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Newsletter for Sunday 10th November 2019 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Remembrance Sunday

Those who Died in Battle

Today is **Remembrance Sunday** when we not only remember those who died for their countries in battle, but we also **pray** for them and offer Mass for them. Many suffered severe injuries and died with little or no preparation to meet their Maker. They need our prayers. We remember also all the clergy who died ministering to the soldiers under their pastoral care. Their bravery too is very humbling.

Fr Willie Doyle (1873-1917) was an Irish Jesuit and educated at our own **Ratcliffe College**. He was called to the front line of battle during the First World War. As a young boy in Ireland he would spend hours praying for the conversion of sinners, and on one occasion spent eight hours praying by the bedside of a dying man who had refused the Last Rites, and then just before he died he asked for a priest. Such acts of charity characterised his whole life.

Ordained in 1907, he volunteered to be a war chaplain in 1915 and was called up about a year later. He had the privilege of carrying the Blessed Sacrament in a pyx hung around his neck. He would regularly spend nights in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament even when he was exhausted at the end of the day. Officially, all he had to do was to look after the wounded and dying in the infirmary, but so great was his love of souls that he would often run out on the open battlefield like "an angel of mercy" to anoint dying soldiers and bring back the wounded. Whenever there was a particularly heavy shooting, soldiers would flock to him because they were convinced he had special protection. And this wasn't without good reason as bombs would often fall a few feet away from him, killing everyone else instantly, whereas he would be without a scratch. But he had offered his life to the Sacred Heart of JESUS, and Heaven eventually accepted his offering as he was killed during the Battle of Ypres on 16th August 1917, when he was carrying a wounded soldier to the infirmary. Once he was in Heaven he wasted no time in getting to work, as after only fourteen years, around 6,423 favours had been reported through his intercession.

There are countless priests in history who have ministered to soldiers at great risk to their own lives during wartime. While praying for the repose of the souls of those brave soldiers, let us also remember all the brave chaplains who risked, and in many cases, lost their lives in ministering to and trying to secure a happy death in God's grace for those in their care. *"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."*

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	9 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	10 th	<u>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		11.00am	For the Fallen
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	11 th	9.15am	St Martin of Tours
		11.00am	<i>Funeral Service for Dolores Cunningham RIP</i>
Tues	12 th	9.15am	St Josaphat
Weds	13 th	9.15am	Feria
		7.00pm	Latin Mass (old rite)
Thurs	14 th	9.15am	Feria
Fri	15 th	9.15am	St Albert the Great
		12.30pm	<i>Marriage</i>
Sat	16 th	9.15am	Saturday Mass of Our Lady
		10.00am-11.00am	<i>Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions</i>
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Confessions + on request</i>
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	17 th	<u>Thirty-Third 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

Mon	11 th	2.00pm	Catholic Social Action - Hall
Weds	13 th	2.00-4.00pm	Senior Citizens - Hall
		6.45-7.15pm	The Rosary - Church
		7.30pm	UCM - Library
Thurs	14 th	7.00pm	RCIA - Library
Sat	16 th	11.15am-12.15pm	Baptism Class – Library (by appointment)

NB: Due to the government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions in the printed edition of the newsletter.

CONFIRMATION 2020: Application forms are available from Fr Paul for next year's Confirmation at St Mary's on **Friday 15th May** at 7pm. Forms will only be given to those who have been attending weekly Mass. **Closing date: Sunday 24th November.** *Fr Paul*

CHRIST THE KING: There will be Vespers and Benediction on **Sunday 24th November** at 6pm, the Solemnity of Christ the King to mark the end of the liturgical year.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION: There will be a meeting in the parish hall at 2pm on **Monday 11th November** to discuss The Carpenter's Arms Christmas appeal and Grub Club food boxes.

SAFEGUARDING: We now have a new Safeguarding Officer in the parish, Jo Warren. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue Clarke who has been very diligent in exercising this role over the past ten years. I am very grateful also to Jo for agreeing to take on the job. *Fr Paul*

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR will take place on **Saturday 30th November**, 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. Thank you for your support. *Events team*

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL: Empty shoeboxes and information leaflets are at the back of church. Please take a box to fill. **Please note:** sweets and toothpaste are now unsuitable due to new import regulations. Filled boxes can be dropped off at Country Baskets, Units 1 & 2 Weldon Rd., Loughborough LE11 5RN (opposite Go Outdoors) from **11th-18th November**. If this is not possible, please leave them in the Parish Hall and I will pick them up. *Dorothy Hutchings*

101 CLUB: The winning number this month is **No 6.**



Please pray for those who have died: Dolores Cunningham. May she rest in peace
and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joan Meynell, baby Robert Neal, William Mott, Michele Giorgio, baby William Finerty, John Brewin, Daniel Fellows, Lea Chievetta, Marion Scrivens, baby Anthony Doran, Sean Kelly, Ernest Start, Danny Borzacchiello, Stan Borkowski, George Hamilton, Raymond Tebbutt, baby Vera Stock-Turner, Michele Digirolamo and Miroslaw Popowicz.

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: "More souls of the dead from Purgatory than of the living climb this mountain to attend my Masses and seek my prayers" (*St Pio of Pietrelcina, 1887-1968*).

DID YOU KNOW THAT? According to tradition, seven of the Apostles are buried in Rome: Bartholomew, James the Less, Jude, Matthias, Peter, Philip and Simon.

PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SOULS: To help you in your prayers for the Holy Souls throughout November there are some sheets with prayers for the faithful departed at the back of the church.
Fr Paul

ROSMINI CENTRE: Friday 15th November 7-9 pm **Healing Mass** - Fr Anthony Meredith;
Tuesday 19th November 7-8.30 pm **Scripture: 'Endurance and Hope in the splendid Book of The Apocalypse of St. John'** - Fr A Belsito

FOR INTERFAITH WEEK, Bishop Patrick McKinney is joined by people from different faiths to discuss how (and why!) they feel called to make the world a better place. The event will be held at St Martins House, Leicester LE1 5PZ on **12th November 2019**, 7.30 start. This is a free event but registration is essential. See the notice board for registration information.

APPEAL: During October there were three major earthquakes in the province of Mindanao in the Philippines. Next weekend our Filipino community will be appealing for your support and prayers to help those in need. There will also be a sale of sausage and bacon cobs after the Sunday Masses.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First Collection: £ 796	Kwediboma: £597 of which £285 was Gift Aided
Standing Orders: £ 667 @ 29/09	<i>Thank you</i>