

**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: “Holiness consists simply in doing God’s Will, and being just what God wants us to be. (*Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, 1873-1897*).

POPE FRANCIS has asked us all to start reciting the daily Rosary for the protection of the Church in these times, and also the prayer to St Michael the Archangel which was traditionally said at the end of every Low Mass. So at the Holy Father’s request let us now restore the Prayer to St Michael at every Mass. In case you don’t know it, here it is:

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

PRISONERS’ SUNDAY: Today is Prisoners’ Sunday and is the beginning of a week of prayer and action for prisoners. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners’ Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment.

SATURDAY EXPOSITION: The numbers attending Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday mornings between 10 and 11am have increased a little, but it would be wonderful to see still more. I would love to see the church a quarter full! We must **all** try and make the visit to the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration a normal part of Catholic life once again. Also the church is mostly open throughout the day for people to come in. Our Lord during these times touches many souls and distributes many graces. Don’t let Our Lord be waiting there for years for you to come and visit Him. *Fr Paul*

The next second collection will be on **20th/21st October** for **Home Missions** (Pontifical Mission Society) which focuses on spreading the Gospel in our local areas.

LAST WEEK’S FINANCE	
First collection: £846	Rosminian Formation Fund: £204
Standing Orders: £669 @ 31.08	<i>Thank you</i>



St Mary’s Catholic Church

97 Ashby Road, Loughborough LE11 3AB

Tel: 01509 262123

Email: newsletter@stmarysloughborough.org.uk

office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk

Web: www.stmarysloughborough.org.uk

Served by the Rosminians: Fr Paul Gillham, Parish Priest.

On attachment: Fr David Jones OLW. In community: Fr Simon Giles

**Newsletter for Sunday 14th October 2018
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 4**

Following Christ Is Not Meant To Be Easy

Today’s Gospel is the well known story of JESUS telling the rich man to sell all his possessions, give the money to the poor and then follow Him. But why would Our Lord demand such a thing, if, as we’re told in the story, He loved him? (*Mark 10:21*) The answer is because **love seeks what is best for the beloved.**

In the First Reading, (*Wisdom 7:7-11*) King Solomon comes to discover that worldly treasures and possessions are nothing compared with **wisdom** – because when we’re wise, we see everything and value everything as God does. But when Our Lord told the young man in the Gospel that something was lacking in his life, he didn’t want to hear it. He wanted to keep things as they were. But Our Lord was inviting him to something much more.

So what about us? Are we happy with God when everything is going well and to our liking, but then start to complain when life becomes challenging? Are we quick to pray when things go wrong but too busy to pray at other times? Are we happy when the teaching of the Church consoles and comforts us, but then angry when it challenges or convicts us? Are we charitable when it’s convenient, but unwilling to be so when a real sacrifice is involved?

Our Lord told us that following Him wouldn’t be easy. Due to **Original Sin** and its effect on the world in which we live, there is always going to be some pain and suffering if we are to be *authentic, faithful* Catholics. This is the **cross**. Knowing what we must do but not doing it gets us nowhere. And I think this is the point of today’s Gospel; we have to **strive to become rich in God’s eyes** by doing His Will – particularly by praying, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, attending **Mass every Sunday**. We need to ensure we remain in a **state of grace** and go to **Confession** as soon as is necessary. Avoid occasions of sin, learn more about our Faith, and then spread it with zeal. And be generous towards others with the blessings we have received (the **corporal** and **spiritual works of mercy**).

Love is demanding, and so just as Our Lord invites the rich man to choose the path of wisdom instead of comfort, and to follow God’s Will instead of his own, He is asking the same of us. He wants us to love Him more and follow Him more closely, even though it may mean leaving some comforts behind. But our eternal reward will be greater than we can ever imagine. Become a saint!

