



Collections for w/e 13th January 2019

Loose Plates & Envelopes - £1,266.00
Standing Orders - £ 414.00
Total - £1,680.00

S.P.U.C £240.00

Fr Tobin is due to arrive in the week beginning 21st January and we look forward to welcoming him.

Home for Refugees: The Derby Deanery, comprising all the Catholic churches in the Derby area, have committed to the government's Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) to sponsor a Syrian refugee family to come to live in the city. The scheme is part of the Government's promise to accept 20,000 Syrians currently living in refugee camps. We're sure you've heard **Pope Francis' appeal** that 'every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary in Europe host a family' whose plight needs our support. The sponsorship scheme focusing on those in greatest need, including survivors of violence and torture, women and children at risk and people requiring urgent medical treatment.

Community groups are invited to identify accommodation and support for a family and raise money for possible initial costs. When everything is in place the group submits an action plan, approved by their local authority, to the Home Office and, once the Home Office is satisfied that the group has made adequate provision, a refugee family is identified, given refugee status and brought to the UK to be greeted and supported by the sponsors. One of the things we are required to have in place for our plan to be approved is suitable housing. The guide to planning states: 'Your group must provide adequate, safe, secure housing for two years'. A suitable home will need:

- a minimum lease of 2 years
- rent that is affordable and sustainable
- proper maintenance
- furniture and amenities

If you can help, please get in touch: barbarastirrup@yahoo.co.uk

Baptism Preparation Programme for parents of babies and young children. Wednesdays 13th, 20th, 27th March, 3rd and 10th April. 7.30pm to 9pm at St Mary's Parish Centre. To book your place please contact Fran Wickes - fran@brightshark.co.uk

Retired Group Programme - St. Mary's Parish Centre 2pm. **23rd January** - Lunch at Mickleover Golf Club. For information contact Ken Barnes on 01332 557042.

Bible Lights Group - next meets on **Thursday 24th January 9.45am to 11.15am** in the Main Hall at St. Mary's Parish Centre. Please note the change of day for this session only. Newcomers welcome. Contact Fran Wickes Tel: [07951 143648](tel:07951143648) or email Fran@brightshark.co.uk

Marriage Preparation programme for couples intending to marry in 2019 Tuesdays **29th January, 5th and 12th February 7.30 - 9pm** at St Mary's Parish Centre. Plus one on either, Saturday 2nd March or Saturday 6th April 10am - 3pm. Couples who have already booked their weddings will be automatically registered for the programme. If you are considering getting married in 2019 please contact Fr Tim or Fran Wickes.

Annual St. Valentine's Mass, 10th February, 3pm: All married couples are invited to join us at Nottingham Cathedral to celebrate the sacrament of your marriage with Bishop Patrick, and to renew your vows to each other. St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham.

Fire and Evacuation training event for our parish at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Burton Road, Derby, DE1 1TJ on **Wednesday 13th February**, 7.00pm and 9.00 pm. The Parish urgently needs to appoint fire wardens/church stewards to assist at weekend services. Please contact parish office if you are interested in attending the training event and helping with this important work.

The Catholic Spirituality Network (CSN) is offering a Retreat Day: "Called to follow a reflection on the Beatitudes" directed by Fr. Chris Thomas of the Irenaeus Project Liverpool, on **23rd February** at the Holy Church, Allestree. The day will run from 10.30am-3.30pm and will focus on our Diocesan spirituality goals of encounter, discipleship and missionary discipleship. Refreshments available but please bring a packed lunch. The suggested donation for the day is £7.50. See posters.

Jesus youth - Jesus Youth invites all 18-35 for a small time of prayer and fellowship after Holy Mass at 6:30pm on every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in the Parish hall. Please contact Vivish Varghese (07475 897765) or Joel Sabu on 07495 299 637 for more details www.jesuyouth.co.uk

Derby Deanery Refugee Community Sponsorship update: The group now has representatives in 5 parishes across the Deanery. If you want to know more about the project, or to get involved and you live in one of these parishes, please contact one of us. If your parish doesn't yet have a representative, why not offer to fill the gap? Contact Lis Martin 01332 552627 (lismartin@aol.com) or one of the other parish reps for more information.

RCIA - Interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the faith? Have you been away from the Church for a while and would like to refresh your understanding? You are welcome to attend our RCIA/Journey in the Faith programme on Monday evenings 7pm-8.30pm. For more information contact our priests or Fran Wickes email fran@brightspark.co.uk

Street closure mid-January to end of February 2019: Due to the closure of Edward Street access to our church might be difficult. Please allow extra time when coming to church. Access via Belper Road, North Parade via Chester Green, Sowter Road, Duke Street, Handyside street. This work is been carried out by Severn Trent, the contact person is Helen Purdy, 07703 718 436.

2019 Christmas Fayre Message and Request- Happy New Year everyone. I know I have already made a plea for items needed for our Christmas Fayre 2019. I am looking for a 6ft-7ft Christmas tree. Tree decorations of any kind, including tree lights, any Christmas decorations which you no longer need and would like to donate, also unwanted gifts, small toys, games, bottles etc. We intend to have a post-Christmas fayre meeting soon. We would like to recruit new helpers of which we have a shortage. If you are interested in joining our committee you will be more than welcome. Please contact Enza Dawson either by Phone 07973 512 560 or email enzadawson@yahoo.co.uk, same contact for any donations you may have which can be collected if necessary. Thank you - Enza.

Christmas Quiz Sheets, £1 per entry, available at the back of the church. Please post entries to arrive on or before **24th January 2019**, to Bob Pendlebury, 212 Burley Lane, Quarndon, DE22 5JS. One entry from those with the most correct answers will be drawn after 9pm on the closing date and will win a cash prize of £50. All remaining donations will go to St Mary's Maintenance Fund. *Registered Charity No. 1134449 Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees.*

'Brexit' and the Catholic Church: Brexit is causing uncertainty and concern to many EU citizens living in the UK. Both clergy and laity alike share this uncertainty and concern. Apart from those who are uncertain about their future, others are inevitably in a state of ignorance and unaware that Brexit will affect their immigration status. In March 2019, the Government is due to launch a Settlement Scheme. All EU citizens living in the UK will be required to make an application if they wish to remain here after Brexit. However, Irish citizens will not be required to apply as their rights are separately protected. With such a diverse diocese this shall affect many of our parishioners, priests and religious sisters. Please pray for them all during this time of uncertainty. The Bishops conference has made representations on these issues to ministers and through the Home Office working groups set up to discuss the Settlement Scheme. Finally, we urge the whole Catholic community to take up **Pope Francis' call** to "welcome, promote and protect our brothers and sisters who have made their homes here with us".

Project Arusha-Jemimah Tumelty, Danae Guererro, Jacob McCalla and Danny Eames landed in Arusha. They will spend around ten weeks teaching in the schools associated with the project. We are sure that they will learn a lot from the experience and will be keen to share it with you all in April when they return.



If you hear the fire alarm leave by the nearest exit following the instructions of the fire marshals. The Assembly Point is in the car park

With every blessing for the coming week from Fr. Tim

Please present items for the newsletter by Wednesday 2.30pm for the following Sunday