

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER

EASTER SUNDAY



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“Surrexit Christus spes mea, alleluia!”

“Christ my hope is risen, alleluia!” A very happy Easter to you from all the priests of St Mary’s. Thank you so much for your Easter greetings and cards.

The Resurrection of Christ from the dead is the central mystery of our Faith and should fill us all with great joy and hope. By it Our Lord proved He was the divine Son of God and that His teachings were true. The Gospel does not say that it was just Our Lord’s soul that lived on (which is what some people advocate), and neither is His Resurrection the same as Lazarus being raised from the dead (John 11:38-44). Lazarus returned to an ordinary earthly life and eventually died again. Our Lord did not return to ordinary life. Lazarus rose by the power of another (JESUS), whereas Our Lord rose by His own power as God. He is now immortal and will never die again.

It is also the formal teaching of the Catholic Church that JESUS, after having been put to death on the Cross, three days later rose in the *same* Body: the Body in which He died is the same one in which He rose. But although it was the same Body it was qualitatively changed. This is very evident from the Scriptures. And from Our Lord’s own Resurrection we know the qualities our future resurrected bodies will have when we will all be raised up with them on the last day.

St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) speaks of four qualities our resurrected bodies will have. **Agility** which means the body will not be bound by the same laws of nature as before. So, for example, we would be able to go from Loughborough to Rome in an instant. **Subtlety** is the spiritualising of the body which means we will be able to pass through walls and doors just as Our Lord did, while at the same time remaining flesh and blood. The third quality is **impassibility** which means our bodies will no longer suffer sickness and death. The final quality is **clarity**, in which our bodies will be freed from any deformity and will be filled with beauty and radiance. This will be the result of seeing God face to face and of being filled with Sanctifying Grace. These two things will cause us to give off a radiant light.

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MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 3rd **Holy Saturday**
8.00pm Easter Vigil: Anthony Richard Hutchings RIP – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 4th **EASTER SUNDAY**
9.00am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Mary & Graham Embleton RIP – PUBLIC MASS
4.00pm **No Italian Mass today**

Mon 5th **Octave of Easter**
9.15am Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS

Tues 6th **Octave of Easter**
9.15am Intention for the living

Weds 7th **Octave of Easter**
6.30pm Anthony Walters RIP

Thurs 8th **Octave of Easter**
9.15am James Antony Milligan RIP
12 noon *Requiem Mass: Hugh Brendan Mead RIP*

Fri 9th **Octave of Easter**
6.30pm Lamberto Castillo RIP (Anniv) – PUBLIC MASS

Sat 10th **Octave of Easter**
9.15am Holy Souls
10.30am **Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am**
-12.30pm For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
6.00pm

Sun 11th **Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**
9.00am Emidio Chiavetta RIP – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am David Wade RIP – PUBLIC MASS
4.00pm Italian Mass

Latin Mass: There will be no Latin Mass this Wednesday. It will resume on 14th April at 6.30pm.

Although the times of Masses are all displayed in this newsletter, the PRIVATE Masses (ie those not open to the public) will not necessarily be offered at those times. But the Masses will all be celebrated for the particular intentions on the days advertised.

NB: Due to government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions for the deceased in the online edition of the newsletter.

Please pray for those who have recently died:

Denise Kabala
May she rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Matthew O'Flynn Jnr,
Paula Minkley, Edward Connell, Maria Carecci, Kenneth Holden, Graham Embleton, Tony D'Amato, Kevin Chapman, Irene Maddison, Rt Rev James McGuinness, Joan Pears, Janice Hammond, Margaret O'Toole, Pete Malone, Elisa Pinto, Margaret Garton, Anne Wade, Dorothy Cayless, George Finney, Denis O'Mahoney and Rev Sr Mary Magdalen

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This faith in eternal life and the resurrection of the body to come should comfort us in our sufferings and sorrows just as it did with Job in the Old Testament. In the midst of all his trials he said, “I know that my Redeemer liveth, and in the last day I shall rise out of the earth. And I shall be clothed again with my skin, and in my flesh I will see my God” (Job 19:25, 26). The Resurrection of Christ gives purpose to our life and purpose to hold on to the Catholic Faith we have received, and it gives meaning to the Lenten penances we have carried out. The promise of the resurrection has driven men to die for Christ and for the Faith. In the words of St Paul, “O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? Now the sting of death is sin: and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who hath given us the victory through our Lord JESUS Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

First Holy Communions from last year will take place at the weekend Masses from **17th April until 2nd May** which means there will be fewer places available for the remainder of the parish on those weekends. Application forms for this years First Holy Communions will be made available soon after.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Patrick at St Mary's on Friday 21st April at 7pm. This Mass will be open only to the candidates and their sponsors/family members.

Fr Paul

How has Covid-19 Affected You and Your Faith? Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of Covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith> and fill out the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so. The deadline for submissions is **4th July 2021**.

Walk with Me: The second booklet has arrived with daily meditations for Eastertide with a message from Bishop Patrick. Many of you have said how helpful you have found the Lenten booklet. Once again they are free for you to take; just one copy per household please. Thank you.

Fr Paul

Year of St Joseph



VACANCIES

St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Loughborough (primary) have a vacancy for a **deputy headteacher** commencing August 2021, 3 days non-teaching / 2 days teaching. For further details please visit www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies Closing Date **19/4/21**

HMP Stocken is seeking a full time Roman Catholic Chaplain (priest, deacon, religious or lay person) to provide religious and pastoral care to prisoners and staff. Salary £32,405 - £36,476. For more information call 0845 241 5358 (Mon-Fri 8am- 6pm) or email Moj-recruitment-vetting-enquiries@gov.sscl.com. Job reference - 42456. Closing date **8/4/21**.

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.

A Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Easter Day Offertory: This year the Easter Offering will go towards Parish funds, which are used to support the Priests, and maintain the Presbytery and the church. If you wish to make a personal offering directly to the Priests, please use the IOC (white) envelopes. Thank you.

CAFOD have written to thank you for your generous support this year and for the recent donation from the parish of £334.



From the Saints

“By His bodily resurrection ... Christ is the cause of both the bodily and the spiritual resurrection in us”

(St Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274).

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

Last Week's Finance Collection:

£531 of which
£96 was gift-aided

Standing orders:

£794 (@28/02) of
which £705 was gift-aided

Mass attendance:

254

Thank you