

"HAPPY TODDLER GROUP"

Meets **Thursdays** at St. Mary's Hall. 10.15 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. for ages 1 - 2 years. All welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

is on Friday March 5th 2010. The services are at **St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston**, at 2.30 p.m. and the **Methodist Church, Blaby Road, South Wigston**, at 7.30 p.m.

All are very welcome.

YOUTH CLUB NEWS!

Meeting this Tuesday : St. John Bosco Hall

2nd March : 7.00 p.m.

"Tournament Evening"

Look forward to seeing You!

Blaby Waitrose

HCPT is a Catholic charity which takes children with special needs on pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes at Easter. Each month Waitrose allocates £1,000 to three local community projects. During the month of March, the Leicester group of HCPT is one of the nominated projects for Waitrose Blaby

When customers spend £5 they are given a token at the checkout, which they place in one of 3 boxes at the store exit, each allocated to a different cause. The amount a cause receives is directly proportional to the number of tokens they receive from customers.

If you shop in Waitrose, please support the work of HCPT by placing your tokens in our box. You can find out more about the work of HCPT at www.hcpt.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Lisieux 17th—23rd July 2010

Make your mind up time now. Forms need to be filled in and deposits sent. We shall be opening the pilgrimage up to neighbouring parishes and then nationally

Itinerary includes: 4 nights in Lourdes Mass at the Grotto and visit to Bartres. Day trip to Biarritz and overnight stay at Lisieux on return journey. Still a few application forms at the back of Churches.

Parish Census

A new census form is now available! Calling **all parishioners, new and old**, please take a form, complete it and return it to the Church or Presbytery.

We need to know you all!

All information will of course be Confidential.

HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR COPY YET ??

Help us by doing so now. Thank you.

EASTER LILIES

It is the usual custom over the weekend of The Sacred Triduum and Eastertide to have Lilies in our Churches in remembrance of our loved ones or for a special intention.

If you would like to share in this please pick up an envelope from the church porches, provide the information required and place your donation inside the envelope.

These envelopes can then be either placed in the collection baskets at Mass or handed into the Parish Office at St. Mary's

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

Second this week, 28th February at St. John Bosco Presbytery. 4.00—5.30 p.m.

TRAIDCRAFT "Special Day"

at St. Mary's : 7th March

Lots of new stock Please come along and Support.

Thanks to all who offered to help. New rotas available in both porches.

The Parish of ST. MARY & ST. JOHN BOSCO

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NEWSLETTER :28th February 2010:Second Sunday of Lent:Year C

The Big Fight Back

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" verses "Bear fruit in plenty"

In his latest book "Captive Flames" James McCaffrey OCD gives a resume of the teachings of some of the great Carmelite saints. In the section on St Teresa of Avila he writes about Teresa's deep insight into the spiritual life, she talks about her prayer life as **an intimate sharing between friends**. She has a awareness that **"every single human being is a wonderful and unique creation of God"** and her own spiritual journey helps her to discern the ways in which **God's action leads each person by their own secret trail to the Father through Jesus in the Spirit**.

Teresa was primarily concerned with her religious communities. The intimate sharing between friends that was the core of her own prayer life was also the model of how her sisters should live in community. At the heart of this was Jesus' teaching in the Gospel, **"Abide in me and I in you....I am the vine you are the branches**. It is about a fruitfulness that is not possible apart from Jesus. It is about love: **"Remain in my love"**. It is an invitation to joy, **"That my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete"**. A community (parish) is all the more apostolic and fruitful in the Church the more it is rooted in the love Christ and love for others. A fruit bearing community gives glory to God

This marvellously fresh gospel vision of community (parish) is recaptured by Teresa. and it heralds a new springtime for the church of her day and of the future; a communion of love with Jesus and with one another which gives glory to God in a joyful life of prayer; a community with a mission, not primarily to go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, but rather to bear fruit in love and to do so by loving one another as Christ has loved us in his passion and death.

Teresa's vision of community / parish is something that is achievable for all of us. Our Novena prayer sums it up beautifully, a new vision of God's glory, a new experience of the Spirit's power, a new faithfulness to God's word, and a new consecration to God's service.



**Eucharistic
Prayer II**

Entrance Ant.

Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.

Resp. Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my help

Gospel Acclam.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!" **Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

Comm. Ant:

Lord, we give thanks for these holy mysteries which bring to us here on earth a share in the life to come, through Christ our Lord.

