves and to discern what the Will of God is for them. "*Does God want me to be a Religious in the Rosminian Order?*" So it really is a period of discernment and a testing of their vocation, seeking to become holy, or as Blessed Rosmini put it, "*becoming Saints together.*" The Novitiate is designed to be a kind of desert experience, since in solitude it is easier to hear the voice of God. It was also in the desert that God tested Israel, and Our Lord Himself spent forty days of prayer and fasting in the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Therefore these men need spiritual support and so we must pray for them. After all, they could be future Priests here at St Mary's.

So as we pray now for these new Novices, let us continue to pray that God bless us abundantly with vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life from *this* Parish. Could God be calling someone reading this now to be a Brother or Sister in a Religious Order or a Priest in the Diocese of Nottingham?

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat	15 th	6.00pm	Mary Durning RIP
Sun	16 th	9.00am	For the Parish
		<i>10.30-10.55am</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)</i>
		11.00am	Connie Moulton RIP
		12.45am	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	17 th	9.15am	Vittorio Giorgio RIP
		<i>5.00pm</i>	<i>Reception of Violet Bowler RIP</i>
Tues	18 th	9.15am	NO MASS (George Njie RIP - Intention honoured)
		<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Requiem Mass for Violet Bowler RIP</i>
Weds	19 th	9.15am	Allen Junio RIP
		<i>1.45pm</i>	<i>Funeral Service for Richard Newton RIP</i>
Thurs	20 th	9.15am	John and Dorothy Ginns RIP
		<i>4.30pm</i>	<i>Reception of Mary Durning RIP</i>
Fri	21 st	<u>St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist (FEAST)</u>	
		9.15am	Dominic Bombardini RIP
		<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Requiem Mass for Mary Durning RIP</i>
Sat	22 nd	9.15am	Nam Vu - Intention
		10.00-11.00am	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)</i>
		<i>12.15pm</i>	<i>Wedding of Francesca Sparano & Stefan Arnold</i>
		<i>5.30-5.55pm</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		6.00pm	For the Parish
Sun	23 rd	9.00am	Senior Citizens Group - Intention
		11.00am	Oisín Quin & Martin Smyth (GE)

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Mon	17 th	1.30pm	History Group - Hall
Tues	18 th	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary – Church

PLEASE PRAY for those for who have recently died: Violet Bowler, Richard Newton and Mary Durning. **May they rest in Peace**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patricia Blackwell, Carmel Dakin, Charles Farrell, Jane West, David Hammond, Giuseppe Bianco, Giovanni Borzacchiolo, Beniamino Coviello, Leontina Brida, Umberto Fabricatore and Sami Batatio.

HARVEST LUNCH: **Sunday 7th October** in the Parish Hall after 11am Mass (12.30pm). £10 adults, £5 children, £20 family. Tickets on sale after all Masses from this weekend. The proceeds will go to the Retired Priests' Fund and all offerings of non-perishable goods will be donated to Joseph's Storehouse.

ALTAR SERVERS: There will be a special Mass for Altar Servers at St Barnabas Cathedral on **Saturday 22nd September** at 11am. The Bishop will be both the Celebrant and preacher. Altar servers are encouraged to attend.

RIDE AND STRIDE: Last Saturday (**8th September**) I was joined by Kev Clarke and Felix Ng for our sponsored bike ride for The Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride. We had a great day out visiting over 30 churches and covering 42.5 miles. Please consider retrospectively sponsoring Kev and Felix for all their hard work - we had some gruelling hill climbs over Charnwood Forest! Many thanks to all who sponsored me and to our welcomers, without whom the whole event would collapse. *Alan Leafe*

GEORGE HAS JUMPED! I will be at the back of church after the weekend Masses next Saturday and Sunday (**15th and 16th September**) to collect the sponsorship money pledged to George Checketts, who did his sky dive on 9th September. *Sheila Leafe*

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: **Saturday 29th September**, 10am to 12noonish at home. Please come along and bring a friend. Contact Jean Lopez Lopez: 07837 283548.

FERMENTING FAITH: **Friday 5th October, 3pm, Mount St Bernard Abbey** - A Clergy family & friends day to celebrate Mount Saint Bernard's launch of *Tynt Meadow Ale* with a talk by Abbot Erik, a tour of the brewery and some 'tasting' afterwards. Some snacks will be provided but do bring a picnic if you wish.

EXAIREO: Our local homeless charity is looking for: people with basic carpentry or repainting furniture skills to help them get donated furniture ready for resale; anyone who can teach canoeing (paid work) as four canoes have been donated to them; anyone who could give a couple of hours week to office admin, basic Word skill needed. Please call 01509 266422, email info@exaireo.org. Or speak to Catherine Brady.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS: I attended the Congress in Liverpool, Friday to Sunday, and participated in a number of sessions. It was good to get different perspectives on the Eucharist and to have an opportunity to meet Catholics from different parts of the country. If you would be interested in meeting, as a small informal group, to listen to and discuss some of the talks please let me know, or email the office, and I will suggest a date and time to suit. As the priests at St Mary's made such an effort to celebrate the event, in honour of the Eucharist, it might be good to share our views and experiences. *Catherine Brady*

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick: Pasquale Festa, 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, 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 and Geraldine Paul