

PEACE VIGIL ON THE TOWN SQUARE this coming Friday evening at 5pm - a half hour of silent prayer and reflection proclaiming our desire for peace all over the world. Please come along and bring a covered candle (in a glass jar) to symbolise the light of Christ and His prayer and desire for peace.



EXPLORING OUR FAITH: Our first meeting of the new year will take place on Tuesday, 7th January (7.15pm for 7.30pm start) at 17, Rhodes Close. Our topic will be The Year of the word: the God who speaks.

LEICESTERSHIRE ACTIVE CATHOLIC YOUTH (LACY) will be having their next Working Group meeting this coming Wednesday, 8th January 2020, at Our Lady of Victories, 1 Fairfield Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9QQ. The meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m. and will finish at 9.00 p.m. A warm invitation is extended to all who are interested in sharing time with our young people, sharing Faith and Fun. A number of celebrations are to take place in 2020 but you might be able to come up with new ideas! Help us to celebrate our Faith through the different liturgies and to energise our young people with this in today's world. We look forward to seeing you! More information if required from paulinepayne@hotmail.com.

FROM POPE FRANCIS "URBI ET ORBI" message to the world at Christmas. The last paragraph reads:

Finally, Pope Francis said, "May Emmanuel bring light to all the suffering members of our human family. May he soften the hearts of our often stony and self-centred hearts, and make them channels of his love. May he bring his smile, through our poor faces, to all the children of the world: to those who are abandoned and those who suffer violence."

Through our frail hands, the Pope concluded, "may He clothe those who have nothing to wear, give bread to the hungry and heal the sick. Through our friendship, such as it is, may He draw close to the elderly and the lonely, to migrants and the marginalised. On this joyful Christmas Day, may He bring his tenderness to all and brighten the darkness of this world."

5th January 2020:

Readers: 6.30pm: N Williamson 10.00am: R Lewin M Lewin

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm: S Tacey J Shellard J Snaith B Spicknell B Stewart

10.00am: Mike Hall A Brown N Tiney P Green F Wilson V Winter (Weekday A)

Counters: A Wade V English

Welcomers: 6.30pm: B O'Malley M O'Malley M-A Campbell

10.00am: T Kendrick K Shiers Y Shiers

Bidding Prayers: J Rowland

12th January 2020:

Readers: 6.30pm: P Danks 10.00am: C Goddard M Lewin

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm: P Pelos P Bebb R Blagburn A Brown K Crawford

10.00am: J Lowe M Douglas P Green Mary Hall Mike Hall (Weekday B)

Counters: F Goodman B Goodman A Brisley

Welcomers: 6.30pm: P Danks M Danks I Lamarra

10.00am: D Esler-Woodward A Brown G Stray

Bidding Prayers: M Darcy



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Parish Pastoral Council Members: see photos on notice board

Times of Services

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord

6.00pm: The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed on the Altar

Sat.6.30pm Mass - The Parishioners

8.30am: Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Amelia Fialkowska R.I.P.

9.30am: The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed on the Altar

10.00am Mass - Sean Costello (1st Anniv. on 6th)

Monday: Monday after the Epiphany

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass - Bogush Nowakowski R.I.P. (birthday gift)

Tuesday: Tuesday after the Epiphany

9.00am Mass - Thomas Furlong R.I.P.

Rosary after Mass

Wednesday: Wednesday after the Epiphany

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Mass - for a successful operation for Margaret Belcher

Thursday: Thursday after the Epiphany

9.30am: The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed on the Altar

9.40am Rosary is prayed for the sanctity of all life

10.00am Mass - John Brian Maguire R.I.P.

Friday: Friday after the Epiphany

5.00pm **PEACE VIGIL** (30minutes) in the Town Square

6.45pm Prayer of the Church

7.00pm Mass - Alan Atkins R.I.P. (anniversary gift)

Saturday: Saturday after the Epiphany

NO MORNING MASS (Mass in the Prison)

12.00noon - Baptism of 3 Siblings

6.30pm: 1st Mass of Sunday 12th January - All deceased benefactors to our parish

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Conor Delargy R.I.P.

& all deceased Delargy family members

10.00am Mass - The Parishioners

11.00am - Pre-Baptism Course (see below)

5.00pm: Confirmation Preparation Group (see below)



*We saw his
star and have
come to do
the King
homage.*

Confessions Saturday

11.00 - 11.30 am

5.30 - 6.00 pm.

& on request

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday

10.30 - 1.00 a.m.

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCE are offered to Mrs Janet Finnigan and all members of the Finnigan family on the death of husband and father, Dr Anthony. His funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's, Husbands Bosworth on Friday, 24th January at 2pm. May he rest in peace.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE: (Anniversary 1st - 31st January)

