

**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.

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**FROM THE SAINTS:** "I don't believe it is possible to find any joy comparable to that of a soul in Purgatory, except the joy of the blessed in Paradise. For it is a joy that goes on increasing day by day as God more and more flows in upon the soul, which He does abundantly in proportion as every hindrance to his entrance is consumed away"

*(St Catherine of Genoa, 1447-1510)*

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**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*

**CHRIST THE KING:** For the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday 25th November which is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, there will be **Vespers and Benediction at St Mary's at 6pm.**

**REPARATION FOR ALL THE SINS OF THE CHURCH AND FOR HEALING:** A lay-led initiative has suggested that **Friday 30th November** be a day of prayer with public devotions in parishes for the above-mentioned intention. This has also been commended by Bishop Patrick. Therefore, we will have a service of Reparation at St Mary's on this day at 7pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers of reparation. *Fr Paul*

**ROSMINI CENTRE** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 10am Mass followed at 11am DVD by Bishop Robert Barron "**The Four Last Things**". Shared table lunch at 1.00 pm with soup and roll. PLEASE REGISTER email [rosmincentreinfo@gmail.com](mailto:rosmincentreinfo@gmail.com) or phone 01509813078.

**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**

**LAST WEEK'S FINANCE**

First collection: **£653** ACN **£303** + Gift Aided to be advised

Standing Orders: **£669 @ 31.08** *Thank you*



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**Newsletter for Sunday 11th November 2018  
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Psalter Week 4**

**Remembrance Sunday**

I heard it suggested on the News earlier in the week that now we have arrived at the Centenary of the end of the First World War (that is today - 11<sup>th</sup> November), we ought to call it a day and dispense with Remembrance Sunday altogether! Remembrance Sunday was, I believe, originally instituted to remember the dead of the Second World War (1939-45). But it now embraces all battles up to the present day so as we remember the dead of all these wars. From our Catholic point of view, we don't merely remember them, but we pray for their souls, that those being purified in Purgatory arrive soon in Heaven. We remember especially those who died suddenly on the battlefield and with severe injuries and with little or no preparation to meet their Maker. It is for all of them we particularly offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass today and pray for them in earnest, that God grant them eternal rest and peace. We can never dispense with remembering them in our prayers. But the secularists, of course, will have no concept of praying for the faithful departed. We as Catholics do and therefore we perform our Christian duty and pray they reach their homeland soon.

Praying for the Souls in Purgatory, as well as being of benefit to them is also of great benefit to us. It encourages us to better our lives, knowing that even venial or less serious sins will have to be atoned for (*nothing impure can enter Heaven, Apoc 21:27*) but also because the souls in Purgatory are holy and are already in the ante chamber of Heaven, and the only thing that keeps them from it are the imperfections of which they must be purified. If we can help them by our prayers to reach Heaven a little quicker, they will certainly intercede for us and especially at the moment of our death.

*"Whatever we do for the departed souls redounds to our own benefit; after death it will be restored to us with interest"* says St Ambrose. Our Lord Himself said that He regards as done to Himself anything we do for the poor and needy and that He will repay them generously. The Holy Souls are poor and needy, and therefore whatever we do to help them will be to our advantage too.

Many of the Fallen would have already reached Heaven. Most we will know little or nothing about. There are the *famous* canonised saints and martyrs like St Maximilian Kolbe and St Edith Stein, but the stories of the lesser known soldiers and civilians also humble and inspire us. But in a sense we are all soldiers of Christ and we are called to show a soldier's heroism for Christ in whatever our walk of life may be. Let us always then strive to do what God asks of us, so that we too may reach the Promised Land Our Lord has promised us.

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

**MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S**

<b>Sat</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parish Mass
		12.45am	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
		2.00pm	<i>Requiem Mass for Annie Owens RIP</i>
<b>Tues</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Feria
<b>Weds</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Feria
<b>Thurs</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St Albert the Great, Bishop & Dr of the Church
<b>Fri</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St Gertrude, Virgin
		7.00pm	Mass for the Bereaved of the Parish
<b>Sat</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St Hugh of Lincoln, Patron of the Diocese (Feast)
		10.00-11.00am	<i>Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions</i>
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parish Mass

**THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S**

<b>Tues</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary – Church
		7.30-8.30pm	Scripture & Tradition – Library
<b>Weds</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	UCM - Library
<b>Sat</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Baptism Class – Side Chapel

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**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.**

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

**ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR** will take place on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, 11am-2pm. We would be very grateful for prizes for the tombola, bottles for the bottle stall, children's books, raffle prizes, jewellery, scarves, cakes and preserves, and any small new gifts for children. Donations can be handed in to the presbytery on Wednesday or Friday mornings. The most important thing is that we have your support on the day. There was a great atmosphere last year so let's have the same response again! Thank you. *Events team*

**ST JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE (Loughborough Foodbank)** is now starting to collect items for its Christmas food parcels. It would particularly welcome tinned meat, eg ham, sweets for children, biscuits, long life milk, tinned fruit, tinned custard or other seasonal items. Mince pies are not a problem; last year hundreds of them were received. *Frank Fay*

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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

**ASCRIBED MEMBERS MEETING** at the Convent, **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November** at 7pm

**THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMBINED AGM AND COMMUNICATIONS MEETING** held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October are now available at the back of the church. Please take a copy.

**LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth)** Next Working Group Meeting at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 75 Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3HN, on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, 7-9pm. Open to all those interested in working with young people through our Faith and having Fun time. Come and hear of our future celebrations and events. Light refreshments available. For more information please contact [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com).

**FAIR TRADE FAYRE** **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-3pm** at Loughborough Baptist Church, Baxtergate. Entry is free and there will be a wide range of fairly traded gifts, crafts, foods and fashions – plus a Fairtrade café!

**GOD, LOVE & SEX: Sat 1<sup>st</sup> December, 10.30-4pm** at the **University of Nottingham**. A one-day conference to explore how Pope St. John Paul II's landmark Theology of the Body can transform our lives. Organised by the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Commission in association with the University of Nottingham Catholic Chaplaincy. Keynote speaker: Edmund Adamus + workshops on marriage, the Gospel of Life and same sex attraction. Cost is £10 (£5 unwaged/students). For more details and to book visit: <http://www.totbd.org.uk/>

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died:** Annie Owens, Teresa Brewin, Tony Daley and Desmond Wyss. **May they rest in Peace**

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** John Brewin, Daniel Fellows, Lena Chievetta, Marion Scrivens, Sean Kelly, Ernest Start, Danny Borzacchiello, Stan Borkowski, George Hamilton, Raymond Tebbutt, Michele Digirolamo, Miroslaw Popowicz, Joan Meynell and baby Christopher Pye.