

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

11th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

Living the Faith Courageously

Our Lord today compares the Kingdom of Heaven with a mustard seed. A mustard seed is very small but in Palestine it grows very quickly into a large, broad tree in which the birds can make their nests. This is like the Church. It began very small, but it grew very quickly, spreading all over the earth so that souls could shelter in her branches.

Why did the Church grow so quickly? There are two reasons - the **work of God and the work of man**. God worked many miracles to confirm the words of the Apostles and the truth of the Christian faith. People would have been impressed by what they saw and then came to believe. Then there was also the work of man. Those who became believers embraced the teachings of Christ and put it into practice in their lives, sometimes heroically. Their wonderful example made a big impression on others and converted those who were open to accepting the truth.

God is still working miracles today which are accessible to those who are open to the truth. Think of the very public **Miracle of the Sun at Fatima in 1917** witnessed by 70,000 people and even reported in the Communist newspaper, not to mention the many other miraculous cures that came with it. Then there are the amazing **miracles of St Padre Pio** who only died in 1968 – within the lifetimes of many of us. Then we have the incorrupt bodies of the saints like **St Bernadette**, preserved intact in the convent of Nevers in France. There are the numerous Eucharistic miracles, one of which I mentioned in last weekend's newsletter. These wonders still happen today for those who are open to accepting it.

So God is still doing His part, but what about us? The Church in the West is no longer growing at such a rapid rate as it once did. Rather we see the opposite happening. Churches, seminaries and convents are all closing. What has happened to courageous faith? Do we proclaim loudly the sometimes hard truths JESUS taught us, or are we embarrassed or afraid to do so? Does the way we live our lives reflect our faith and belief in Christ, or are we the same as everyone else? Do I live a moral life according to the teaching of Christ and the Church He founded?

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Please pray for those who have recently died

Edwin Hamilton
Tom Sparks
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Capt George Haynes
Mary Buttarazzi
Doreen Dilkes
Rev Fr Michael Hare IC
Barbara Nolan
Vittorio (Vic) Giorgio
John Corbert,
John Scott
Regina Wojciechowska



MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 12th 6.00pm	Vigil Mass Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
Sun 13th 9.00am 11.15am 4.00pm	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time James O'Rourke RIP – PUBLIC MASS Genina & Giuseppe Romano RIP – PUBLIC MASS Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS
Mon 14th 9.15am	Family Intention – PUBLIC MASS
Tues 15th 9.15am	For the Parish
Weds 16th 6.30pm	Marcus Beddoe RIP (Latin) – PUBLIC MASS
Thurs 17th 9.15am	Vittorio Giorgio RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 18th 6.30pm	Paul Monaghan RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Sat 19th 9.15am 10.30am -12.30pm 2.00pm 6.00pm	Barry Hurd RIP Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am Wedding Vigil Mass: Anne O'Rourke RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Sun 20th 9.00am 11.15am 4.00pm	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS Andy Newbold RIP – PUBLIC MASS Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

Month of the Sacred Heart: The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of JESUS. Our Lord made known His desire for devotion to His Sacred Heart through St Margaret Mary (1647-90). Over the centuries many people had developed a false image of God as harsh and distant Who was waiting to crush us for the slightest sin. Our Lord revealed to St Margaret Mary His heart, burning with love for humanity. In one vision He allowed her to rest her head on His heart. His human heart was to be the symbol of His divine-human love. He explained to her that he wished to make these wonders known to all the world, and that He had chosen her for His work. The First Friday of the month is always dedicated to the Sacred Heart of JESUS.

Fr Paul

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Let us ask God to help us all live our faith more courageously and for a new spread of the Church throughout the world as it was in the beginning and down through the ages. **Let us be bold and live the faith with courage.**

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Grub Club

Meeting for all volunteers who are registered with us, **Saturday 26th June, 12-2pm**, in the parish hall. The focus of the meeting will be getting to know one another, briefing on specific roles and training, including safeguarding. Our intention is to open Grub Club Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, **12th July to 6th August, as long as the government's relaxation of social distancing rules makes it operationally viable.** We will confirm opening when the government reveal details of the next step.

Catherine Brady and Frank Fay

Volunteers

We would like to resume the weekly cleaning in the church. If you could spare a couple of hours on Friday morning, either weekly or less frequently, please let Fr Paul or Emily know. We hope to get enough volunteers, especially the younger ones, to enable us to set up a rota. **Thank you.**

Receiving Holy Communion

The reception of Holy Communion has now been restored to within the Mass. The Bishops have said communion on the tongue may be restored but those wishing to receive on the tongue should come up at the end. The stewards will organise this. Whether you receive on the hand or the tongue, please remove your facemask before the priest comes to you. **Thank you.**

Fr Paul

Mass Intentions

If you would like Mass offered on a particular date or weekend, you would be well advised to book 3 to 4 months in advance. Weekend Mass intentions always get booked up well before the date. The suggested diocesan offering is £10.

Fr Paul

Gardening

The gardening group are asking if you could donate a shrub/plants for the garden area. They will be pleased to receive on **Saturday 26th June between 11.30 and 12.00**

Bernard Monaghan

Year of St Joseph



VACANCIES

within the Diocesan Curia Formation (Diocese of Nottingham)

Communication and Website Administrator

Role: to provide communication assistance, course & event coordination and general office duties.

Salary: £20 - £23,000 pa

Finance Assistant (OPAS)

Role: to support parishes with the production of financial information using the Diocesan Online Parish Administration System (OPAS). Training in OPAS and Diocesan financial procedures will be provided. Frequent travel across the Diocese will be required.

Salary: £22 - £25,000 pa

For more information and an application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Closing date: **20/6/21**

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.

From the Saints

*“Be brave,
do not be led by
what others think
or say!”*

(St John Bosco,
1815-1888).



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: £467, of which £122 was gift-aided

Standing orders: £819

@30/04, of which £717 was gift-aided

Mass attendance: 236

Thank you