

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

# NEWSLETTER

## Mary as Co-Redemptrix

Our Lady has many titles. She is Mother of God, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Ark of the Covenant and Queen of Angels to name just a few. With May being her month, we shall begin this weekend by crowning her statue at each of the Masses because she is also Queen of Heaven and Earth. She has another title, “Co-Redemptrix” which originated in the fourteenth century, but she was always recognised as such in the early Church. This has been talked about a bit recently, so it seems a good opportunity to try and explain it.

JESUS Christ is the one Redeemer of the world and yet we call Mary Co-Redemptrix. The first thing to understand is that, ‘co’ means ‘with’. In other words she is Co-Redemptrix only when she is united with Christ. Our Lord, Who is God, redeemed us by suffering and dying on the Cross for our sins, but He *shared* the pain of His Passion with His Mother when she stood at the foot of the Cross. She *participated* in His pain by her compassion. And when Our Lord’s Heart was pierced with a lance by the Roman centurion, a sword of sorrow pierced Mary’s heart too, just as Simeon had foretold when the baby JESUS was presented in the Temple (Luke 2:35). Just as Our Lord in His Passion became “a man of sorrows” (Isaiah 53:3), Mary became “Our Lady of Sorrows”.

Our Lady is also Co-Redemptrix because she distributes the graces won by Christ. After all, what is on the Miraculous Medal? An image of Our Lady with Christ’s graces shining forth brilliantly from the rings on her fingers. All the fruits of the Redemption and all graces come to us through Mary - not *from* her but *through* her. It was *through* her that the Author of Grace Himself, Our Lord JESUS Christ came into this world. Then through her role which is secondary and totally dependent upon Christ, she is part of the actual work of salvation itself. How? Because she provided the actual material of Christ’s Body for the Redemption, His Flesh and Blood by which we are saved. Without Mary there would be no human Christ and therefore no Redemption. Hence she really is the Co-Redeemer. But this does not mean she saved herself. That would be



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*Served by the Rosminians*

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## MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

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**Sat 1st**

6.00pm For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

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**Sun 2nd Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9.00am Teresa Frankow RIP – PUBLIC MASS

11.15am Frances Ebong RIP – PUBLIC MASS

4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

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**Mon 3rd Saints Philip & James, Apostles (Feast)**

9.15am Inez & Felixberto Cogal RIP (Anniv.) – PUBLIC MASS

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**Tues 4th English Martyrs (Feast)**

9.15am Josephine Gibson (née Orton) RIP

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**Weds 5th**

6.30pm Vera Hurry RIP (Latin, old rite) - PUBLIC MASS

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**Thurs 6th**

9.15am Mark Balmбра RIP

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**Fri 7th First Friday of the Month**

6.30pm For our deceased relatives and friends - PUBLIC MASS

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**Sat 8th**

9.15am Jack & Katie Smith RIP (Anniv.)

10.30am

-12.30pm

6.00pm

**Private prayer with Exposition of the**

**Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am**

For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

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**Sun 9th Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9.00am Carmela Brunetti RIP – PUBLIC MASS

11.15am Andy Newbold RIP – PUBLIC MASS

4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

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**Sick list:** If you have requested prayers for someone who is sick, please let us know whether you wish their name to remain on the list by **Friday 14th May**. You can do this by phone, email (see phone number and email address on front page) or note through the presbytery door. **Only those names we have received will be published in the newsletter after that date.** Thank you.

**Anniversaries:** Please note that the list of anniversaries now only includes parishioners who have died in the years from (and including) 2010. If you would like any deceased relatives and friends who died before that year to be mentioned, please give their name(s) to the parish office no later than a week in advance.

**Please pray for those who have recently died**

Marcus Beddoe

Pauline Taylor

*May they rest in peace*

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Lidia Orzweszek

Jo Ucar

Rev Fr Stuart Allan

Pasqua Genco

Antonietta Perone

Rosemary Meredith

Lilian Fisher

Desmond O'Leary

Beatrice Roper

Kevin Mortell

Ernest Newton

Kath Ward

Inez & Felixberto Cogal

Jack & Katie Smith

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impossible. As St Irenaeus (130-202 AD) put it, “by yielding obedience, [Mary] became cause of salvation, both to herself and the whole human race” (Adversus Haereses, III,22,4). This is the teaching of the Catholic Church. Let us always try and imitate Our Lady in offering up our sufferings for the salvation of souls.

