

**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 service of the poor is to be preferred to all else, and to be performed without delay. If at a time set aside for prayer, medicine or help has to be brought to some poor man, go and do what has to be done with an easy mind, offering it up to God as a prayer ... for God is not neglected if prayers are put aside, if God’s work is interrupted, in order that another such work may be completed” (*St Vincent de Paul, 1581-1660*).

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: Next **Sunday 7th October** is **Rosary Sunday** and also the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The 11am Mass will be that of Our Lady of the Rosary.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN LOUGHBOROUGH: **AMHERST SCHOOL, GRAY STREET** is Loughborough's only Catholic independent school. We welcome boys and girls aged 4-18. Teacher-pupil ratio of 1:8, outstanding pastoral care and excellent academic value-added. If you are interested in a place for your child, please visit our open day on **Saturday 29th September**, from 9.30am. Details can be found at www.olcs.leics.sch.uk.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE MAY 2019: Anne Murphy and Greg O'Connor are arranging another parish trip to Fatima. Departure **Monday 27th May - Thursday 30th May**. Please contact Anne or Greg for more details and to book a place. Contact details on noticeboard

HARVEST LUNCH: If you have any garden produce which you could contribute for the harvest festival display we would be very grateful. It would need to be brought in before the 4th October. Non-perishable items can be delivered anytime. It would be very helpful if you are coming to the lunch if you would purchase your tickets this weekend so we know how many to cater for. Many thanks.
Bernie

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First collection: £752	Home Missions: £204
Standing Orders: £669 @ 31.08	<i>Thank you</i>

Next week's **Second Collection** will be for the **Rosminian Formation Fund**



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**Newsletter for Sunday 30th September 2018
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 2**

Save Me Lord in Your Merciful Love

Sometimes the readings at Mass can make us feel a little uncomfortable, and this week is a case in point. In the Second Reading, **St James** (5:1-6) explains very clearly that if someone spends their earthly life exploiting other people by lying, cheating and hoarding their wealth, they may enjoy the benefits for a while, but they cannot escape justice forever. And then in the Gospel, JESUS explains that *un-repentant sin* has consequences and leads to our eternal ruin.

I think we would all agree that in our lives there is a constant battle going on between **good and evil**. But Our Lord has already won the battle, and it's up to us to accept the **grace** He is offering us to live as one of the redeemed. But we have to **fight temptation**. In today's Gospel Our Lord says, *"If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off... if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off... if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out... It is better to enter life without [these] than to be thrown into Hell."* Our Lord is speaking metaphorically here – He doesn't expect us to maim ourselves - but He is telling us of the grave danger of sin and to avoid whatever leads us to it, because sin can lead to eternal separation from God. So we have to guard ourselves against evil and **avoid the occasions of sin**. **Pray, go to Confession regularly and be strong**, because there is a lot of pressure for us today to conform to the ideas of the world, and to make light of disobeying God's Laws, especially in the area of morality. Remember, all sins, no matter how bad you might think they are are forgiven by a good and sincere sacramental Confession. God pardons *everything* when we tell Him we are sorry. And is there not something very beautiful about going to Him and asking for His forgiveness? *"Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"* (Matt 11:28).

But Our Lord also points out in this Gospel that Judgement has another part to it too. He says that even to give a drink to someone who is thirsty has its **eternal reward**. Think of what this means: every time you forgive someone, every time you give to a worthy cause, visit the sick, help the needy, give someone good advice, every prayer you offer for somebody or for the Souls in Purgatory – all this has its eternal reward. God sees and remembers everything. *"Store up treasure for yourselves in Heaven"* (Matt 6:20). So let us strive always to do good and avoid evil, and God will surely reward us.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat	29th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	30th	<u>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)
		11.00am	Parish Mass
		12.45am	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	NO ITALIAN MASS
Mon	1 st	9.15am	St Therese of Lisieux (Memorial)
Tues	2 nd	9.15am	The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)
Weds	3 rd	9.15am	Feria
Thurs	4 th	9.15am	St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)
Fri	5 th	9.15am	First Friday of the month Blessed Robert Sutton and Companions
Sat	6 th	9.15am	St Bruno, Priest
		1000-1100	<u>Devotion of the Five First Saturdays</u> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Reconciliation with 15 minutes' meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.</i>
		5.30-5.55pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation + (on request)
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	7 th	<u>Rosary Sunday</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)
		11.00am	Parish Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Mon	1 st	1.30pm	History Group – Hall
Tues	2 nd	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary – Church

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

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Scott, June Upton, Concetta Buttarazzi, Arthur Spencer, Francesco Muffato, Peter Foreman, Amanda Giorgio, Venessa Ponchon and Margaret Camp

SAFEGUARDING: This weekend there is a statement from the Bishops of England and Wales on Safeguarding which will be read at all Masses. There are also copies at the back of the church for people to take away.

NEXT WEEKEND, 6th/7th October, two Sisters of St Elisabeth Convent, a Russian Orthodox community in Minsk, Belarus will have a small stall at the back of the church selling some of their handmade goods. The proceeds will go towards helping the homeless and a rehabilitation centre for women.

HARVEST FAST DAY is on **Friday 5th October.** Please remember to take home your Fast Day envelopes after Mass. They will be collected from you next weekend, **6th/7th October.**

GRUB CLUB: Because of the unavailability of St Mary's School kitchen and the timing of half-term across three weeks, we have decided not to hold Grub Club in October. We are hoping to host a New Year party for children and will advise of a date shortly.

Catherine Brady, Grub Club Chair

PARISH VOICE: The next issue of the **Parish Voice** is now being prepared. Any items of interest you'd like to be included in the magazine would be very welcome. Articles, comments, letters, photos, autumn/winter recipes, reviews etc from any age group, can be emailed to office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk or handed in to the Parish Office marked '**Parish Voice**' on the envelope. **Deadline for item submission:** to be advised.

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.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 6th October (7.30pm) at Sacred Heart church hall. Price £6 (£3students), to include a wine and cheese supper. All proceeds will go to Macmillan Nurses. Teams can be formed on the night. If you would like to come, please contact Will Holland on 07811 353 248; this helps with the catering.

ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT from now until the end of February by 22-year old French student, who will be studying at Loughborough University on an exchange programme. If you are able to help, please call the presbytery.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: Across the Diocese of Nottingham, we have a number of vacancies that we need to fill. Bishop Patrick is inviting people to come forward who are willing to become Foundation Governors in our Catholic schools. More information about being a governor is available from the Diocesan Education Service Governor Support Team, (01332 293833) or from the Diocesan Education Service website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/education where you will find a 'Self-Nomination' form which we would encourage you to complete and return to us.

SITUATION VACANT: Lead Lay Chaplain needed by The Directors of the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. 3-day week, increasing to full time after a short period. For further information, please visit www.aquinas-cmat.org or contact Mrs J Banks: Jbanks@aquinas-cmat.org. Deadline for applications: **Friday 12th October 2018.**

APPROVED FINANCE MINUTES FOR MAY are now available at the back of church.