Clergy: Rev. Stephan Foster
Rev. Vincent Kelly Deacon

Srs. Treasa, Margaret, Justine.

Pastoral Co-ordinator:

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MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	<i>St. John Bosco</i>	<i>St. Mary's</i>
Sat 27th February 2010 <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.00 pm. Mass People of the Parish	
Sunday 28th Second Sunday of Lent	11.15 am. Mass Nancy Carr RIP and Eamonn Hughes RIP	9.30 am. Mass (<i>Solemn Mass</i>) Fr. Brendan O'Sullivan RIP 6.00 pm. Mass (<i>Youth Mass</i>) People of the Parish
Mon 1st March <i>St. David, Patron of Wales</i>	9.30 am. Service of Word & H. Comm.	
Tues 2nd <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30 am. Service of Word & H. Comm.	7.00 am: Mass Margaret Ryan RIP
Wed 3rd <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30 am.: Mass Rose Dunphy RIP	
Thurs 4th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30 am Service of Word & H. Comm	9.30 am: Mass Christine Philips RIP
Fri 5th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30 am: Mass Ron Greatorex RIP	
Sat 6th <i>Vigil</i>	6.00 pm : Mass Kathleen McHugh RIP	9.30 am: Mass (Glen Parva)
Sun 7th Third Sunday of Lent	11.15 am : Mass Reynold Gouveia RIP	9.30 am: Mass (<i>Quiet Mass</i>) Dec Rel. Lyttle Fam. 6.00 pm: Mass People of the Parish.

FINANCES	ST. JOHN BOSCO	ST. MARY'S
Envelopes	£148.20	£203.84
L/Plate	£83.51	£136.35
S/Orders		£330.00
Donations		
F/Raising	£162.95	
TOTAL	£231.71.	£670.19



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. John Bosco
Sat. 5.15 — 5.45 p.m.

St. Mary
*** Sat.11.30 a.m. —
12 noon ***

YOUNG PEOPLE AND LITURGY!!

Lent 2010

We warmly invite all of our young people to come along to share in the following occasions:

Youth Stations of the Cross
NExT WEEK : Sunday 7th March — St. Mary's



Our young people invite all to share with them the Stations of the Cross at 4.00 p.m.

Followed by refreshments.

Youth Mass: Sunday 28th March
4.00 p.m. Workshop
6.00 p.m. Mass Celebration

"LIFE TO THE FULL"

St. John Bosco and St. Mary's Parish will be "Bringing the Bible Alive" using this wonderful programme.

St John Bosco:

Tuesdays at 2.30 pm in the Hall
and at St Hugh's Hall at 7.30 pm.

St Mary's:

Wednesdays at 2.30 pm.
Fridays at 7.30 pm -
in the Parish Hall.

Come and share in this tremendous opportunity!

EARLY TUESDAY MORNING MASSES DURING LENT

keeping our Workers in mind and an opportunity to do something extra for Lent.

These Masses will be held at St. Mary's on every Tuesday during Lent. 7.00 a.m. Mass followed by Breakfast in the Parish Hall.

Come and share Breakfast with us - we will be providing Cereals! Toast! Tea and Coffee!



Plus inspiring conversation!!

LENTEN STATION MASS

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3rd March : St. Thomas More, Knighton
7.00 p.m.

10th March : Holy Cross, Leicester
(with the Bishop) 7.00 p.m.

17th March : St. Patrick's, Leicester : 11.00 a.m.

MUSIC INFORMATION FOR

St. Mary's Folk Group
and Parish Young Musicians

Folk Group Workshop:
Mon 1st March at St. Mary's.
8.00—9.30 p.m.

Young Musicians:
Sat 6th March in
St. Mary's Hall. 10.00—11.00 a.m.

NEWS ! St. Mary's U.C.M.
Meeting on Thursday 4th March
"Discussion" 2.00 p.m.
(WUCWO Centenary Assembly 2010)

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. John Fisher Primary: Head Teacher — Mrs. Mary Hirst : Tel: 0116 2882203
Holy Cross Primary: Head Teacher — Miss Julia Christy : Tel: 0116 283 3135
St. Paul's Comprehensive: Head Teacher: Dr. F. Doherty : Tel: 0116 2414057
English Martyrs Comprehensive : Head Teacher: Mr. Marius Carney : Tel: 0116 242 8880

Please ensure all items for the Newsletter reach the Parish Office, or email pauline@stmaryswigston.org.uk , by 12 noon on a Thursday. Thank you.