

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: “Hail Mary, beloved Daughter of the Eternal Father! Hail Mary, admirable Mother of the Son! Hail Mary, faithful Spouse of the Holy Spirit!” (*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

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN: *At the end of the bidding prayers during Lent, we will recite the Hail, Holy Queen instead of the Hail Mary. In case you don't know it, here is the text:*

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs of mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION will be celebrated today, **Sunday 24th March** at 6pm. Please come and join us for the Evening Prayer of the Church. *Fr Paul*

PATRONAL FEAST: Our church is dedicated to St Mary of the Annunciation. Therefore, we will have an extra Sung Mass on the Solemnity of the Annunciation tomorrow, **Monday 25th March** at 7pm. Please do your best to be present.

THE SCRUTINIES are part of the RCIA programme and will be celebrated over the next three Sundays at the 11am Mass for the catechumens (those being baptised) and candidates (those being received into the Church) at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers.

The second collection next week will be for the Carpenter's Arms.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE

First Collection: **£775**

Standing Orders: **£665 @ 24/02**

Thank you



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Newsletter for Sunday 24th March 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Psalter Week 3

Ave Maria

Tomorrow, (Monday) 25th March, we celebrate our Patronal Feast of the **Annunciation**. The full name of our church is **St Mary of the Annunciation**. So I wish you all, and the staff and pupils of St Mary's School a very Happy Feast! There will be an extra Solemn Concelebrated Mass on Monday evening at 7pm at which the preacher will be Fr Antonio Belsito, IC. I hope we have a good attendance.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation marks one of the most important events in human history – the Incarnation of the Son of God in the womb of Our Lady. God not only visits us but becomes one with us by taking to Himself our human flesh. And this was no temporary thing. Jesus Christ, after being conceived in Our Lady's womb would be perfect God and perfect man *for all eternity*. Our Lord ascended into Heaven with His human body, so God is now united with us *forever* by our human nature.

Our Lord's conception in Mary's womb was miraculous because it came about by the power of the Holy Spirit. "*A virgin shall conceive and bear a Son...*" (Isaiah 7:14). God wanted His Son to be "*born of a woman*" as St Paul tells us in the letter to the Galatians (4:4). And this is very fitting because it parallels the incident we see with the first woman, Eve, in the book of Genesis, when the fallen angel, Satan, tempts her to eat the forbidden fruit and thus she co-operates with the first Adam in the fall of the human race.

But at the Annunciation, we have Mary, the Second Eve, who is not visited by a *fallen* angel but by the Archangel Gabriel, and unlike the first Eve who disobeyed, Mary obeys God and she helps to bring about the Redemption. As many of the early Fathers of the Church wrote, "*Death through Eve, life through Mary.*"

In October 2017 we consecrated our Parish to her Immaculate Heart. Let us renew our prayer that in these times of darkness in the world and in the Church, Mary, who is God's gift to us, will remain for us the Star of Hope pointing us to Christ Who is the one true Light and the sure way to peace. *Ave Maria, gratia plena!*

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	23 rd	5.30-5.55pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	24 th	<u>Third Sunday of Lent</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		11.00am	Parish Mass
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
		6.00pm	Vespers & Benediction
Mon	25 th	<u>The Annunciation of The Lord (Solemnity)</u>	
		9.15am	School Mass
		7.00pm	Parish Mass
Tues	26 th	9.15am	Lenten Feria
Weds	27 th	9.15am	Lenten Feria
		7.00pm	Latin Mass (old rite)
Thurs	28 th	9.15am	Lenten Feria
		2.45pm	Funeral Service
Fri	29 th	9.15am	Lenten Feria
		6.00pm	Lenten Feria
		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	30 th	9.15am	Lenten Feria
		10.00-11.00am	Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions
		5.30-5.55pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	31 st	9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request
		11.00am	Parish Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Tues	26 th	6.45-7.15pm	Rosary – Church
Weds	27 th	7.30pm	UCM – Library
Thurs	28 th	7.00pm	RCIA
Sat	30 th	10.00am	First Holy Communion Class (5) – 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.

THE WEEKEND MASS ROTAS for April-July are now available to collect from the back of the church.

THE DEANERY QUIZ is being revived. Sacred Heart will be hosting the first event in their church hall on **Saturday 18th May**. They are hoping all the parishes in the Deanery will send a team of four to take part and compete for the Deanery Trophy: if you are interested in being in St Mary's team, please let Fr Simon know. Social teams will also be welcome. There will be a £6 per head entry fee (to include a cheese buffet, wine and soft drinks), plus a raffle, with all profits going towards the Retired Priests Fund.

THE UCM WILL BE HOSTING A TALK given by Fr David entitled "My journey and the Ordinariate" on **Wednesday 27th March** beginning 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please come along and join us. Light refreshments will be provided.

MARCH FOR LIFE/LIFEFEST 2019: This year's March for Life UK is being held in **London on Saturday 11th May**. The St Mary's Pro Life group is organising a coach for the event which will be **fully subsidised** but donations welcome on the day. If interested please put your name on the list at the back of church or contact the following **by Sunday 31st March**: Michael 07977 543505/michaeljudemurphy@yahoo.ie; Terry 07828 785771/twhutchings@googlemail.com; Greg 07921 587 901/greg@villiersforbes.co.uk. Approximate timings: Depart Loughborough at 8.30am, returning by 8.30pm. For more information go to www.marchforlife.co.uk

LACY COUNTRYSIDE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7th April 2019 at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey: An opportunity for all young people, their families and friends, to be involved, by reflecting and dramatising that special journey to Calvary with Jesus. The occasion will be led by the youth but all ages welcome! Start time 1.30 p.m. with the 14 Stations of the Cross around the Abbey followed by Mass (in the Abbey), after which there will be a chance to share refreshments and socialise. See poster displayed in Church. Full information from paulinepayne@hotmail.com or jancardwell50@hotmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: The annual enactment of the events of Holy Week by young adults of the two Loughborough parishes, as their contribution to the ceremonies of Holy Week, is at 6.00pm in St Mary's, Ashby Road, on Palm Sunday evening, 14th April. We hope that as part of your Holy Week activities you will once again support their efforts with your attendance and participation. Undergraduates and students in Years 6 to 13 willing to participate, please contact Richard Mitchell (tel: 07812-997847) before Sunday 7th April.

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: Eva Guarasci **May she rest in peace**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Kilyon, Dorothy Schepens, William Almond, Joan Hodgson, Antony Askew, Richard Allan, Arthur Clarke, Yvonne Dyson, Barry Clarkeson, John Upton, Maria DiGirolano, Raymond Johnson, Joseph Allcock and Ellen Moore.