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## Newsletter for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Psalter Week 1

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## The End Times

Every Sunday when we recite the **Creed** we say, “*He (JESUS) will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His Kingdom will have no end.*” This will be at the end of the world. Our Lord will return and judge every human being who has ever lived and He will divide the sheep from the goats where the just will receive their everlasting reward and the wicked everlasting punishment (Matt.25:32-34).

In today's Gospel, Our Lord prophesizes the **Destruction of Jerusalem** including the Temple. This did actually happen in 70 AD when the Romans besieged the city and burned it to the ground and tore down the Temple as well as massacring hundreds of thousands of Jews. For the Jews, this was like the end of the world as the Temple was a microcosm for the whole universe. And Our Lord also prophesizes the trials and persecutions which the Apostles would indeed suffer, and some were even put to death. But in the midst of all this He says, “*Don't be afraid. Don't be led astray, because this is the time for you to bear witness or to give testimony.*”

Could it be that with all the evil and immorality in the world today and the confusion and scandals and apostasy from the truth in the Church, even from the highest levels, that we are near the Second Coming? I don't know the answer to that. But the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us,

*“Before Christ's Second Coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the “mystery of iniquity” in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth” (#675).*

This teaching is drawn from Our Lord's teachings. And so we must be ready and prepared for suffering and persecution when we remain faithful to JESUS. In every period of the Church's history this has been the case. There are countless martyrs who died because they refused to bow down to pagan idols and refused to compromise on Our Lord's teaching. So be faithful to what the Church has always taught because then you are being faithful to Him. When things get tough, when people mock you, when governments pressurize you, stand firm. By your perseverance you will find eternal life.

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

### MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

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|--------------|------------------|--|--|
| <b>Sat</b>   | 16 <sup>th</sup> | <b>6.00pm</b>                                      | Vigil Mass                                   |
| <b>Sun</b>   | 17 <sup>th</sup> | <b><u>Thirty-Third 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                                  |
|              |                  | 4.00pm   | Italian Mass                                 |
| <b>Mon</b>   | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15am   | Feria  |
| <b>Tues</b>  | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15am   | Feria  |
| <b>Weds</b>  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15am   | Feria  |
|              |                  | 7.00pm   | Latin Mass (old rite)                        |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 9.15am   | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary      |
| <b>Fri</b>   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 9.15am   | St Cecilia                                   |
| <b>Sat</b>   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 9.15am   | Saturday Mass of Our Lady                    |
|              |                  | <i>10.00am-11.00am</i>                             | <i>Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions</i> |
|              |                  | <i>2.30pm</i>                                      | <i>Baptism of Sofia Heczko</i>               |
|              |                  | <i>5.30-5.55pm</i>                                 | <i>Confessions + on request</i>              |
|              |                  | <b>6.00pm</b>                                      | <b>Vigil of Christ the King</b>              |
| <b>Sun</b>   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | <b><u>CHRIST THE KING (SOLEMNITY)</u></b>          |  |
|              |                  | <b>9.00am</b>                                      | Chris Dover RIP (Anniversary)                |
|              |                  | <i>10.30-10.55am</i>                               | <i>Confessions + on request</i>              |
|              |                  | <b>11.00am</b>                                     | Aislabie Harrison RIP (Anniversary)          |

### THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

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| <b>Tues</b>  | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 6.45-7.15pm | Holy Rosary - Church |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 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.**

**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING – SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:**

- There will be a procession with the children of the parish and Saint Mary's children at the beginning of the 11.00am Mass, with refreshments after Mass served by the children.
- There will be **Vespers and Benediction at 6.00pm** to mark the end of the liturgical year.

**ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR** will take place on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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. **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** is the last date for you to take a box to fill and to be dropped off at Country Baskets, Units 1 & 2 Weldon Rd., Loughborough LE11 5RN. (opposite Go Outdoors) - **Please note:** sweets and toothpaste are now unsuitable due to new import regulations. If you fill your boxes after this date, please get in touch with me and if there is still enough time for Christmas delivery, I will pick them up from the office. *Dorothy Hutchings*

**LOUGHBOROUGH AMHERST SCHOOL SIXTH FORMERS** are delighted to invite any senior citizens of the Parish to attend their annual Christmas Party at the school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** between 2pm and 4pm. For catering purposes please phone the school to let us know if you are attending: 01509 263901.

**THE WEEKEND MASS ROTAS** covering the months **December 2019 to March 2020** are now available to collect from the back of the church.

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER - St Barnabas Cathedral.**

Join the **Rosminian family**, in celebrating the life and ministry of

**FATHER LUIGI GENTILI,**

a Rosminian Priest who missioned throughout England, Ireland & Wales.

**Refreshments on arrival - Solemn Mass 1pm -**

**With Bishop Patrick McKinney & Bishop John Arnold,  
the Rosminian Brethren, Sisters & Ascribed.**

**YEAR OF THE WORD - THE GOD WHO SPEAKS:** 2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Benedict XVI on The Word of the Lord and it is also the 1,600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, who said 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ'. A limited number of free copies of St Matthew's Gospel are available at the back of the church on a first come, first served basis. On **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, 6pm, Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass to officially begin the 'Year of the Word' at **St Barnabas Cathedral**. Visit [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

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**Please play for those who have died:** May they rest in peace

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** baby Christopher Pye, Angela Brienza, baby Peter Donnelly, Tony Jallow, Michael O'Halloran, James Ward, Philip Bowler, Roger Galvin, baby Edward Onions, baby Christine Quinn, Linda Howkins, Jean Woodcock, Tina Cassella, Carmela Giancola, Mark Cunningham, Jeffery Cinelli, Joyce Gilliver, Pat McLoughlin and Vincenzo Caruso.

## 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.*

**FROM THE SAINTS:** "A day will come when the civilized world will deny its God, when the Church will doubt as Peter doubted. She will be tempted to believe that man has become God. In our churches, Christians will search in vain for the red lamp where God awaits them. Like Mary Magdalene, weeping before the empty tomb, they will ask, 'Where have they taken Him?'" (*Venerable Pope Pius XII, 1939-58.*)

**DID YOU KNOW THAT?** The Sudarium of Oviedo (the cloth believed to have covered Jesus' face) and the Shroud of Turin have the same blood type and are dated from around the same time, providing a possible link between the two.

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

**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:** **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** 7-8.30 pm **Scripture: 'Endurance and Hope in the splendid Book of The Apocalypse of St. John' - Fr A Belsito**

**APPEAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES:** The Filipino community forms a substantial part of our parish. Following the three major earthquakes there last month your prayers and support are requested for those in need. There will be an opportunity to assist financially this weekend for all those affected. There will also be a sale of sausage and bacon cobs after the Sunday Masses. Thank you.

**THE KWEDIBOMA HEALTH CENTRE:** Many thanks to everyone who helped to raise a fantastic total of £597 last weekend. The fund will also receive an extra £71.25 from the government, from the donations made by parishioners who used Gift Aid. *Terry Spicer*

### **LAST WEEK'S FINANCE**

First Collection: **£ 753**

Standing Orders: **£ 667 @ 29/09**

*Thank you*