

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

21st SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

# NEWSLETTER

## Mary, Queen who will Crush the Head of the Serpent



Today is the octave day of the Assumption and were it not a Sunday we would be celebrating the feast of the **Queenship of Our Lady** which is actually the completion of her bodily Assumption into Heaven. On the day of her Assumption, Mary our Mother was solemnly crowned by Christ and received by the whole court of Heaven as Queen. And this is not some sentimental thing – it is **scriptural**. In the reading from Chapter 12 of the Apocalypse we heard in last weekend's Mass for the Assumption the following was proclaimed:

*“Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown.”*

The woman is clearly Mary and she is wearing a crown. Just as JESUS is King and Messiah of the royal house of David, so Mary is Queen (Luke 1:32-33). And this is very Jewish because **in ancient Israel the queen was not the king's wife but his mother**, and she was second in rank only to the king himself. In other words, it was the queen mother who reigned alongside the king. We see this in the story of King Solomon (1 Kings 2:19-20), where Solomon rises to meet his mother Bathsheba, bows to her and has a throne brought for her (not his wife) and she sits on his right, meaning she has a share in his authority, and he granted her every request. So Christ the King and Prince of Peace has placed His own Mother upon a heavenly throne, and her intercession is omnipotent – Our Lord can refuse His Mother nothing. And where Christ is King by right and by conquest, Mary is Queen by participating by grace and by participation in that conquest. *“The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His name”* (Luke 1:49).

So powerful is Mary that even the demons fear her and tremble at her name. This was foretold in the book of Genesis when God said to the serpent after the Fall of Adam and Eve, *“I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel”* (3:15). This is an ongoing battle until the end of time between the serpent's seed and the offspring

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*Served by the Rosminians*

### Parish Priest

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

### Assistant Priest

Fr Simon Giles, IC

### On attachment

Fr David Jones, OLW

### Parish Catholic Schools

#### St Mary's Primary

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**Headteacher:** Dr J F Pye



*St Augustine & St Monica*

Please pray for those who  
have  
recently died

Gloria Chambers  
*May she rest in peace*

and for those whose  
anniversaries occur at  
this time

Eileen Lieber  
Vincenzo Pasquale  
Irene Elsner  
Kyle Rooney  
Rev Sr Mary Anthony  
Popple  
Thabani Ncube  
Ninfa Muallil

## MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

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**Sat 21st Vigil Mass**  
6.00pm For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

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**Sun 22nd 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am Carmela Brunetti RIP – PUBLIC MASS  
11.15am Andy Newbold RIP – PUBLIC MASS  
4.00pm **No Italian Mass**

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**Mon 23rd St Rose of Lima (Memoria)**  
9.15am Monica Mitchell RIP – PUBLIC MASS

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**Tues 24th St Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)**  
9.15am Intention for the living

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**Weds 25th St Louis**  
6.30pm Dec'd of the Fahey family (old rite) – PUBLIC MASS

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**Thurs 26th Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God (Memoria)**  
9.15am Crispin Castillo RIP

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**Fri 27th St Monica (Memoria)**  
6.30pm Holy Souls – PUBLIC MASS

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**Sat 28th St Augustine (Memoria)**  
9.15am Deceased members of the Griffin family  
10.30am **Private prayer with Exposition of the**  
-12.30pm **Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am**  
6.00pm **Vigil:** Ninfa Muallil RIP (Anniversary) – PUBLIC MASS

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**Sun 29th 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am Katherine & Richard Hönl RIP – PUBLIC MASS  
11.15am Criselda Castillo RIP – PUBLIC MASS  
4.00pm **Italian Mass\***

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**\* The Italian Mass resumes next Sunday 29th August at 4pm.**

**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 Times/Intentions:** Although the times of Masses are all shown in the 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.

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of the woman – in other words between Mary and Satan and it will only increase in intensity as the years go by. This is becoming more evident by the day as things in the world become darker and darker with its false ideologies. **Our Lady of Fatima** foretold this. **Sister Lucia**, one of the seers of Fatima to whom Our Lady appeared and who became a Carmelite nun said in 1957, *“The most holy Virgin has told me that the devil is about to engage in a decisive battle against the Virgin.”* In other words the devil wants to delay and even thwart the promised triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The triumph of the Immaculate Heart is the promise of peace under the reign of Christ the King or the restoration of what was once known as ‘Christendom’. **The triumph of Mary’s Immaculate Heart is the triumph of Christ the King.** Christ must reign in the minds and hearts of the whole of humanity including governments. We pray for it every time we say the Our Father: *“Thy kingdom come.”* And this will come through the intercession and power of Mary. As the great **St Louis de Montfort** (1673-1716) once put it; *“It was through the most holy Virgin that JESUS came into the world, and it is only through the Virgin that He has to reign in this world.”* So let us all take up the most powerful weapon of the holy Rosary and recite it daily to hasten the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Satan knows his days are numbered as he waits for the heel of the Virgin Queen to come down and crush his head. To be crushed by the heel of the humble Virgin of Nazareth, a mere human being, will be far more humiliating for the pride filled Satan than if God were to do it Himself.

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

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### **St Mary’s School**

This week we welcome back to school the children, their families and all the staff and governors at St Mary’s. We extend our good wishes to the whole school family and pray that the coming academic year will be happy and productive. We warmly welcome Jo Routledge as she begins her role as Deputy Head, Anne-Marie Cheshire as the new Office Manager and Cristabella Fonesca as the Year 4 teacher. At the end of the summer term we said goodbye to Julie Devine and Brenda Cavanagh, both well loved, respected and committed colleagues; we thank them for their dedicated service over thirty years at St Mary’s and wish them a happy early retirement. The school thanks the priests and parishioners for their support and kindness and greatly looks forward to building our community together.

## **Year of St Joseph**



### **Putting Catholic Social Teaching into action**

*Here: Now: Us* is a one-day workshop designed to help lay people grow in confidence and leadership and reach out to their local community. Developed by the charity Together for the Common Good and facilitated by **Caritas in the Diocese of Nottingham**, this workshop could be held here at St Mary’s. To find out how, see the noticeboard or take one of the leaflets available as you leave the church. Alternatively, email Paul Bodenham at [caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

### **‘Parish News Snippets’**

A new issue is available this weekend. It includes the First Holy Communion and Confirmation pictures. You can pick up a copy at the exits. The suggested donation is £1 to help cover print costs.

## 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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**Organ Recital postponement:** Due to unforeseen circumstances, Dominic Remedios' organ recital at All Saints Parish Church in Loughborough this weekend **has had to be postponed until September**. New date to be announced soon. *Fr Paul*

**The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** is often regarded as if it were the herald of death! On the contrary, it is the anticipation of life because it gives us the supernatural life of grace, and if God regards it as beneficial to our soul, it restores us to bodily health as well. When we are seriously ill we should desire to receive this Sacrament and not wait until it is too late. It is not a fatal poison but a very precious gift from God which increases grace in our souls, and in certain instances can even remit mortal sins if a person is unable to confess. *Fr Paul*



## From the Saints

*"But the Blessed Virgin Mary should be called Queen, not only because of her Divine Motherhood, but also because God has willed her to have an exceptional role in the work of our eternal salvation"*

(Venerable Pope Pius XII, from the Encyclical 'Caeli Reginam', On the Proclamation of the Queenship of Mary, 1954).

## 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 & Wednesday**

**2pm – 4pm or**

**Thursday & 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:** £578, of which £157 was gift-aided

**Standing orders:** £840 @31/07, of which £746 was gift-aided

**Mass attendance:** 286

*Thank you*

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