Fr Paul Gillham IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	13 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	14 th	<u>Twenty-eighth 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	Italian Mass
Mon	15 th	9.15am	St Teresa of Avila
Tues	16 th	9.15am	St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Weds	17 th	9.15am	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr
Thurs	18 th	9.15am	St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)
Fri	19 th	8.00am	Latin Mass (old rite)
		9.15am	St Paul of the Cross, Priest
Sat	20 th	9.15am	Saturday Memoria of Our Lady
		10.00-11.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)
		2.00pm	Marriage of Dubheasa Bray and Callum Mullins
		5.30-5.55pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	21 st	<u>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</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	15 th	1.30pm	History Group – Hall
Tues	16 th	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary
Sat	20 th	11.15am	Baptism Class – Side Chapel

NB: Due to the new government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions in the printed edition of the newsletter.

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: Adolph Joseph Elser. **May he rest in Peace**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Albert Robinson, Karol Baron, John Lambert, Anne Moore, Allen Junio, Gisela Rodgers, Marie Strafford, Frances England, Elizabeth Elliott, Edna Pervin, Terry Gilbert, Margaret Walton, Maria Houghton, Wanda Zawodna, Gertrude Worthley and Francesco Mazzotti.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN: Did you know that about 4,000 children are aborted weekly, *in the UK alone* - 200,000 annually and over 8,500,000 since the abortion act was passed, equal to the whole present population of Scotland and Wales. Ultimately, the Society would like to see the Abortion Act of 1967 repealed. Meantime we try to make a practical difference by: distributing leaflets, pamphlets, newspapers etc. as necessary; raising money to help with advertising and promoting the work of the society; disseminating information in support of SPUC by holding public meetings and speaking to other groups and in schools; supporting other individuals and groups who share our values. We feel that our work could be more effective if we were able to have an email list to send out alerts, information, contacts and petitions etc. to our supporters. If you would be willing for us to contact you, please email either Michael or Terry. (contact details were given out in last week's newsletter). Thank you. *The Committee, SPUC Loughborough*

MEMORIAL BOOK: Last year we began a Book of Remembrance for deceased family and friends who were not parishioners of St Mary's. Mass on the First Friday of every month is celebrated for the repose of the souls of all whose names have been entered in the book. If you would like to add any new names, there are sheets at the back of the church on which you can write the details. *Fr Paul*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Application forms for First Confession and First Holy Communion are available at the back of the church. **Closing date Sunday 28th October 2018**

THE PARISH AGM AND COMMUNICATIONS MEETING will take place in the hall at 7pm on **Tuesday 23rd October.**

LEARN TO CROCHET WITH THE UCM: **Fridays 26th October, 2nd and 9th November;** in the hall 1pm-3pm. £35 pp (£30pp if we get a group together). Professional teacher. Need to act quickly. Contact Jean Lopez Lopez: jeanlop48@yahoo.com.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL PTA: the friends of St Mary's have raised funds for a defibrillator to be installed just outside of the school entrance. This is for the parish and community use too.

PARKING ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND FOR WEEKEND MASSES: please ensure that rubbish (eg nappies) is not put in the school bins and is taken home to dispose of, and that children do not play on school equipment, such as the trim trail. Thank you.

SAMARITANS PURSE SHOE BOX APPEAL: Pre-printed shoe boxes and leaflets on how to pack your shoe box are now available at the repository. When filled they can be dropped off at Shoe Zone, Market place, Loughborough **between 1st and 18th November.** The boxes are sent around the world to children who otherwise would go without a Christmas gift. Please read the leaflet and support this cause. *Dorothy Hutchings*

EMERGENCY INDONESIA TSUNAMI APPEAL: The survivors of the earthquake that hit Indonesia last month are in desperate need of food, clean water, first aid, shelter and hope. Please help if you can by donating to www.dec.org.uk/Indonesia/Tsunami-Appeal.

FATIMA, 27th – 30th MAY 2019: Please contact Anne Murphy or Greg O'Connor for more details and to book a place on this parish trip: elizabethannemurphy@yahoo.co.uk / 07813 660517; greg@villiersforbes.co.uk / 07921 587901.

LOURDES 2019: Saturday 25th May to Saturday 1st June. 36th annual pilgrimage from St Mary's. If interested, please contact Vera Hurry: 01509 231282.

CATENIANS' CONCERT: in aid of the Retired Priests' Fund. **Tuesday 16th October** in Nottingham NG19 6BW. All welcome! Tickets £5. Details on our noticeboard.