

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: “There are probably hundreds of thousands of vocations hanging from heaven on silken cords; prayer is the sword that cuts them” (*Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, 1895-1979*).

REGINA CAELI: *At the end of the Bidding Prayers during Eastertide, we will recite the Regina caeli instead of the Hail Mary: O Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia. For He whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia, Has risen as He said. Alleluia. Pray for us to God. Alleluia!*

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.

FOURTH BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION, led by Bishop Patrick: This Sunday 2nd June. Starts 2pm at St Mary’s Church, Goodliffe Street, Hyson Green, Nottingham. Ends approx 4pm at St Barnabas Cathedral. See poster at the back of the church.

PRAYING FOR PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS: Please remember to pray the Prayer for Vocations *daily* at home and in your families. *“Pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He send labourers into His harvest”* (Matt 9:38). And please do come to our first monthly Holy Hour for Vocations on **Thursday 6th June** at 7pm. Thank you. *Fr Paul*

FR PHILIP SCANLAN celebrates his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood on **Tuesday 4th June**. The 9.15am Mass at St Mary’s that day will be celebrated for him, but there will also be a major celebration of thanksgiving for him at 7pm St Peter’s Cardiff which happens to be his home parish. For those of you new to St Mary’s, Fr Philip was Parish Priest here for thirteen years. We congratulate him and wish him many more years. *Ad multos annos!* For anyone wishing to send him a card, his address is: Fr Philip Scanlan, St Alban’s, Cameron St. Splott, Cardiff CF242NX.

The **2nd Collection** this weekend is for **NRCDT World Communications Day**

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| LAST WEEK’S FINANCE | |
| First Collection: £ 797 | |
| Standing Orders: £665 @ 30/04 | <i>Thank you</i> |



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**Newsletter for Sunday 2nd June 2019
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Psalter Week 3

Holy Hour for Vocations

This coming **Thursday 6th June at 7pm**, we will be having our first monthly **Holy Hour** to **pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life from the Parish of St Mary’s in Loughborough**. I have already written last month of the dire shortage of priests and religious in this part of the world and the necessity of prayer to remedy the situation. But why do we particularly need priests? Is this not the age of the laity?

The laity certainly have a very important and unique role in the life of the Church, but when a man is ordained a priest, (not through any merits of his own I hasten to add) an indelible mark or “character” is imprinted upon his soul **which sets him apart to perform certain acts which only a validly ordained priest can do**. The two main purposes for which a priest is ordained is to **mediate God’s mercy in the Sacrament of Penance** so as people can come back into communion with God should they fallen into mortal sin. The second and most important is to **offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** to the glory of God and for the living and the dead.

The climax of the Mass is the **Consecration**, whereby Christ becomes truly present under the appearances of bread and wine, and offers Himself again to the Father on behalf of us sinners. His sacrificial death two thousand years ago is made present and its merits applied to us. With Christ being God’s own Son, that Sacrifice has an **infinite** value. So for every Mass that is offered, the work of our redemption is being furthered. Our sins are being atoned for. Graces flow down to us. It is for this reason that Padre Pio said, *“It would be easier for the world to exist without the sun than without the Mass.”* This is why the Church wants many Masses said, but to have many Masses offered we need many priests. To have our sins absolved we need priests. To have Masses offered for the dead to hasten their purification in Purgatory we need priests. To have the sick and the dying anointed, and returned, if necessary, to a state of grace before death, we need priests. The priest is on the front line of battle in the spiritual war for our souls in which we are all engaged.

Similarly, the constant daily prayers of monks and nuns in their monasteries and convents and the good works they do in society, bring down many graces and blessings upon the world. Many vocations have come about and many souls been saved through the prayers and sacrifices of devout religious.

So let us play our part in obtaining many holy vocations by **getting down on our knees and begging God for them**. Please do your best to be present at the Holy Hour this Thursday. *“Pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He send labourers into His harvest”* (Matt 9:38).

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

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| Sat | 1 st | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass |
| Sun | 2 nd | <u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</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 |
| Mon | 3 rd | 9.15am | Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions |
| Tues | 4 th | 9.15am | Easter Feria |
| Weds | 5 th | 9.15am | Saint Boniface of Crediton |
| | | 7.00pm | Latin Mass (Old rite) |
| Thurs | 6 th | 9.15am | Saint Norbert, bishop |
| Fri | 7 th | 9.15am | First Friday of the Month |
| Sat | 8 th | 9.15am | Easter Feria |
| | | 5.30-5.55pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request |
| | | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass |
| Sun | 9 th | <u>PENTECOST SUNDAY</u> | |
| | | 9.00am | NO MASS |
| | | 10.30-10.55am | Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request |
| | | 11.00am | International Cultural Mass |

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

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| Mon | 3 rd | 1.30pm | History Group – Hall |
| Tues | 4 th | 6.45-7.15pm | The Rosary – Church |
| | | | Scripture & Tradition – CANCELLED. Will resume after the summer break |

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died: John Michael East **May he rest in peace**

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.

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY when Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of Communications. The Second Collection today is for this cause. A particular intention for prayer is for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country through the Catholic Communications Network. Prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, when we celebrate the coming down of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady and the Apostles will be celebrated next weekend **8th/ 9th June**. I remind you that there will be just the **one** Mass that day at **11am** which is a great opportunity for us all to come together as one family at Mass. The school will also play a part in the Liturgy. Various languages will be used during the Mass, and I would encourage you to come in national dress. After Mass there will be a shared table in the hall. Please bring a dish or plate of food from your own country. The 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 8th June will take place as normal.

Fr Paul

THE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION will be celebrated in our Deanery from **Tuesday 18th June - Friday 21st June** which is the week preceding Corpus Christi. St Mary's will be hosting this devotion on **Thursday 20th June**. The signing-up sheet for Adoration which will be between 10am and 8pm is now at the back of the church.

Fr Paul

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES: Do you have a few hours spare? The Carpenter's Arms is looking for volunteers to help out on a regular basis. We have opportunities at our bases in Loughborough, Six Hills and Kegworth. Please email Judith Spence on judith.spence@carpenters-arms.org or phone 01509 767550.

ROSMINI CENTRE: **15th June** - Celtic Spirituality Part 2. **29th June** - Celtic spirituality Retreat Day. Full Day. Please register at rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com or phone 01509813078.

GRUB CLUB: We served 28 meals this week to children and their families. Not as many as we would have liked but still worthwhile. The children had fun making kites and wind chimes. Thanks to all who helped.

We need a few more volunteers, aged 18+, to join our team this summer. You need to be able to do at least two sessions for about 3 hours each (including preparation and clear up time). We operate Mondays and Thursdays from 15 July to 22 August. Experienced volunteers will brief you on what to do. See one of the Grub Club team after Mass near the blue noticeboard. Or email catherinemarybrady@gmail.com for a form to complete. Thank you.

The Grub Club Team

COFFEE MORNING at 9 Fairmount Drive on **Saturday 8th June** from 10am for Diabetes UK Camp Charnwood. Everyone welcome! An excuse for a get-together! For more information, contact Liz Abell: 07980 021916

PLEASE PRAY for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antonietta Acierno, Lucy Peck, Jean Clarke, Peggy Burgess, Andrew Derby, Ryszard Stabik, Hilda Faulks, Edward O'Sullivan, Pasqualino Cassella, Maureen Connell, William Gallagher, Frank Kozimor and Rae Hagan