

**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 Holy Souls are eager for the prayers of the faithful, which can gain Indulgences for them. Their intercession is powerful. Pray unceasingly. **We must empty Purgatory!**” (*St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, 1887-1968*).

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL: 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*

NOVEMBER INDULGENCES FOR THE HOLY SOULS: During November we remember especially the souls in Purgatory. We help them through our prayers and good works assigned by the Church which has received the authority from Christ to apply to them the merits of His Passion and Death as well as the merits of the lives of the saints. Therefore, a **Plenary Indulgence** may be gained from noon of **1st November to midnight on 2nd November**, applicable only to the Holy Souls, when you: 1. Visit a church and say there one Our Father and the Creed for the souls in Purgatory; 2. Visit a cemetery **between 1st and 8th November** and pray there for the dead. In both instances make a good confession within the week before or after and be free from all attachment to sin. Also say one Our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope’s monthly intentions and receive Holy Communion worthily on the same day or soon after. If you don’t manage to fulfil all these conditions, the indulgence is **partial** - and partial can mean a lot. Always remember to pray for the dead is one of the **Spiritual Works of Mercy**, and if we help them, they will surely pray for us.

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

The second collection next weekend will be for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN).

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: £773	World Mission Sunday: £388 of which £48 Gift Aided
Standing Orders: £669 @ 31.08	<i>Thank you</i>



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 2

The Souls in Purgatory Need Your Help

This Friday, 2nd November is **All Souls Day**, and throughout the whole of November the Church asks us to pray particularly for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. The doctrine of Purgatory is certain since it is a **defined dogma** of the Church, and to pray for the dead is part of what it is to be Christian. Purgatory is where the souls of those who die in God’s grace (ie. without un-repent mortal sin) but still imperfectly purified undergo purification after death. It is not a second chance. Only those who are saved pass through Purgatory, so there is also a profound joy there because they know they are destined for Heaven. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1030-1031*). In the Old Testament in the book of Maccabees (12:39-46), Judas Maccabaeus sent a sum of twelve thousand talents to Jerusalem asking the priests to offer a sacrifice for the intention of the soldiers who had died in combat, in order that they might be delivered from their sins and enter Heaven. The Scripture adds that it is a good thing to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins. St Paul also speaks of those who will be saved by fire (1 Cor 3:12-15) and there are a number of other texts one could quote.

We shouldn’t think of Purgatory merely in terms of punishment. Rather it is a fulfilment of Our Lord’s promise in *Matthew 5:48* when He said, “*You must be perfect as Your Heavenly Father is perfect.*” Nothing imperfect or impure can enter Heaven, and so this promise of our **purification** is carried out in Purgatory.

But why must we pray for the dead? Ultimately our sins must be atoned for either on earth through penance or by offering up the trials and sufferings of our lives, or else after death which means in Purgatory. We on earth can merit for the Holy Souls and they count on us for their deliverance. This is because once we die, we cannot help ourselves. We humans, being both body and spirit, have to work out our salvation **in our bodies**, which means in *this* life, because at death the soul separates from the body. So after death, we depend on the prayers and sacrifices of those still living. By helping the Holy Souls we make great friends and intercessors in Heaven. Once in Heaven they must surely intercede for us before the Throne of God. Praying for the dead is also one of the **Spiritual Works of Mercy**.

To conclude, a beautiful thought from the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen (1895-1979) who said, “*As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are and they will say, ‘A poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory.’*”

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	27 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	28 th	<u>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)</i>
		11.00am	Parish Mass
		12.45am	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	29 th	9.15am	Feria
		11.00am	<i>Requiem Mass</i>
Tues	30 th	9.15am	Feria
Weds	31 st	9.15am	Feria
Thurs	1 st	<u>ALL SAINTS DAY - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</u>	
		9.15am	School Mass
		10.45am	School Mass at De Lisle College
		7.00pm	Parish Mass
Fri	2 nd	<u>ALL SOULS DAY</u>	
		9.15am	Parish Mass
			<i>Mass will be followed by blessing of the graves and Rosary at the Cemetery</i>
		12 noon	Latin Mass - Pope's Intentions
		7.00pm	Parish Mass
Sat	3 rd	9.15am	St Marin de Porres, Religious
		10.00-11.00am	<i>Devotion of the Five First Saturdays</i>
			<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Reconciliation with 15 minutes' meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary</i>
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)</i>
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	4 th	<u>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)</i>
		11.00am	Parish Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Mon	29 th	7.00pm	Christmas Fair meeting – Hall
Tues	30 th	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary – Church
		7.00-8.30pm	Scripture and Tradition – Library
Fri	2 nd	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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: The closing date for application (forms at the back of church) is This Sunday 28th October 2018.

FR DAVID JONES hasn't disappeared from the Parish! He is supplying elsewhere in the Deanery for a number of weekends due to both illness and holidays. He continues to celebrate Mass at St Mary's during the week but will be back with us at the weekends in December.

FR ENHART MPETE, the Rosminian Provincial in Africa will be with us this weekend. Fr Mpete has been attending the Rosminian General Chapter in Italy and is visiting our Province before returning to Africa. He is most welcome.

FR CHARLES sends his best wishes to the parish. He said he still misses you all but is very well looked after in Rugby. Fr Simon, Fr Enhart and I went to Rugby last Thursday for the Rosminian Area Day. *Fr Paul*

THE NOVEMBER MASS FOR THE BEREAVED will be celebrated on **Friday 16th November** at 7pm.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR will take place on **Saturday 1st December**. On **Monday 29th** there will be a meeting in the hall at 7pm for all those who are involved. If you would like to help or have any new ideas we would love to hear them. *Events Team*

THE WEEKEND MASS ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER 18 - FEBRUARY 19 are now available to collect from the back of church.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE HARVEST LUNCH in any way – flower arrangers, the events team and everyone who came. The amount raised for the Retired Priest Fund was **£152.57**. Well done! *Bernie*

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.

CANONISATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO: On Sunday 14th October Pope Francis canonised Blessed Oscar Romero, alongside Pope Paul VI and five others. To mark the occasion, Clare Dixon, Head of CAFOD's Central American Programmes, and someone who is very knowledgeable about the legacy of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador, will speak and answer questions on this topic on **Monday 26th November** at 7.30 pm in the Becket Catholic Academy, The Becket Way, West Bridgford NG2 7QY. **The National Mass of Thanksgiving** for the Canonisation will be held at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on **Saturday 3rd November 2018** at 12.30pm. All welcome - no tickets required. A Solemn Vespers in Thanksgiving for the Canonisation will take place on **Saturday 17th November** at 3pm in Westminster Cathedral. Cardinal Nichols will give the Address.

'LET EARTH BE GLAD', the Justice & Peace Commission's annual assembly, will take place on **10th November** at St Hugh's in Lincoln. See notice board for details.

ALL SAINTS DAY falls this **Thursday 1st November** and is a Holyday of Obligation, on which Catholics are bound to attend Mass.

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: Margaret Stanford, Annie Owens and Adolph Elsner **May they rest in Peace**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Burtchaell, Liza Veiga, Gertie Hardy, Denise Billson, Malvina Nasi, Elsie Bowler, Angie Hicken, Rev Fr Ted Cody, Wilfred Orton, Giuseppina Mazzotti, Margaret Nutt, Vincenza Lallo, Antoni Michalski, Eileen Hately, Joseph Allan, Mary Hudson and Norah Hutchings