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

**St Mary’s School and catechists** thank the priests and stewards for making the First Holy Communion wonderful and inspiring celebrations for the children and families. Our thanks to the parishioners too for being so accommodating at the weekend Masses and for all the support given to the school. We are praying that restrictions will be lifted in line with the Government roadmap, so that we can be more of a community as we were before and open the playground for parking at the weekends for Masses.

*Priscilla Jordan*

**Holy Communion:** We are still distributing Holy Communion after Mass. Please remember to remove your face mask before receiving the Sacred Host and then replace it afterwards. To receive Holy Communion, we must be in a state of grace (any mortal sins must have been absolved in the Sacrament of Penance), and to have fasted for a minimum of one hour before reception.

*Fr Paul*

**Holy Communion for the Housebound:** For those who are unable to attend Mass at the moment and would like a one-off visit from one of the priests to receive the Sacraments, please let us know.

*Fr Paul*

**A Father’s Heart - a Podcast for Catholic Dads:** The second episode of the Diocese of Nottingham’s Podcast for the Year of St Joseph was published on Friday 30th April. In this episode guests Maziano and Merwyn (from Sacred Heart Parish in Leicester) share their thoughts on St Joseph being ‘An Obedient Father’ and how we can respond to the will of God in our lives. You can download it from your normal podcast provider or listen online by going to [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts).

**Last Rites does not mean Last Minute!** As soon as a person begins to be in danger of death because of illness, injury or old age, the time for anointing has surely already come.

*Fr Paul*

**The Holy Rosary during May:** Why not make an effort to say five decades of the Rosary daily during May, Our Lady’s month? St Alphonsus said, “Those who say the Rosary daily and wear the Brown Scapular and who do a little more, will go straight to Heaven.” *Fr Paul*

## Year of St Joseph



## VACANCIES

### Lead Lay Chaplain

**Required:** There are vacancies for two Lead Lay Chaplains within the Diocese of Nottingham, at the St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust and also the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust. Further details are available at [www.stl-cmat.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.stl-cmat.org.uk/vacancies) or [www.srscmat.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.srscmat.co.uk/vacancies)  
Closing date: 4/5/2021

## Prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

- Leader:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.
- All:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.
- Leader:** Bless our families. Bless our children.
- All:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.
- Leader:** Mary, Queen of the Clergy!
- All:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

**Prayer to Saint Michael:** Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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**Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse 2021:** Pope Francis has asked that each Bishops' Conference choose an appropriate day in their nation to hold a 'Day of Prayer' for the victims and survivors of sexual abuse. In England and Wales it will be on **Tuesday 4th May**. Let us pray for healing and reconciliation.

**Missio boxes:** Many thanks to all of you who sent the money collected in your boxes directly to Missio last year. The total donated from St Mary's amounted to £265 for 2020. I will let you know when the usual collection arrangement will be resumed as soon as I can.

*Marie Brookes*



### From the Saints

*"She [Mary] was not only present in the mysteries of the Redemption, but she was also involved with them. ... Nothing of the vast treasure of all graces ... is given to us without Mary."*

(Pope Leo XIII, 1810-1903)

## Pre-booking places for Mass:

Online bookings can be made on the diocesan website at

<https://massbooking.uk>.

Telephone bookings can be made by calling

**07554 603972**

**Tuesday or Wednesday**

**2pm – 4pm or**

**Thursday and Friday,**

**5pm – 7pm.**

Please do not phone the Presbytery. Due to the higher demand at weekend Masses, a pre-booked seat is not guaranteed if you arrive after Mass has begun. May I take this opportunity to remind you that the Sunday obligation is still suspended, and therefore I would encourage some of you to take advantage of attending Mass during the week if possible to help ease the numbers at the weekend. Thank you.

*Fr Paul*

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## Last Week's Finance

**Collection:** £312, of which £45 was gift-aided

**Clergy Formation:** £223

**Standing orders:** £812 @31/03, of which £714 was gift-aided

**Mass attendance:** 285