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## Newsletter for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 2

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### Sharing Our Faith

In today's Gospel, Our Lord sends out the seventy-two disciples to proclaim the Good News ahead of Him. The implication of this is that the Church is **missionary** and we are all sent out to announce the Gospel. And this is not just for priests and bishops. All the baptised are called to this missionary activity. We have to share our faith in JESUS. For most of us this doesn't mean we have to travel to foreign lands like St Paul or found schools or hospitals or religious orders, or even go out preaching in Loughborough Market Place. Your places of evangelisation are the people and places you frequent on a regular basis. Do the people you meet often see you as a follower of Christ, a Catholic and a member of St Mary's Parish? Do you pray for the people you encounter each day? Do you ask God to give you opportunities to witness to the Gospel and bring people into His Church?

Our Faith cannot be just a private matter, although many in power would like to silence the voice of the Church completely in society, and at the moment they seem to be doing a pretty good job. We need to give witness in public places. For example, if you go out for a meal, make sure you pray before eating. It's important others see this. Don't be afraid to wear a cross in public. Priests and religious ought to be visible in public and wear their habits. It can provoke conversations about our Faith. Make the sign of the cross when you pass a Catholic Church, and come and speak to Our Lord for a few minutes in the Blessed Sacrament. Don't be afraid to be seen in public with a Rosary. Make sure your homes look Catholic. We need to support each other in giving witness.

Our Lord also says, "*The harvest is rich but the labourers are few. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to His harvest.*" Please pray every day our **Prayer for Vocations** and do your best to attend the monthly **Holy Hour for Vocations** from our Parish. The next one will be on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August** at 7pm. Is there a young man or even an older unmarried man whom you think might make a good priest or a girl who might make a good religious sister? Pray about suggesting it to them. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as to what to say. The **Rosminians** and the **Diocese of Nottingham** need priests, brothers and sisters now. What we do or fail to do in this regard will impact our future parish life. **Now** is the time for us to cooperate actively with JESUS' plan for the good of the Church - for only in this way can we hope to have life, and have it more abundantly (*John 10:10*).

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

## MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

<b>Sat</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Parish Mass
		<i>10.30-10.55am</i>	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parish Mass
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		2.30pm	Baptism
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Feria
<b>Tues</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Feria
<b>Weds</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Feria
		7.00pm	Latin Mass (old rite)
<b>Thurs</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	St Benedict, Abbot (Feast) Year 6 Leavers' Mass <b>in School</b> <b>NB: No 9.15am Mass in the Church</b>
<b>Fri</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Feria
		<i>12noon</i>	<i>Requiem Mass</i>
<b>Sat</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady
		<i>10.00-11.00am</i>	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
		<i>5.30-5.55pm</i>	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Parish Mass
		<i>10.30-10.55am</i>	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		<b>11.00am</b>	Parish Mass

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

<b>Tues</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.45-7.15pm	The Rosary – Church
<b>Weds</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	2.00-4.00pm	Senior Citizens (Picture Quiz) – Hall
		7.00-8.00pm	Grub Club Training & Team Briefing – Hall
		7.30pm	UCM – Library

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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.**

**FOR ALL GRUB CLUB VOLUNTEERS** Training and team briefing: **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**, 7.00-8.00pm in the parish hall, to include welcome to new volunteers; our Grub Club principles; safeguarding; health & safety; activities/kitchen/meet&greet get-together.

**UCM SUMMER FAIR:** With the support of our friends in the Parish we have reached our target of £500. The money will be forwarded to the Briars, Nottingham Diocese Catholic Youth Retreat Centre, to refurbish one of the youth team bedrooms in celebration of their 50th anniversary. Many of our schools have sent pupils there for retreats over the years and many of the youth of our parish have served on the Briars Team. We send our donation in recognition of their giving a year of their lives to this important ministry.  
*Dorothy Hutchings*

**OPEN GARDEN ON BEHALF OF UCM** at the home of Dorothy and Terry Hutchings on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**, 1.00-6.00pm. Sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, teas and coffees or an optional glass of champagne will be served. All money raised will be donated to Kwediboma.

**LACY SPONSORED FUN DAY:** **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 11.15am-5.30pm:** All young people, their families and friends are invited to join Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth for a day at Rutland Water. Support The Briars Young People's Residential Centre by sharing in a 3-mile Walk and being sponsored. The money will go towards "*Sponsoring a Room at The Briars*". Be involved in our friendly football and rounders matches. Enjoy a picnic together and the opportunity of sharing in the Celebration of Mass by the side of the water. More information from Ian Cardwell, iancardwell50@hotmail.com or Pauline Payne, paulinepayne@hotmail.com.

**WANT TO DO SOMETHING AMAZING?** Can you commit 2-3 hours per week to provide emotional and practical support to families? Do you have parenting experience? **Home Start Horizons** are delivering a 6-week volunteer course of preparation training at Shelthorpe Children's Centre, Woodthorpe Road, Loughborough on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> October**. If you're interested in joining their team of volunteers, call 0116 279 5062, email [info@homestarthorizons.org.uk](mailto:info@homestarthorizons.org.uk) or visit [www.homestarthorizons.org.uk](http://www.homestarthorizons.org.uk).

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** On **15<sup>th</sup> May next year**, Bishop Patrick will be coming to St Mary's to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. I would like to make it known in advance that anyone applying to be confirmed needs to be practising their Faith and attending Mass every week **now**. Those who are not attending weekly Mass in the parish will not be admitted to the course. The Sacrament of Confirmation is when we really commit to the Faith, so to be a practising Catholic is fundamental. Confirmation cannot be, as has been so often in recent decades, the Sacrament of Exit from the Church! Application forms will be available directly from me later in the year.  
*Fr Paul*

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who have died:** Brenda Waltise and Regina Wojciechowska **May** they rest in peace.

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** June Cammish, Richard Smith-Currie, Howard Selvedge, Brenda Curtis, Idelma Chiasserini, Michael Cox and Gerrard Nicholson

**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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**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.

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**FROM THE SAINTS:** “If you don’t live what you believe, you will end by believing what you live” (*Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, 1895-1979*).

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**THE BROWN SCAPULAR:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July is the Feast of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. If anyone would like to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel, I will do so at the 9.15am Mass that day. Anyone interested, please let me know. *Fr Paul*

**ROSMINI CENTRE:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July – ‘**Desert Day Retreat**’, a chance to get away and make space; silent retreat day guided by Fr David Tobin IC. Arrival 10.00 for 10.30am, Mass at 2.30pm, depart by 4.00pm. Bring own packed lunch (possibility of fasting), refreshments available throughout the day. Donation. **NB: The Healing Mass on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July has been cancelled.**

**KNEELERS:** As you will be aware, many of the kneelers in the church are in a very bad state of repair. Therefore over the next two or three weeks you will find some of them missing as they are being refurbished. *Fr Paul*

**The second collection next weekend** will be for the Apostleship of the Sea

<b>LAST WEEK’S FINANCE</b>	
First Collection: <b>£ 782</b>	Peter's Pence: <b>£246</b>
Standing Orders: <b>£ 665 @ 31/05</b>	<i>Thank you</i>