

Who Makes Decisions on Your Behalf?
Do you know who to contact if you want to raise any issues concerning our Parish?

To keep you more informed we will

*Put up photos of all the Pastoral Council Members
Put our brief minutes of Council meetings for all to read
Put a suggestion box in each porch of the Churches*

LOOK OUT FOR THESE INITIATIVES IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS -
It is YOUR Pastoral Council!

"BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR"

Do you know someone who is ill or have difficulties?

Would they appreciate a visit from the Priest or one of our Visiting Team?

Remember that you can fill in one of the Pastoral Visit request forms, which can be found in the porches of our Churches, and hand it into the Presbytery or any of the staff in the Parish Office.

NB: Please check that the person is happy for you to give their information first.

Mission Appeal

Many thanks for your support of last Week-end's Mission Appeal. A grand total of £565.54 was raised both ends of the parish. Many thanks once again for your generosity.

Averil Dowds

Averil is to step down as housekeeper at St John Bosco Presbytery and also as contact person for the hiring of St John Bosco Hall. (Monica is to take on responsibility for Hall bookings). A word of thanks to Averil for all the hard work she has done officially and unofficially and for her contagious smile in season and out.

Baptism at St Mary's.

Isla Ewing was baptised this Saturday at St Mary's - please remember this newest member to our community and her family in your prayers.

Monday Morning Mass

Fr S will be around this Monday so will be offering Mass at St Mary's at 9.30 am.

THE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT CARMEL ROSARY RALLY

Come and pray for World Peace and the Young People of our Diocese on
Sunday 22nd August at Grace Dieu Manor, commencing with concelebrated **Mass at 3.00 p.m.**

Principal Celebrant
Rev. Fr. Richard Hardstaff.
Break for picnics, refreshments, etc.
Solemn crowning of the Stature of Our Lady, Rosary, Procession, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of the Sick and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Further details on notice board or contact Mr. D. O'Reilly.
Tel: 01530 83446.

United Reformed Chapel - Canal Street.

The old United Reformed Chapel on Canal Street was pulled down to make room for the new Leicestershire College. The URC community have been offered a chapel within the new college and this is to be opened next Saturday a 3pm. This will obviously be an exciting new beginning for that community but also a challenging one. Please remember our URC friends in your prayers.

Churches Together in South Wigston.

The tradition has developed in this neck of the woods that during the holiday season when church numbers are reduced, local churches encourage their members to visit other churches to sample their style of worship and get to know Christian brothers and sisters. This Sunday it is our turn to play host. Please do stay behind after Mass for a cup of tea and a chat with our Christian friends and co workers.

The Parish of ST. MARY & ST. JOHN BOSCO

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Encountering God.

If I want to help you to find God, I invite you to begin within yourself. Is that surprising ? It is the road of many great saints, including St Augustine. I am convinced that the road towards God passes through the desires of your heart, simply because those desires are placed there by God.

If you pause and enter into yourself, if you can create a space of quiet self-presence, you get in touch with your longing for something more, even for something infinite. You discover yourself as a kind of mystery, open to infinite horizons of questions and questings. Stillness in itself does not satisfy. Your self-presence on its own is not enough. If you can come into yourself, paradoxically, you will discover a need to move out of yourself. Something "beyond" beckons, it will guide you gradually to divine mystery. I am not saying that this inner journey is easy. Far from it. Many of us get caught in surface living. We want to escape the costly strangeness of this voyage within. What is deepest in us can easily get suppressed or avoided or neglected.

If so, that zone of our self as a place of wonder remains unvisited and this road to God remains untravelled

Of course, that desire to go beyond yourself is not your doing. It is God's Spirit at work in the depths of each person. If you start with yourself, I am convinced that you can discover the hidden and creative treasure called grace. It is not a passive treasure but a vibrant source of your growth towards living with love. Ultimately with God's own life.

Michael Gallagher SJ.

Fr Richard...

....came over for a meal last Friday Evening having had a glorious two weeks holiday in sunny Spain. He is still thoroughly enjoying his new parish and his work in the local prisons and school. He wished to thank all those who sent cards for the anniversary of his ordination - they were much appreciated.

