



Collections for w/e 4th March 2018

Loose Plate & Envelopes £1,225.00
Standing Orders £ 427.00
Total: £1,652.00

Sacrament of Confirmation for young people - our preparation programme continues on Tuesday 13th March 7pm to 8.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre.

St. Mary's Caring Group – would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributes to the food bank every week that so benefits City Mission and Derby refugee centre.

Bible Lights Group meets on the second and fourth Friday of the month, 9.45 - 11.15am in Room 2, Parish Centre. The next meeting date is the 23rd March. Contact Fran Wickes for more information.

Lent Course – we are running The York Course discussion group during Lent. This year's programme is entitled 'The Third Day' and looks at how we can truly become an 'Easter People'. The sessions are at the parish centre on Thursdays from 22nd February to the 22nd March, 7.30pm until 9pm. To order a copy of the course booklet, please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of church or contact Fran Wickes

Prayer Group - You are warmly invited to the Gift of the Spirit prayer meetings led by Deacon Martin at Holy Family on the first Tuesday of every month 7.30-8.30pm. This is an opportunity to experience different forms of prayer. The next meeting is on Tuesday 10th April. If you need a lift to/from the meeting please call Eileen Smith on 552141.

Jesus Youth Meetings - For future reference the young people will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in the Lady Chapel after 6.30pm Mass. The age range is 18-35 years, but all are welcome.

The Retired Group AGM will be held in the Parish Centre following Stations of The Cross, on Wednesday 21st March at 2:00pm

Re-union - Were you a St. Joseph's Brownies between 1972 and 1982? Would you like to catch up, reminisce and relive an evening of brownie fun? If so join us on 20th April, 7.00 - 9.30pm at St. Joseph's Social Centre (next to church). For more information and to confirm numbers email: Pauline Slack; p@slackharper.co.uk; Stella Ruston; stella.ruston@hotmail.com or Rachel Lewis; rachellewislewis@googlemail.com.

Vacancy - The governors of St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy, Leicester are seeking to appoint a new head teacher. For further details call Mrs C O'Halloran on 01162 706 365 or www.thomasmoreprimary.org.uk Closing date: Monday 12th March 2018

Prayer Volunteers needed! Are you looking for a challenge during Lent, involving prayer

and self-sacrifice? Are you saddened to see the harm done to babies and women through abortion? "40 days for Life" is a Christian campaign group whose purpose is to save the lives of unborn children through prayer, fasting and community outreach. We are seeking volunteers to pray with us during Lent, between 6am and 6pm, on a rota basis at the Treatment Centre on the QMC campus, where many abortions in Nottinghamshire take place. Most people who come stay for one or two hours at a time. Please sign up now to pray with us on www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/Nottingham or contact 40daysforlifefenotts@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Knock 2018 Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland 16th July 2018. £649.00 per person sharing - includes flights, 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights in the Park Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning & 4 course dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single room at a supplement of £100. Group and individual booking are welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association fully protected by ATOL.

Missio Red Box Holders. It will be shortly the time to empty your red boxes again. The brown envelope which can be used for this is now available. Your continued support of "Missio" is much appreciated. Miss R Hanley, Local Secretary. Spring issue of Mission Today is available from the back of church.

Please remember in your prayers

Sr Maura Walker who died at Beaumont House on 21st February. Sr Maura will be received into St Mary's on Monday 12th March at 5pm, and her Requiem will be celebrated the next day, Tuesday 13th March at 11am. May she rest in peace!

National Novena to St Joseph. This will take place from 10 – 18 March 2018 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, the patron, with a Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Parish Pastoral Council - A copy of the minutes and reports from the meeting held on 1st February is available on the notice board in the Parish Centre.

National Catholic Men's Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Sunday 22nd April 2018, 10.30-17.30. A warm invitation to the first, annual pilgrimage for Catholic men. Meet, talk and share the faith with other men; listen to speakers, celebrate confession and Mass, pray for families and for the country; process to the old Abbey grounds for Benediction. We welcome lay and religious, single and married, young and old, fathers and sons. "When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England". Pope Leo XIII, 1887. In partnership with the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady and Catholic Man UK. For more information visit www.catholicman.co.uk

Stations of the Cross. Holy Week, Council 92, Derby of the Knights of Saint Columba are holding a service of Stations of the Cross with reflections on each Station by the Youngsters of St. Joseph's Youth Club. This event will be held on Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 7.00p.m. in St. Joseph's Church, Burton Road, Derby. We would like to invite you, especially younger parishioners to join with us in looking forward to the Easter Celebrations. Refreshments (Chip Butties) will be available afterwards.

Derby St Patrick Day Mass. Annual Civic Mass to be celebrated at St Mary's on Saturday 17th March at 11am. Homily will be preached by the Rev Canon Geoffrey Hunton and the cantor will be Seán Ó Sé. Special guests will include the Mayor of Derby, Councillor John Whitby and the Lady Mayoress. An Irish Embassy representative will also attend. It will be a concelebrated mass by the priests of the Deanery. All very welcome – details on notice board.

Parish Centre Survey - St Marys Parish maintenance group would like to update and improve our Parish Centre. We think the centre is a great benefit to the community and so it is important that the views of the users of the centre are taken into account before we proceed any further. Please share your views and opinions on what needs to be done to ensure that the centre can be kept an enjoyable venue for the different communities that use the Centre? Copies of the survey are in the Parish Centre or via email from Deacon Chris at c.blunt2@ntlworld.com. Please return to the Parish Office by April 15th.

Richard Roddis Singers are welcomed back to St Mary's on Friday of Easter Week, April 6th at 7.30pm. Their programme will be a celebration of Resurrection and New Life. A free event, with a retiring collection in favour of the Derby Refugee Centre.

The Mercia Chorale, an excellent Nottingham choir, are welcomed to St. Marys on Saturday April 14th. Their free concert will begin at 8pm, with another retiring collection in favour of Derby Refugee Centre. Details of their programme are still awaited, so do watch this space.

With every blessing for the coming week from Canon Geoffrey & Fr. Tim

Please present items for the newsletter by Wednesday 5pm for the following Sunday