

**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:** "Bury my body wherever you will; let not care of it cause you concern. One thing only I ask of you, that you remember me at the Altar of the Lord wherever you may be" (*St Monica, 331-387 AD to her son, St Augustine*).

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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*

**NOVEMBER INDULGENCES FOR THE HOLY SOULS:** A Plenary Indulgence may be gained when you visit a cemetery between 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November and pray there for the dead. You must also 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 this weekend is for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN).**

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First collection: £729	
Standing Orders: £669 @ 31.08	<i>Thank you</i>



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**Newsletter for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Psalter Week 3**

**The Church and Indulgences**

People regularly ask me about the topic of "Indulgences" and since we are in November and we can gain many Indulgences for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**, it seems opportune, once again, to give a *brief* explanation about this much misunderstood doctrine of the Church.

One of the great myths about Indulgences is that the Church has abolished them. Not true! You will find the teaching explained very carefully in the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** (#1471-1479) and Pope Francis has granted many. The Catechism describes an Indulgence as the remission of **temporal punishment** due to sin whose guilt is already forgiven in Confession (CCC #1471). They can be obtained by carrying out certain pious or charitable acts specified by the Church. A **Partial Indulgence** removes part of the punishment or debt due to sin, whereas a **Plenary Indulgence** removes all of it.

Every sin has two consequences: **guilt** and **debt**. In the sacrament of Penance we confess our sins, receive God's forgiveness and perform a penance. So through a good **Confession** the **guilt** of our sins is removed, and if we have committed **mortal** or **grave** sin which cuts us off from God, we are restored to God's grace and thus we avoid Hell. But the debt still has to be paid. An example: suppose I break my neighbour's window, I might be very sorry about it and they might even forgive me, but I still need to pay the debt. And it's the same with sin – God forgives us when we repent but we still have to pay the debt of our sins. That debt is paid either in this life or in **Purgatory** where God heals us and undoes the damage we have done. This is where Indulgences help us, because they help us to pay the debt of sin in this life.

We can also apply any Indulgences we gain to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For example, the Church attaches a **Plenary Indulgence** to the recitation of **five decades of the Rosary** in a church or oratory or when it is recited in the family. We have the Rosary in the church every Tuesday evening at 6.45pm – an opportunity to gain a Plenary Indulgence! And in November, why not apply it to the Holy Souls? In addition to performing the particular act of devotion, one must be in a state of grace, have a detachment from all sin, even venial sin, make a sacramental confession within a week either before or after, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope's intentions (an Our Father and Hail Mary suffice). If one doesn't fulfil all these conditions, the Indulgence is partial, but one must be in a state of grace. If anyone would like a more complete list of the Indulgences the Church grants, just ask me.

*Father Paul Gillham IC*

**MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S**

<b>Sat</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass <i>Appeal will be made on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) during Mass</i>
<b>Sun</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Parish Mass <i>Appeal will be made on behalf of ACN during Mass</i>
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (+ on request)</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parish Mass <i>Appeal will be made on behalf of ACN during Mass</i>
		12.45am	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Feria
<b>Tues</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Latin Mass (old rite)
		9.15am	Feria
<b>Weds</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Feria
<b>Thurs</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Feria
		11.00am	<i>Requiem Mass for Margaret Stanford RIP</i>
<b>Fri</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)</b>
<b>Sat</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
		<b>10.00-11.00am</b>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions</i>
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
		<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

**THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S**

<b>Mon</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	History Group – Hall
		7.00pm	First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting – Hall
<b>Tues</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary – Church
		7.30-8.30pm	Scripture & Tradition – Library
<b>Weds</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00-4.00pm	Senior Citizens – Hall: <i>Singing by school children to commemorate the Great War</i>
<b>Thurs</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	RCIA – Library
<b>Fri</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	1.00-3.00pm	Crochet Session - Hall

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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.

**SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION:** We start this study with a look at the life and times of Elijah, who's regarded as the very first Carmelite, and one of the most influential prophets in the history of Israel. His times are in many ways like ours, and he – like us – had his struggles, but despite it all, he was used in remarkable ways to restore true religion to the people. He is an encouragement for us all!

**SALE** of homemade cakes, jams, marmalades and chutneys after both Sunday Masses this weekend for Aid to the Church in Need.

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

**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. Thanks. *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*

**DE LISLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE:** There will be a *Post 16 Information Evening* at De Lisle College on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

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

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

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Elena Keetley, Margaret Cramp, Margarett Szczur, Bob Moore, Jerzy Stepowski, Marion Utley, Ron Lucas, Antoni Juskiewicz, Patricia Wilkinson, Dirk Van Der Meyden,, Margaret Veals, Alice Hoggan, Kate Anderson, Kathleen Leakey, Michele Giorgio and Rev Fr Pietro Zencher.