(Unfortunately the same sun didn't shine very often in the Urals so there wasn't much hang-gliding)



**Eucharistic
Prayer
IV**

Ent Antiphon

God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.

Resp. Psalm:

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclam.

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Comm. Antiphon

O, bless the Lord, my soul, and remember all his kindness.

**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 24th July 2010 <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.00 pm. Mass	
Sunday 25th 17th Sunday of the Year	11.15 am. Mass	9.30 am: Mass Joan Mary Bettle RIP 6.00 pm. Mass Donor's Int.
Mon 26th <i>SS Joachim & Anne</i> (Parents of Our Lady)	9.30 a.m. Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am: Mass. Mary Noble's Int.
Tues 27th <i>Feria</i>	9.30 a.m. Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Mass Donor's Int.
Wed 28th <i>Feria</i>	9.30am: Mass Toni Treacy	9.30am Service of Word & Holy Communion
Thurs 29th <i>St. Martha</i>	9.30 am. Service of Word & Holy Communion	9.30am: Mass. Rita Philips RIP.
Fri 30th <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am: Mass Judy Read RIP	9.30am. Service of Word & Holy Communion
Sat 31st <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.00 pm : Mass DJ Lally & Kurina Fuller RIP	9.30 am: Mass (Glen Parva)
Sunday 1st August 18th Sunday of the Year	11.15 am : Mass People of the Parish	9.30 a.m: Mass Ita Morley RIP. 6.00 p.m. Mass Kevin Quinn RIP.

FINANCES	ST. JOHN BOSCO	ST. MARY'S
Envelopes	£172.90	£264.62
L/Plate	£ 88.13	£98.69
S/Orders		£330.00
2nd Collection Mission Appeal	£252.56	£312.98
F/Raising	£ 155.00	
TOTAL	£261.03	£693.31



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. John Bosco
Sat. 5.15 — 5.45 p.m.

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

PARISH YOUTH CLUB

Message from Mike and Leaders:
The Club is closed now until the Autumn. Look forward to seeing you then!

Beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman.

It caused a massive stir when Anglican Cleric and theologian John Henry Newman crossed the great divide and became a Catholic. He was received into the Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi a Passionist Father who was an Italian Missionary priest who longed all his life to come and work amongst the English.

Newman was mistrusted by the Anglican Communion for his desertion and mistrusted by the Catholic Community because they weren't sure what they were getting.

Newman, later Cardinal Newman, worked tirelessly among the poor but in his writings he laid the foundations for the 2nd Vatican Council. He had great devotions to the writings of early Fathers of the Church and it was their teachings that pushed him in the direction of the Catholic Church.

Pope Benedict is to declare Cardinal Newman "Blessed" at a Mass at 9.30am on Sunday 19th September at Cofton Park, Birmingham. This is another step on the journey to sainthood and obviously will be an important historical occasion.

There are still a few seats available on the coaches but we do need to have names by this Sunday Evening, at the latest.

Ps. We have decided to subsidise the cost by £10 per seat so the cost will now be £15.

"Tuesday Friendship Club"

The club is now closed for a short holiday period until 10th August.
Please note there will be a Committee Meeting in St. John Bosco hall at 11.00 a.m. on 3rd August.

"Schools Closed for the Summer!!"



Our schools have now finished for the summer and most of our meetings have closed down for the holiday period. Wishing you all a good Summer time! Come back from your holidays refreshed for the Autumn!

2nd Collection Next Weekend:

Apostleship of the Sea.

Parish Mission.

The idea of a Parish mission has been discussed by the Parish Pastoral Council and various other groups in the parish. Good reports were received from Fr Tim O'Sullivan and his parishioners in Newark when the Redemptorists did a mission there recently. Fr S had a meeting a couple of weeks ago with Fr Kieran one of the Red's Missionary Team who came up with firm proposals for next year.

The overall plan is that the team come over on the weekend of the 14th - 17th January to plan for the Mission week. This will involve setting up groups taking having responsibility for different aspects of the Mission week eg healing service, drama, etc.

The Mission itself would take place from Saturday 26th February - Friday 4th March. and hopefully will also involve our schools and young people. Please support this venture by praying our Mission Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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.