

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

# NEWSLETTER

## Our Lady of Good Success

In this month of Our Lady, there is a very important Marian apparition I would like to tell you about which took place in the sixteenth century which is very relevant to our times and fully approved of by the Church. In them **'Our Lady of Good Success'** prophesied the crisis of faith which we are now living through. The Church has been in decline in our part of the world for decades.

From 1594 until 1634, **Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres**, a Conceptionist nun, had visions of Our Lady in Quito, Ecuador which were accompanied by many miracles including the making of a miraculous statue. Our Lady made a number of astonishing prophecies which have all come true. She prophesied that in the nineteenth century there would be a pope who would proclaim the dogma of the Immaculate Conception and who would also proclaim the dogma of Papal infallibility. Both happened under **Blessed Pope Pius IX**. She also foretold that in Ecuador, in the nineteenth century, "...there will be a truly Catholic president who will consecrate the Republic to the Sacred Heart of JESUS" and that he would be martyred. This president turned out to be **Gabriel Garcia Moreno** (1821-1875), who consecrated Ecuador to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1873. Then he was assassinated by members of a Masonic sect right next door to the convent of Mother Mariana just as Our Lady had said.

The most startling prophecies were for our own times. She told Mother Mariana there would be a terrible crisis of faith in the Church after the mid twentieth century (1960s), that innocence in children and modesty in women would disappear. There would be a great decline in vocations caused by secular education, and that the Sacrament of Holy Orders would be ridiculed, oppressed and despised and that many clergy will be corrupted. She said specifically the Sacrament of Matrimony would be attacked, that many children would be born out of wedlock and not baptised. She said the Sacrament of the Dying (Extreme Unction) would be little esteemed and many would die without receiving it. She also spoke of how the Blessed Sacrament would be profaned especially by sacrilegious



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*Served by the Rosminians*

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

Fr Kevin Alban, O Carm,  
Marcus Beddoe  
*May they rest in peace*

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

Rita Acierno  
Joan Ramsden  
Kath Brooks  
Rev Fr Terry Watson, IC  
Jean Walvin  
Len Almond  
Noelline Overlunde  
Stan Trojan  
Betty Stewart  
Katie Wardle

## MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

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**Sat 8th**

6.00pm 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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**Mon 10th**

9.15am Francesco Calardo & Family RIP – PUBLIC MASS

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**Tues 11th**

9.15am Private Intention (KK)

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**Weds 12th Anticipatory Mass of the Ascension**

6.30pm Frank Anthony Faulks RIP (Sung Latin) - PUBLIC MASS

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**Thurs 13th The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)**

9.15am Tony Goulding RIP - PUBLIC MASS

6.30pm James O'Rourke - PUBLIC MASS

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**Fri 14th St Matthias, Apostle (Feast)**

6.30pm William & Nora Buckley & Family RIP - PUBLIC MASS

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**Sat 15th**

9.15am Terry Monaghan RIP

10.30am **Private prayer with Exposition of the**

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

6.00pm Living & Deceased Family Members – PUBLIC MASS

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**Sun 16th Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9.00am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

11.15am Zita Roscoe – 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.

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communions. Doesn't this all sound very familiar. But Our Lady promised that she would intervene in a marvellous way and crush the head of Satan under her feet (Genesis 3:15). She asked Mother Mariana to offer up her sufferings for the crisis we are now experiencing and from which we trust we are now benefitting. All the prophecies, and there are many others, have been fulfilled, apart from the **Great Restoration** which we still await and which Our Lady said would happen when all will seem to be lost. This surely must be the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart Our Lady promised at Fatima.

God knew from all eternity all this would happen, and yet He put us on earth at this time. So this is a call to arms. Let us pray hard, embrace our crosses, make reparation and recite the **daily Rosary** to help bring about this Great Restoration. **Every single one of us has an important role to play to help preserve the true Faith in these troubled times.**

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

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**First Holy Communions 2021:** Application forms for this year's First Holy Communions are now available in the church and must be returned by **Sunday 30th May at the latest**. No applications will be accepted after this date as classes need to commence very soon after.

*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).

**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*

**Calling all gardeners:** Can you spare one hour to help tidy the small garden area at the side of church on **Saturday 15th May**, 10:00-11:00am? Please bring your own equipment. Further details from Bernard Monaghan 07713 160199 or just turn up.

## Year of St Joseph



### FUNDRAISER FOR PAX CHRISTI

In the week from **15th to 21st May**, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun. Please go to their website [www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/) for details on how you can sponsor them.

## 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.

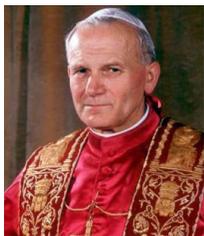
**Prayer to Saint Michael:** Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits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

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**Ascension of Our Lord:** This **Thursday 13th May** is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord and is also the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, although the Ascension takes precedence. There will be 2 Masses that day at 9.15am and 6.30pm. The 6.30pm **Latin Mass on Wednesday 12th May** will also be of the Ascension and will be a Missa Cantata (Sung Mass). *Fr Paul*

**Mass on Friday 21st May:** Please note this is the Confirmation Mass with Bishop Patrick and will not be open to the parish to attend *Fr Paul*

**Next Sunday 16th May** is World Communications Day. The Second Collection will be for the Catholic Communications Network.



### From the Saints

*"We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, between the Gospel and the anti-gospel, between Christ and the antichrist"*

(Pope St John Paul II, 1920-2005).

## 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:** £806, of which £289 was gift-aided

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

**Mass attendance:** 270

*Thank you*