

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
 R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, ...
 V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
 R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word. Hail Mary, etc...
 V. And the Word was made flesh,
 R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, ...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
 R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
 Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts;
 that as we have known the incarnation of Christ, your Son by the message
 of an angel, so by His passion and cross
 we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
 Through the same Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.

Collect Prayer

**Almighty ever-living God,
 who, when Christ had been baptized
 in the River Jordan
 and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
 solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
 grant that your children by adoption,
 reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
 may always be well pleasing to you.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.
 Amen**

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Epiphany of the Lord

**6th – 13th
 January 2019**

Sunday 6.01	10am 11.30am	Claire Flanagan RIP Martin Bodkin RIP	Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52
Monday 7.01			
Tue 8.01	10am	Eucharistic Service	1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:34-44
Wed 9.01	10am	Eucharistic Service	1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52
Thu 10.01	10am	Rose Kennedy Intentions	1 John 4:19-5:4 Luke 4:14-22
Friday 11.01	10am	Eucharistic Service	1 John 5:5_13 Luke 5:12-16
Sat 12.01	10am	Delaine Mukopfa RIP- Memorial mass	1 John 5:14-21 John 3:22-30
Sunday 13.01	10am 11.30am	Patricia Popple RIP - Anniversary	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16,21-22

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass
 Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday, or whenever required.**

Feasts of the week: none

Sunday Mass Times

As you are aware from the letter read out before Christmas, Fr Gabriel is leaving the parish at the beginning of February and Mother of God Parish will share a Parish Priest with St Edwards on Aylestone Road. Fr George, our new Parish Priest, is proposing to say one English Mass in each parish on Sunday morning although this poses problems as the two churches are some distance apart and at least 1 ½ hours between start times must be allowed to make it work.

Fr John Hadley, Dean of the Leicester Deanery, has asked that we consult with the congregations of both parishes to determine the preferred time for Sunday Mass and so, next weekend we will ask you to indicate your preferred time for Mass from a list of times ranging from 8:30am to 10:45am. This is not a ballot, but the information gained will be used by the Dean, Fr George and other local priests to determine the best Mass times for all. Thanks for your cooperation.

In addition, Fr George will also have a Mass in Malayalam at 4pm each Sunday.

Epiphany: A Fourfold Feast.

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man. At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles.

The End of Christmastide.

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the Twelve Days of Christmas (celebrated in the song), which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

Rosmini Centre. New item on Saturday afternoons monthly 'God in my life: Invitation, Mission, Gratitude'; a number of people reflecting on God's hand in their lives (Fr. Frank Daly, Rev David Knight, Fr. John McCay and others) starting with Bro. William Rees, Rosminian Novice and Poet, on Saturday 12th January 2-4.30 pm. Wishing you a Blessed New Year from the Centre Community.

Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. Thank you.

Modern Day Slavery in the UK. A talk by the Medaille Trust on Wednesday 16th January at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, Mickleover @7.30pm. The talk will address what is Modern Day Slavery in 21st Century Britain, the role of the safe house and what individuals/communities can do to prevent slavery. The Medaille Trust was established by Roman Catholic religious orders to help women, men and dependent children who are victims of modern slavery in the UK, enabling them to regain their dignity and self-worth. They do this by providing safe housing and offering opportunities for physical and psychological healing and rehabilitation. For more information about the Medaille Trust please visit medaille-trust.org.uk, Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. A small donation (a box will be provided) for the use of the room and tea and coffee to Mount St. Bernard's would be appreciated....

Parish Pilgrimage to Alencon and Lisieux by Coach April 1st - 5th 2019. (Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). The cost of the Pilgrimage is £345. We will begin our Pilgrimage by travelling to Alencon to visit and celebrate Mass at the place where St. Therese was born. We will then continue to follow in her footsteps with a Guided visit to the Cathedral in Lisieux, to the Basilica dedicated to St. Therese, to the house where she grew up and to the Carmel where she lived and died. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 9810320.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers by Coach June 15th - 22nd 2019. (Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). The cost is £565 per person. This price includes Coach and Ferry travel, overnight stay with Bed and Breakfast at the Welcome Break hotel in Orleans on the way out, full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes, half board at the Kyriad Hotel in Nevers on the way back. In addition to this there's an optional excursion to Gavarnie, a Ski Resort in the Pyrenees. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 9810320

Financial details: Envelopes £529.69. Loose Plate £563.20. £300 Club £2,700.

Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 30 December: £100 Miss S Peoples (118), £50 A Valente (178). £25 K Patecka (176), Mrs M Uczniak (84).

Thought for the week: "Humor is the great thing, the saving thing after all. The minute it crops up, all our harnesses' yield, all our irritations and resentments flit away, and a sunny spirit takes their place." ~ **Mark Twain**



Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish.

Pope Francis January Intentions: Evangelization – Young People That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.