

**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 :“When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony” (*Pope Pius XI, 1922-39*).

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*

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*

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.

MADONNA AND CHILD CHRISTMAS STAMPS are now available. Please insist on these as they are not always promoted by the post offices.

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: **£1,028**

Standing Orders: **£ 669 @ 31.10**

Thank you



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Newsletter for Sunday 25th November 2018

CHRIST THE KING

Psalter week 2

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!

Today's Solemnity of **Christ the King** was instituted by **Pope Pius XI** in 1925, and one of the reasons was to remind us that Christ is King not only of our private lives, but of our public lives too. As we know only too well, there are many attempts today to silence the voice of religion, especially Catholicism in the public sphere, and we are told to keep our faith at home. Secularism and atheistic values have already largely replaced what was once **Christendom**, and we see the state of the world as a result. The fact is we cannot do without God. If we could, Our Lord would never have come to this earth. But He did come and bring us the Gospel, and only by believing in Him and accepting His teaching will there ever be lasting peace and prosperity.

Since we believe that Christ is God, it follows He is King of all creation. He is King of the universe and the whole cosmos, and we must serve Him alone. Therefore let us not be afraid to bring our faith in Him into society. As Pope Benedict XVI said in his memorable speech to the British Parliament in Westminster Hall in 2010:

“Religion, in other words, is not a problem for legislators to solve, but a vital contributor to the national conversation. In this light, I cannot but voice my concern at the increasing marginalisation of religion, particularly of Christianity, that is taking place in some quarters, even in nations which place a great emphasis on tolerance. There are those who would advocate that the voice of religion be silenced, or at least relegated to the purely private sphere. There are those who argue that the public celebration of festivals such as Christmas should be discouraged, in the questionable belief that it might somehow offend those of other religions or none. And there are those who argue – paradoxically with the intention of eliminating discrimination – that Christians in public roles should be required at times to act against their conscience. These are worrying signs of a failure to appreciate not only the rights of believers to freedom of conscience and freedom of religion, but also the legitimate role of religion in the public square.” (Pope Benedict XVI, 17th September 2010).

Always remember, it was through Christianity that humanity came to realise the truth that all human beings have the same dignity, no matter what stage of life they may be at and therefore have rights. It was through Christianity that slavery was recognised as an evil and then gradually eliminated. All religions are not the same and today's Solemnity reminds us of this. If we exclude Our Lord and His teachings from public life, we only give room for anti-Christian values to take hold, and this is never good for mankind. In the words of the **Laudes Regiae** (The Royal Praises) *“Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!”* (Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands!).

Fr Paul Gillham IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	24 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	25 th	<u>CHRIST THE KING (SOLEMNITY)</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
		6.00pm	<i>Vespers and Benediction</i>
Mon	26 th	9.15am	Feria
		4.30pm	<i>Reception of Teresa Brewin RIP</i>
Tues	27 th	9.15am	Feria
		1.00pm	<i>Requiem Mass of Teresa Brewin RIP</i>
Weds	28 th	9.15am	Feria
		7.00pm	<i>Reception of Tony Daly RIP</i>
Thurs	29 th	9.15am	Feria
		11.00am	<i>Requiem Mass of Tony Daly RIP</i>
Fri	30 th	8.00am	Latin Mass (old rite)
		9.15am	St Andrew, Apostle
		7.00pm	<i>Service of Reparation for all the sins of the Church and Healing</i>
Sat	1 st	9.15am	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
		10.00-11.00am	<i>Devotion of the Five First Saturdays</i>
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	2 nd	<u>First Sunday of Advent</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)</i>
		11.00am	For the Parish

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Tues	27 th	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary – Church
		7.30-8.30pm	Scripture & Tradition – Library
Weds	28 th	7.30pm	UCM – Library
Thurs	29 th	7.30pm	Men's Holy League – Church
Fri	30 th	1.00-3.00pm	Crochet class – Hall (2)

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

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Aislabie Harrison, Carmela Gallo, Alan Tinker, Frank Michalski, Claire Kelly, Geraldine Jackson, Laurence Adkin, Michael Smith, Rosina Guarrieci, Ester Lewis, Christine Harvey, Tom Ryder, Henryk Ostrowski, Eric Beasley, Petro Coviello, baby Dominko Horvathova, Raymond Beasley, Ray Savage, Giovanni Picciano, Barnardo Messoro and Charles Connolly

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

PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN: In so far as is possible, would parents please try to avoid allowing their children to rush out to the toilet or re-enter the church during the Consecration of the Mass. It is the most sacred part of the Mass and we all need to be really concentrated and prayerful. Thank you.
Fr Paul

EXAIREO: The second collection next weekend (1st/2nd December) will be for our local Christian charity, the Exaireo Trust, that cares for homeless men and women by giving them homes, education, training, counselling and support. Our collection helps finance their Christmas lunch, held mid December, and also provides money to buy Argos vouchers for the children of residents, many of whom are separated from their parents. There will be a brief appeal at all Masses this weekend. Please give generously.
Catherine Brady

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.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE: **Please remember them in your preparations for Christmas. Items for food parcels (tinned goods, seasonal items, sweets for children) would be welcomed.**

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.