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Newsletter for Sunday 8th September 2019 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 3

The Birthday of Our Lady

Today (Sunday 8th September) is the **Birthday of Our Lady**. The Sunday celebration takes precedence over it, but we should not let it pass by unnoticed. Her birth into the world was one of the greatest events ever to take place in human history. I doubt anyone even suspected that the child born of **St Joachim and St Anne** would be the greatest and most highly honoured of all God's creatures.

The Jews had been waiting for centuries for the coming of the promised Messiah and Redeemer, but no one would have thought this little baby girl was to be the fulfilment of that promise and that she was to be His Mother. **St Alphonsus Liguori** (1696-1787) teaches that Mary's soul was the most beautiful God had ever created. She was **immaculately conceived** without original sin and hence she was full of grace from the moment of her conception. Even in St Anne's womb her sanctity was higher than that of all the angels and saints. All the saints are humble and lowly, but none more so than Mary. It is always said that God hides His glory because His Kingdom is not of this world. When He was born so humbly in the stable at Bethlehem very few recognised Him as their King. And when He comes to us now in **Holy Communion**, His Godhead, His divinity is hidden under the appearances of bread and wine, and He comes to the youngest child and to the greatest king, queen or pope with just as much love. This is to teach us humility which Mary had in abundance.

On this day Our Lady would surely want us to pray her **Rosary**, and if we say five decades we will be honouring her and giving her a very special birthday present. **Blessed William Joseph Chaminade** (1761-1850) wrote, "*The Rosary is like a crown of roses, like a diadem with which the faithful decorate the head of their Queen.*" What mother would not want to receive roses from her children? And by saying the Rosary we crown our spiritual Mother with spiritual roses. You don't need to be a priest or a nun or even a pope, a king or a queen to do so and neither do you have to pay any money. All you need is the desire to offer it to your Heavenly Mother. Don't forget to say the Rosary today. "*Hail Mary, full of grace.*"

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	7 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	8 th	<u>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		11.00am	Parish Mass
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	9 th	9.15am	Feria
Tues	10 th	9.15am	Feria
Weds	11 th	9.15am	Feria
		11.00am	<i>Requiem Mass for Giovanni Damato RIP</i>
		7.00pm	Latin Mass (old rite)
Thurs	12 th	9.15am	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Fri	13 th	9.15am	St John Chrysostom
		3.00pm	<i>Wedding</i>
Sat	14 th	9.15am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross - FEAST
		10 – 11.00am	Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	15 th	<u>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		11.00am	Parish Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Tues	10 th	6.45-7.15pm	The Rosary – Church
Weds	11 th	7.30pm	UCM – Library
Thurs	12 th	7.00pm	RCIA – Library

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.

RIDE AND STRIDE, SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2019: The idea is to obtain sponsorship for the number of churches you visit during the day – you can walk, jog, cycle, or even go by horse! Proceeds are split 50/50 between St Mary's Church and the Trust, which gives out grants to churches 50 years old and over to assist with maintenance and repairs. Unfortunately I will be away this year, so we need to have someone willing to be sponsored taking part. **We will also need welcomers available from 10am until 6pm to sign visitors in.** Please sign up for a slot on the list at the back of church to volunteer. Thank you. *Alan Leafe (R+S organiser) 07780 921976 alanleafe@gmail.com.*

GRUB CLUB: Many congratulations and thanks to all those who were involved in any way with Grub Club over the school summer holidays. It was a tremendous success and has given a great witness to our Catholic Faith. Many blessings and graces have come about as a result of it. Let us pray for its continued success. *Fr Paul*

OUR PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS from the parish is bearing fruit. One of our altar servers from the 11am Mass, Sam Hart, is going to try his vocation with the diocese and will be moving in to the Old Friary in Nottingham later this month. It is a pre-seminary year to help discern if God is calling him to the priesthood. Please keep him in your prayers. *Fr Paul*

SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP: Terri Carroll, after more than 20 years leading the group is retiring in December. A new person is needed to run the group. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

101 CLUB: Number **26** is the winner of £100 for September. Please see Ann at the repository.

DE LISLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE, Thorpe Hill, Loughborough will be having an Open Evening on **Thursday 12th September** 6-8pm. Tel: 01509 268739 <http://www.delisle.org.uk>

ROSMINI CENTRE **Saturday 14th**, 2-4.30 pm; Rev Deacon Seamus O'Looskan - "God in my life: Invitation, Mission, Gratitude". **Tuesday 17th**, 7-8.30 pm; Fr. A. Belsito - "The Letter of St. James, on Christian Practical Wisdom".

ART EXHIBITION - "ABOVE THE FINIAL" - SHEILA RISTE CLEMERSON (aka Leafe) - is extended and final opening is **7th and 8th September**, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Old Rectory Museum, Loughborough, LE11 1UW. Donations are invited for KWEDIBOMA and 20% of sales will also be donated to KWEDIBOMA.

ANOTHER 'CATHOLIC WOMEN SPEAK' DAY on **Saturday, 26 October** at St Joseph's, Leicester. 'What is your calling? What are your gifts?' An exploration of vocation at any stage of your life. Contributors include Dettie Wallington of Exaireo. Look out for more details later.

Catherine Brady

Please pray for those who have died: Giovanni Damato **May he rest in peace.**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Abbie Elston, Leslie Betts, John Moran, Paul Onions, Martin Hughes, Robert Mee, Harold Rose, Ann James, Edward Woodcock, Margaret Mills, Dreda Clarke, Rev Sr Mary Giovanna Jose and Rev Fr Dennis Hare.

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.

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.

FROM THE SAINTS: “Our Lady has shown her thorough approval of the name Rosary; she has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses” (*St Louis de Montfort, 1673-1716*).

THE RCIA GROUP (for those who are thinking of becoming Catholic) will have its first meeting on **Thursday 12th September at 7pm** in the library. If you are interested in joining the group, please speak to Fr Paul before this meeting so that he can give you an application form to complete.

EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME: Please see the notice board for an important statement from Bishop Patrick regarding this issue.

EDUCATION SUNDAY: This Sunday is Education Sunday and so Priscilla Jordan, the Headteacher at St Mary's Primary School will officially introduce herself and say a few words at the end of the 9am and 11am Masses this weekend. Refreshments will be available in the hall after both Masses.

HARVEST LUNCH: **Sunday 22nd September** in the parish hall after 11am Mass (12.30pm). Tickets - £10 adults, £5 children, £20 family - on sale after all Masses this weekend.

DID YOU KNOW THAT? A pope must also be a bishop. The last cardinal elected pope who was not a bishop was Bartolomeo Cappellari, a monk and friend of Blessed Antonio Rosmini who became Pope Gregory XVI in 1831. He was made a bishop four days after his election and then became pope.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First Collection: £ 634	Second Collection for Xavarian Missions: £955
Standing Orders: £ 665 @ 31/07	<i>Thank you</i>