

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

15th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

# NEWSLETTER

## Anointing of the Sick



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*Served by the Rosminians*

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God always involves other people in His plan of salvation. He called prophets like Amos in the First Reading to preach His word (Amos 7:12-15). And in today's Gospel He sent out the Twelve to preach, to cast out devils and to **anoint the sick with oil** so as they could be healed (Mark 6:7-13). Similarly today He calls other men to minister to our spiritual needs now. These are the Bishops and Priests of the Catholic Church. Anointing with oil or the **Sacrament of the Sick** is one of the **Seven Sacraments** instituted by Christ and it can be very powerful.

A newly ordained priest was called out to anoint a dying man in hospital. The man was breathing heavily and looked very pale and didn't have long for this world. The priest gave the man the **Last Rites** and also the **Apostolic Pardon**, thus forgiving all sins and removing all punishment due to them. While there the priest was called to visit another dying person on the other side of town, and so he left without knowing what had happened to the first man. When he returned to the hospital two days later to see how things were, he looked into the room where the man had been and nobody was there. But in the room next door he found two people laughing and he realised one of them was the same dying man he had anointed just two days before who was now in good health. The nurse came in and said to the priest, *"I don't know what you did to him Father, but after you left he completely turned round and is now in good health."* Then the man himself speaking to the priest said, *"Father, I think I had a warning to get my life in order."* This is the supernatural power of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The Sacrament will *sometimes* restore the body to health if it be for the good of a person's soul, as seemed to be the case here. But the primary reason for this Sacrament is **to cure the person of the sickness of sin**. Ideally a person being anointed should make their confession just before so as they are in a state of grace when they receive the anointing. But if through no fault of their own, the person is unable to confess, and provided they have sorrow for all their sins, even mortal sins are forgiven in this Sacrament, thus restoring the person to Sanctifying Grace, should they have lost it, enabling them to enter

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*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

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

Keith Masterman  
*May he rest in peace*

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

Barbara Watkins  
Gerrard Nicholson  
Christopher Pacynko  
Bogdan Pacynko  
Dora Belcher  
Joe Romano  
Sally Clemerson

**PLEASE NOTE**

**Due to government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are not able to publish name details of Mass intentions for the living in this online version of the newsletter.**

## MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

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**Sat 10th Vigil Mass**  
6.00pm Vera Hurry RIP – PUBLIC MASS

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**Sun 11th 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sea Sunday)**  
9.00am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS  
11.15am Eamonn Johnston RIP – PUBLIC MASS  
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

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**Mon 12th**  
9.15am Intention for the living

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**Tues 13th**  
9.15am Abraham Pukkurayil RIP

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**Weds 14th**  
6.30pm Romana Ronchetti RIP (Latin) – PUBLIC MASS

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**Thurs 15th**  
9.15am Deceased members of the Ronchetti family  
12 noon *Wedding*

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**Fri 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Memoria)**  
6.30pm Sally Clemerson RIP (Anniversary) – PUBLIC MASS

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**Sat 17th**  
9.15am Special Intention (GB)  
10.30am **Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am**  
-12.30pm **Vigil Mass:** For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

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**Sun 18th 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am Jan Adamek RIP – PUBLIC MASS  
11.15am In Thanksgiving - PUBLIC MASS  
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

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**All three of us priests are in isolation until Tuesday.** Therefore the Masses this weekend will be celebrated by Fr Meredith and Fr Furlong from the Rosmini Centre. I am very grateful to them for supplying.  
**There will be no public Mass this Monday 12th July at 9.15am.** Things will return to the “present normal” by Wednesday. *Fr Paul*

**19th July “Freedom Day”:** At the time of printing we have yet to receive any new guidelines from the Bishops as to what will happen after 19th July. Information will be made available as soon as I have any, but we should not assume things will return immediately to how they were before March 2020. *Fr Paul*

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Heaven. A priest should never, ever refuse to anoint a dying person. His presence can mean the difference between eternal salvation and eternal damnation if someone is in a state of grave sin. Any baptised person who is seriously ill, in poor health due to old age, or about to undergo serious surgery, qualifies to receive this Sacrament.

**Only a Priest or Bishop** may administer the Anointing of the Sick. While doing so he anoints the person on the forehead with olive oil blessed by the Bishop saying, *“Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.”* Then anointing them on the palms of the hand he says, *“May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up. Amen.”*

The Sacrament of Anointing can bring a dying person tremendous peace. I have seen this with my own eyes on many occasions. It brings peace of mind because we are sure of God’s mercy to us sinners, and it means peace of heart because we are confident of being in God’s grace. Don’t leave it to the last minute to call the Priest. He may be out on another call.

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

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**Grub Club:** As mentioned previously, Grub Club will not operate a sit-down lunch this summer. Instead we will operate a healthy food giveaway service, twice a week for two hours, 10-12, in two locations, for four weeks. Mondays at St Marys parish hall, Fridays at Cobden Street school. Children and their families will be nominated by head teachers. Volunteers will be contacted.

**Enrolment in the Brown Scapular:** This **Friday 16th July** is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. If anyone would like to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular I will do so at 6.30pm Mass that day. The Brown Scapular is Our Lady’s garment and she told the English Carmelite priest St Simon Stock in 1251, *“Whosoever shall die clothed with this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.”* It is a sign of our consecration to Our Lady. Please let me know in advance if you would like to be enrolled. I hope all those enrolled previously are still wearing it!

*Fr Paul*

**July is the month of the Precious Blood.** It was revealed to St Mary Magdalen de Pazzi (1566-1607) that she released many souls from Purgatory by saying the following prayer many times a day: *“O Eternal Father, I offer Thee, through the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Precious Blood of Thy Son for the relief of the suffering souls in Purgatory.”* Let us follow her example and try to say this prayer frequently throughout the day.

*Fr Paul*

## Year of St Joseph



**Weekly cleaning of the church takes place every Friday between 10.30am and 12.30pm.** Thank you to all those who helped last week. New volunteers are always welcome, so please contact Fr Paul or Emily if you are interested, or just turn up any Friday. We would appreciate having more volunteers on the rota. Thank you.

**School Holidays:** Our schools have now broken up for the summer holidays. We wish our pupils and teachers a safe and restful holiday after the difficulties of this past year. Let us also keep in our prayers those who will be moving on to new beginnings.

*Fr Paul*

## 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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**Our seminarian Sam Hart** has completed his first year of training for the priesthood in Spain with flying colours. He is back in the parish for the next few weeks but will also be doing a summer placement in the parish at Scunthorpe before commencing studies at Oscott Seminary in September. Please continue to keep Sam in your prayers as we continue to pray for new vocations from the parish.

*Fr Paul*

**Today is Sea Sunday** when we are asked to encourage prayer and financial contributions to support the work of Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This mandatory second collection is vital for the future of Stella Maris and its support of seafarers and fishermen in the UK and around the world.



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## From the Saints

*"Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man: and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him"*

(St James the Apostle, 5:14-15, died 44AD)

## 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:** £418, of which £104 was gift-aided

**Standing orders:** £824 @30/05, of which £721 was gift-aided

**Mass attendance:** 253

*Thank you*