Ellen Mary Capell 1885; Charles Webb 1951; Sydney Thomas Fortnum 1987; John Lindsay Moran 1988; John Austin Smallman 1989; Mary Cooper 1989; Hilda Mary Louise 1991; William Goodman 1991; Bronislaw Roman 1991; Robert Francis Preston 1992; Sheilagh Lillian Minogue 1992; Thomas Patrick Lennon 1992; Norah Freer 1993; Ivy Dyer 1993; Thomas Kevin Reilly 1993; Joanna E Boyd 1994; Teresa Cecily Jays 1994; Peter Morris Jones 1994; Nora Charlton 1995; Una Agnes Aitken 1995; Caroline (Kitty) Hall 1996; Gladys Muriel Ormonde 1996; Teresa Ellen Marsh 1996; Beatrice Davey 1997; Mary Hudd 1997; Lawrence Sidney Fortnum 1998; John Joseph Delaney 1998; Walter Smolicz 1999; Andrew John Skupinski 2000; Leokadis Pieslak 2001; Joyce Isaac 2001; Chris Blenkinsop 2001; Patricia Conaghan 2001; Josephine Mary Bolton-Carter 2002; Ugo Terreni 2002; Winifred May Walton 2003; David Andrew Tilley 2003; David Sean Riley 2004; Les Shiers 2004; Marion Agnes Campbell 2004; Margaret Ilson 2005; Betty Patricia Daly 2006; Vincent Woodward 2006; Eugene McSweeney 2006; Joan Doreen Scampton 2006; David Burns 2007; Edith Page 2008; Linda Mabbutt 2009; Alice O'Neill 2009; Joyce Scampton 2010; Jean Marie Dicks 2010; Betty Winifred Draper 2010; Maureen Green 2010; Mary Soughton 2010; Veronica Tennant 2010; Earnest Loakes 2011; Bruno Ziolkowski 2011; Mary Pamela Haynes 2012; Sarah Ann Kelly 2012; Mary Margaret Perkins 2013; John Thomas Finnegan 2014; Estelle Frances Yarsley 2014; Andrew Philip Priestley 2014; Maisie Lilian Herpin 2015; Philip David Palmer 2015; Joseph Leo Feetham 2015; Frederick William (Bill) Cotton 2015; Alice Maureen Bernadette Soghayer 2016; Nigel James Stainton 2016; Helen Mary Philomena Mulkerrin 2016; Baby Chloe Carmela Cox 2016; Arthur Leslie Wright 2016; Allen Victor Winter 2017; Elizabeth Edith Mary Goodchild Fish 2017; Peggy Irene Padvaiskas 2017; Ferdinando Michaelangelo Ditri 2017; Margaret Mary Vials 2017; Carl Odell 2018; Audrey Pugh 2018; Mary Marjorie Helen Frosi 2019; Brian Davies 2019; Michael John Gowing 2019; Sonia Jeffery 2019; Alexandra Anna Halberda 2019; Thomas Edward Roy Percival 2019; James (Bernard) Brandrick 2019; Fr. Louis Drury 1961; Mgr Edwin Henson 1961; Fr. Stanley Burrows 1964; Fr. Michael Stewart 1982; Fr. Jeremiah McGillycuddy 1986; Fr. Bernard Kevill 1987; Fr. Roger Binks 1992; Mgr Hugh Atkinson 1993; Fr. Robert Woodbridge 1994; Canon Emil Puttman 1994; Fr. Patrick Kearney 1999; Fr. Daniel Reid 2000; Canon Peter Wilson 2002; Canon Bernard Mooney 2006; Fr. Peter Tierney 2006; Fr. Philip O'Dowd 2009; *'Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.'*

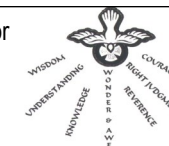
FR OWEN AND THE SISTERS AT THE CONVENT

join in wishing all our parishioners a very happy New Year. May God grant to each and all the serenity to accept the things you cannot change, courage to change the things you can and wisdom to know the difference.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING: All parents with their newborn baby or your expected baby are required to attend a Pre Baptism Meeting before any date for Baptism can be discussed or arranged. The next meeting will be next Sunday in the Kavanagh Room at 11.00am, following the 10.00am Mass.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION GROUP: Will all Candidates preparing for Confirmation, please make sure you attend our Preparation Meeting next Sunday evening at 5pm. **All Candidates are expected to attend Mass on a weekly basis.**



FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS will re-commence this coming Friday evening at St Joseph's school at 3.30pm. I hope all our children involved will be present.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! How can I ever thank all of our wonderful parishioners for making our Christmas celebrations spiritually; liturgically; reverently; aesthetically; socially and every and anyway, so meaningful, so beautiful, so very special. As always the Flowers in Church, so beautifully arranged, enhanced the splendour and awe of our Church. Our Christmas Crib, again as always erected by a family in the parish, was and is, a living presentation to and for all of us, of the place of birth, the wonder of the stable, the puzzlement and holiness of the Holy Family. I always feel a tinge of nostalgia when the Crib is taken down and stored away for another year in our back shed. Hopefully all of us will continue to have our own ongoing Holy Family Crib in our hearts, in our lives, in our love. Thank you all again for everything, not forgetting your great generosity to me personally through your Christmas gifts and collection.



ECO CHURCH! Do you know what that means? Are we an ECO CHURCH? If not, what can we do to lead us towards that achievement. It is our hope that during 2020 our church might become more ecologically friendly and to this end we are asking all parishioners how we might achieve this.

A box has been placed in the cloister and during the month of January we are asking for ideas that we can discuss at our Parish Pastoral Council meetings to help us achieve this aim. A small group has been established to meet with other churches in the town in the hope that we can learn from them and move forward.

More details will be included in our newsletters in the coming weeks and we look forward to receiving as many suggestions as possible.

THE MONTHLY INTENTION FOR PRAYER: Pope Francis recommends an intention for prayer for every month of the year. His intention for January is: **PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.**

