

**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: “True charity consists in doing good to those who do us evil, and in thus winning them over” (*St Alphonsus Liguori, 1696-1787*).

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

REMINDER

There is Morning Prayer in the church before Mass at 9am Monday - Friday, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions every Saturday morning 10-11am

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY and is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of hope to those who suffer round the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background and belief. Today your prayers and donations will help build a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: £659	CAFOD Fast Day: £428 of which £265 was Gift Aided
Standing Orders: £669 @ 31.08	<i>Thank you</i>



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**Newsletter for Sunday 21st October 2018
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
World Mission Sunday - Psalter Week 1**

No Crown Without the Cross

There are numerous prophecies in the Old Testament about Christ's sufferings – that He would be the ‘**Suffering Servant**’ of which today's First Reading from **Isaiah** is an example (53:10-11). In today's Gospel Our Lord makes it clear that *He* is that Suffering Servant. Just before this Gospel passage, He had predicted His suffering and death in Jerusalem (Mark10: 32-34). As the great Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen said many times, “*Every other person who ever came into this world came into it to live. He came into it to die.*” He came into this world so He could bear our guilt, and through His suffering and death He would pay the price of our sins.

But the brothers James and John wanted to heap honours on themselves. “*Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.*” How they had missed the point of Our Lord's teaching on true greatness! Only two weeks ago we heard Him say that to be great in the Kingdom of Heaven you must become like a little child. So James and John understood greatness in a very worldly way. But Our Lord responds that they do not know what they are asking and asks if they can drink from the cup from which He must drink and be baptised with the baptism with which He must be baptised (that is His Passion and Death). But let's not be too quick to criticise them as we might well have done the same!

Then Our Lord makes it clear. The greatest in the Kingdom is the **servant** of all. In other words, we have to give our lives in service of others. And we're **all** called to do this. How easy it is to spend much time worrying about our position in life, our bank balance or the size of our house or whether we have a nice car. But in the end none of these things matter to Our Lord. Instead He will ask us if we gave a drink of water to the thirsty or helped feed the hungry? Did we instruct the ignorant or pray for the dead? Did we help the poor? Then He will tell us that all these things that we did to the least of His brethren, we did it to Him.

The message of this Gospel is that **there is no crown without the cross**. We have to die to ourselves in the service of others to attain the crown of glory in Heaven.

Fr Paul Gillham IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	20 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	21 st	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		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	22 nd	9.15am	St John Paul II, Pope
Tues	23 rd	8.00am	Latin Mass (old rite)
		9.15am	St John of Capestrano, Priest
Weds	24 th	9.15am	St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Thurs	25 th	9.15am	Feria
Fri	26 th	9.15am	Sts Chad and Cedd, Bishops
Sat	27 th	9.15am	Saturday Memoria of Our Lady
		10.00-11.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation + (on request)
		5.30-5.55pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	28 th	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)
		11.00am	Parish Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Tues	23 rd	6.30-7.00pm	Rosary **change of time**
		7.00pm	Parish AGM/Communications Meeting – Hall
Weds	24 th	2.00-4.00pm	Senior Citizens: Fish & Chips – Hall
		7.30pm	UCM – Out to dinner
		7.30pm	Men's Holy League – Church
Thurs	25 th	7.00pm	RCIA – Library
		7.00-9.00pm	Catholic Social Action Meeting – Hall
Fri	26 th	1.00-3.00pm	UCM Crochet Session – Hall

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.

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

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen Bradbury, Louisa Finney, Inez Wardle, Muriel Preston, Wilfred Cornelius, Joan Slevin, Jadwiga Malik, Julia Pacynko, Velio Carlardo, Eileen Topolewski, June Ross and Dominic Bombardini

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN: The ultimate goal of the Society is to see the Abortion Act of 1967 repealed. Meanwhile we try to make a practical difference by: distributing leaflets, pamphlets, newspapers etc; raising money to help with advertising/promoting the work of the society; disseminating information about SPUC by holding public meetings and speaking to other groups and in schools; supporting other individuals and groups who share our values. If you would like to be on our emailing list for the latest alerts, information, petitions etc. please email Michael or Terry. (contact details were given out in the newsletter for 7/10). 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. You can now add any new names to the Book via the sheets at the back of the church. *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 WEEKEND MASS ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER 18 - FEBRUARY 19 are now available to collect from the back of church.

MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE: The next meeting of St Mary's Holy League, open to all men of the parish, will be held at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 24th October** for approximately an hour of prayer including Eucharistic Adoration. As always there will be an opportunity afterwards to meet for a drink and a chat. Please come and support this great tradition of prayer and friendship. For further details please contact Terry 0782 878 5771 or Greg 07921 587 901.

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*

DE LISLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE: There will be a *Post 16 Information Evening* at De Lisle College on **Wednesday 7th November** from 6pm to 8pm. Come and visit the thriving Sixth Form at our local Catholic school. There are some leaflets at the back of the church.

FATIMA 27th – 30th MAY 2019: Please contact Anne Murphy or Greg O'Connor are 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.

MASS FOR LGBT CATHOLICS, their families and friends: Sunday 3rd November, 1.00pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell. See noticeboard for details.