

**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: “Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother” (*St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, 1887-1968*).

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

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*

THIS WEEKEND we welcome to St Mary's two Sisters of St Elisabeth Convent, a Russian Orthodox community in Minsk, Belarus. They have a small stall at the back of the church selling some of their handmade goods. Do browse after Mass; this is an opportunity to purchase unusual early Christmas gifts! The proceeds will go towards helping the homeless and a rehabilitation centre for women.

This week's **Second Collection** is for the **Rosminian Formation Fund**

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First collection: £754	
Standing Orders: £669 @ 31.08	<i>Thank you</i>



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**Newsletter for Sunday 7th October 2018
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week 3**

The Rosary is the “Battering Ram”

This is what Our Lady told **St Dominic** in 1214 as he was fighting against the Albigensian Heresy. The heretics were not only denying the divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, but were attacking the family and the civil institutions of the state, thus undermining the spiritual and temporal orders of Christendom. And in this battle against the powers of evil, Our Lady told St Dominic that the **Rosary** was the “**battering ram**” against all this. A battering ram was used to knock down the gates of a castle by repeated blows. Similarly, in the spiritual warfare of conquering error and heresy, the Rosary is the battering ram. It takes many faithful Catholics, praying all those Hail Marys to knock down the gates of Hell. As Blessed Pope Pius IX put it, “Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.”

Today, the first Sunday of October is **Rosary Sunday** and is also the actual **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary** (7th October), and **October** is the month the Church specially dedicates to the Holy Rosary. As Pope Benedict XVI said a few years ago, the Church is under attack from *within*. As well as the recent revelations of gross immorality and evil among some of the clergy, there are also many errors being proposed which distorts the truth revealed by God, making out evil to be good and good to be evil (*Isaiah 5:20*). The media fiercely fights against the virtue of purity. The family and marriage are under attack, all of which Our Lady prophesied would happen in our times. She has given us the remedy - we need our battering ram! The message of Our Lady of Fatima (1917) is as relevant for today as ever. She said, “Say the Rosary every day... People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins.”

I would like to suggest that families once again take up the recitation of the Holy Rosary *together* in the evening for protection. With the world in its present state, we need this more than ever. Why not begin this now in October? You might be surprised at how easily children take to it! The famous Fr Peyton (whom many of you will remember) coined the phrase, “*The family that prays together stays together.*”

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us! Queen of Families, pray for us!

Fr Paul Gillham IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	6 th	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
		12.45am	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	NO Italian Mass
Mon	8 th	9.15am	Feria
Tues	9 th	9.15am	Blessed John Henry Newman
Weds	10 th	9.15am	St Paulinus of York, Bishop
Thurs	11 th	9.15am	St John XXIII, Pope
Fri	12 th	9.15am	St Wilfred, Bishop
Sat	13 th	9.15am	St Edward the Confessor
		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	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

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Sun	7 th	12.30-2.00pm	Harvest Lunch – Parish Hall
Tues	9 th	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary
Weds	10 th	2.00-4.00pm	Senior Citizens: Quiz – Parish Hall
		7.30pm	UCM – Library
Thurs	11 th	7.00pm	RCIA – Library

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: May they rest in Peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Giovanni Russo, Vera Sparks, Ted Betts, Barbara Arden-Rowe, Frank McKeown, John McEnery, Sheils Edmundson, Kathleen Leakey, Frederick Smith, Eva Rouse, Phyllis Wood, Baby Alexandra Edwards, Michael Miles, Fred Papolita, Tony Lanza, Criselda Castillo and Rev Fr Tim Maloney.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

What do we do? We hold regular meetings to discuss the current situation on abortion and other Pro-Life issues. We try to do things to lessen the harm of abortion in society and the ultimate aim of the Society nationally would be to repeal the Abortion Act of 1967 which has brought about the present catastrophic situation - in the UK alone about 4,000 children are aborted weekly, 200,000 annually and over 8,500,000 since the abortion act was passed, equal to the whole present population of Scotland and Wales. Some of the practical things we do to try to make a difference are:

- distribute leaflets, pamphlets, newspapers etc. as necessary
- raise money to help with advertising and promoting the work of the society
- disseminate information in support of SPUC by holding public meetings and speaking to other groups and in schools
- support 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 in this way, please email either Michael or Terry at one of the email addresses on the enclosed slip. Thanks in anticipation of your help. *The Committee, SPUC Loughborough*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The application forms for First Confession and First Holy Communion are available at the back of the church. **The closing date for enrolment is Sunday 28th October 2018.**

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

PARISH VOICE: The next issue of the **Parish Voice** is now being prepared. Please email your inserts to: office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk or hand them in to the Parish Office marked '**Parish Voice**' on the envelope. **Deadline for item submission:** to be advised.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2019: **Monday 27th – Thursday 30th May.** Anne Murphy and Greg O'Connor are arranging another parish trip to Fatima. Please contact either of them directly for more details and to book a place. Anne: elizabethannemurphy@yahoo.co.uk / 07813 660517. Greg: greg@villiersforbes.co.uk / 07921 587901.

LOURDES 2019: **Saturday 25th May to Saturday 1st June.** 26th annual pilgrimage from St Mary's. If interested, please contact Vera Hurry: 01509 231282.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: Please remember to give in your Fast Day envelopes after Mass today. The proceeds go towards providing the necessities of life – food and water as well as gas, electricity and building hospitals in the most needy parts of the world. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/harvest

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

THANK YOU to those who supported my Macmillan Coffee Morning last Saturday, you have raised £117 for the cancer nurse charity. *Jean Lopez Lopez*

101 CLUB: This month's lucky draw is 48. Please see Ann at the repository counter for all information.