

**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: “Mary’s power over the evil spirits will especially shine forth in the latter times, when Satan will lie in wait for her heel, that is, for her humble servants and her poor children whom she will rouse to fight against him. In the eyes of the world they will be little and poor” (*St Louis de Montfort, 1673-1716*).

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 24th November** at 3.00 pm. **LECTIO DIVINA** reflecting on the Sunday Gospel.

MISSIO: Please hand in your red boxes to Marie Brookes as soon as possible. Thank you.

CONFESSIONS

The scheduled times for Confessions at St Mary’s are Saturdays 10 -11am and 5.30 - 5.55pm and Sunday mornings 10.30 - 10.55am. You can call at the house any time. The sacrament is also available daily at Mount St Bernard’s 2.30 - 3pm.

LAST WEEK’S FINANCE

First collection: £881	ACN: £667 of which £319 was Gift Aided
Standing Orders: £669 @ 31.10	<i>Thank you</i>



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**Newsletter for Sunday 18th November 2018
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Psalter Week 1

“Nobody Knows the Day or Hour”

These words were spoken by Our Lord a few days before the Crucifixion and just outside **Jerusalem**, from where He and His disciples would have been able to see the magnificent **Temple**, one of the wonders of the Ancient World. Just before this Gospel passage, Our Lord prophesied that all the glory they saw before them would soon be destroyed and they would not see one stone left upon another. This would certainly have shocked the disciples. It might be a bit like us being told St Peter’s in Rome or Big Ben in London would be totally destroyed. Our Lord also warns of war and conflict. All this is a prophecy of the **destruction of Jerusalem** which did take place in 70 AD.

And so in today’s Gospel Our Lord is using prophetic imagery - the sun being darkened and stars falling from Heaven. The world as the Jews knew it was about to disappear completely. Their lives were rooted and centred on the Temple which had stood there for a thousand years. All the rituals, the slaughtering of animals and sacrifices offered were about to be replaced. The Temple sacrifices were only a pre-figuring of the sacrifice Our Lord would make on the Cross. JESUS is the true “Lamb of God” who would take away the sins of the world. And all this happened exactly as Our Lord prophesied.

So now we are in what we call the “**End Times**”. And during this final phase, God’s grace will gradually spread throughout the whole world. But we will be engaged in a constant **battle between good and evil**. Ultimately evil will be defeated. And then at the end of this age, Christ will return in all His glory to judge the world, thus bringing the whole of human history to its culmination. Our Lord ends by saying nobody knows when this will all happen except the Father. We don’t need to know exactly when. But Our Lord tells us it *will* happen so that we will be ready. “*Watch and be alert for you know not the day or the hour!*” (Matthew 25:13).

One excellent way of being watchful and alert is to make regular use of the sacrament of Penance or Confession. When we make a good **sacramental confession** to a priest and receive **absolution**, we are liberated from sin and given the strength to face our daily struggles. A man once made his confession to St Francis de Sales and recited a litany of terrible sins. They came out of the confessional box and the man said to him, “You must think I’m a terrible person after everything I told you.” St Francis de Sales replied, “No, I think you are now a saint.” A good confession washes away all our sins and we come out saints washed in the Blood of the Lamb. If we do this regularly, we will always be ready for the end of the world, whenever it happens to come.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	17 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	18 th	<u>Thirty-Third 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	19 th	9.15am	Feria
Tues	20 th	9.15am	Feria
Weds	21 st	9.15am	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thurs	22 nd	9.15am	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
Fri	23 rd	9.15am	St Clement I, Pope & Martyr
Sat	24 th	9.15am	St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
		10.00-11.00am	Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions
		5.30-5.55pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	25 th	<u>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (SOLEMNITY)</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	19 th	1.30pm	History Group – Hall
Tues	20 th	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary – Church
		7.30-8.30pm	Scripture & Tradition – Library
Weds	21 st	2.00-4.00pm	Senior Citizens: Picture Quiz – Hall
Thurs	22 nd	7.00pm	RCIA – Library
Fri	23 rd	1.00-3.00pm	Crochet class – 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.

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: Teresa Brewin and Tony Daly. **May they rest in Peace**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Aislabie Harrison, Joan Meynell, Tony Jallow, James Ward, Philip Bowler, Roger Galvin, Linda Howkins, Jean Woodcock, Tina Cassella, Joyce Gilliver, Pat McLoughlin, Albert Barker, Emily Houston and Chris Dover.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS will be handed out this weekend.

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 **Thursday 29th November** 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.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR will take place on **Saturday 1st 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*

THREE MORE CROCHET SESSIONS will be held in the Hall (1-3pm) on **Fridays 23rd and 30th November and 7th December**. All welcome to attend, whatever your level of ability.

101 CLUB: The winning number in this month's draw is **42**.

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA QUIZ will be at 7.30pm on **Saturday 1st December** at Sacred Heart church hall. Price: £6 (£3 for students), to include a wine and cheese supper. All proceeds will go to **The Carpenters Arms**, the Loughborough based Christian charity that does great work helping men with addiction problems. Teams can be formed on the night, so don't worry about coming on your own or as a couple. If you would like to come, please contact Will Holland on 07811 353 248; this helps with the catering.

GOD, LOVE & SEX: Sat 1st December, 10.30am-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. Cost is £10 (£5 unwaged/students). For more details and to book visit: <http://www.totbday.org.uk/>

A TALK ON THE OUR FATHER BY FR JOSEPH O'HANLON, distinguished Scripture scholar, on **Sunday 25th November 2018** at St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne B17 0NU. Tea/coffee from 1.30pm, talk prompt at 2.00pm then Q&A. No charge, everyone welcome. For more ACTA information, email mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED by Baca, which provides specialist supported accommodation and development training for young people 16 years and over, working specifically with separated young people who are seeking asylum, some of whom have been victims of trafficking. An hour a week, expenses covered. For more, contact Roz Crouch: 07713 287027.

TO MARK THE CANONISATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO, the Bishop has invited Clare Dixon to visit our diocese. Clare is the Head of CAFOD's Central American Programmes, and is very knowledgeable about the legacy of Archbishop Oscar Romero. She will speak and answer questions on this topic on **Monday 26th November**, 7.30pm-9pm, in the Becket Catholic Academy, The Becket Way, West Bridgford, Nottingham. NG2 7QY.