

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

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NEWSLETTER

Our Lady, Destroyer of All Heresies



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To conclude the month of August, the month of the Assumption of Our Lady, I would like to meditate briefly on one her titles: **'Destroyer of all Heresies'**. Heresy is a false belief and it's a title of Our Lady we don't hear much these days, but it is very relevant as there are many challenges to the Faith and there is much confusion about what we believe, even within the Church.

The Church has always given Our Lady the title 'Destroyer of all Heresies' because we know from the very beginning when Satan deceived our first parents and they committed the first sin, he would wait for Our Lady's heel to crush him and his seed (Genesis 3:15). Among those seeds are the lies of heresy as he is the **Father of Lies**.

There were many heresies in the early centuries of the Church and many a battle was fought to preserve the true doctrine of Christ and of the Catholic Church which He founded. One example over which there was much controversy we say every Sunday in the Nicene Creed which dates from 325 AD: "*Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father*". This means JESUS is eternal and of the same substance as God the Father and is equal to God the Father. In the fourth century this truth was under attack when many people were saying JESUS is inferior to the Father, that He is not eternal, that He is not consubstantial with the Father and therefore not fully God. This teaching about Who Christ is is very important because it affects the way we relate to God, how we relate to others and even the way society is, as it did for centuries in Christendom in which Christ truly reigned as King. **Doctrine has an impact.** St Paul in his letter to the Galatians put it like this: "*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach a gospel to you besides that which we have preached to you, let him be anathema*" (1:8).

But how does Our Lady destroy heresies? After all, she never preached a sermon and she never excommunicated anyone! Our Lady is Destroyer of Heresies primarily because of *who* she is. *Who* Mary is guards the truth about God and humanity. For example, at the **Council of Ephesus** in 431 Mary was solemnly declared to be the **Mother of God** or **'Theotokos'**, again defending the divinity

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St Gregory the Great

Please pray for those who have recently died

Gloria Chambers

May she rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mary Durning

Richard Newton

Giovanni D'Amato

Des Scrivens

Nicola Palmieri

Lloyd Skelton

Christine Fornara

Gladys Bexon

Ken Lowe

Peggy Cimelli

Olimpia Buccheri

Hilda Bradshaw

Violet Bowler

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 28th Vigil Mass

6.00pm Ninfa Muallil RIP (Anniversary) – PUBLIC MASS

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

Mon 30th Dedication of St Barnabas Cathedral (Feast)

9.15am Carol Hagan RIP – PUBLIC MASS

Tues 31st St Aidan (Memoria)

9.15am Michael Powers Jr RIP

Weds 1st FERIA

6.30pm Intention for the living

Thurs 2nd FERIA

9.15am Special Intention

Fri 3rd St Gregory the Great (Feast)

6.30pm **First Friday:** For our Deceased Relatives & Friends – PUBLIC MASS

Sat 4th Memoria of Our Lady (Five First Saturdays)

10.00am Giuseppe Sparano & family RIP - PUBLIC MASS

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

Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am

6.00pm **Vigil:** Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 5th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Jan Adamek RIP – PUBLIC MASS

11.15am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

4.00pm Italian Mass

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.

Please note, there will be no Latin Mass this week.

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 Christ which was under attack by the Arian heretics. Then in the seventh century there was a decree issued to destroy all images and icons because the Scriptures say we must not make any graven images. But **St John Damascene** (675-749) looked to the example of Our Lady and that the Word had become flesh in her *“and we saw His glory”* (John 1:14). With God having taken on human flesh and become man, matter was now holy and so we could depict the divine in sacred art.

Mary still teaches us truths today. When the family is under attack she teaches us with Our Lord and St Joseph the importance of the natural family. Seeing the crib at Christmas reminds us that our world is founded on the family. Then in the area of human life, Mary carried Our Lord in her womb to her cousin St Elizabeth where St John the Baptist ‘leapt for joy’ and was filled with the Holy Spirit in the womb of his mother - an embryo sanctified by an embryo. Surely this teaches us the dignity of every unborn child. Mary destroys heresies!

On the front page of this newsletter Mary is depicted beating down a demon with a club and protecting a little child from his poisonous lies. Satan is trying to damn us all through the heresies he spews forth into the world. Mary our mother and immaculate Queen will protect us her children from his evil attacks and she will crush his head. Let us invoke her now: *“O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.”*

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

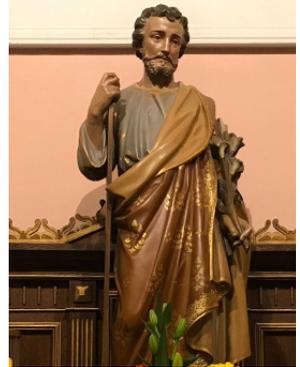
Afghanistan: On **Monday 30th August** at 4pm there will be a vigil for the people of Afghanistan and for the Afghan people who live in Loughborough by the bandstand in Queens Park. All welcome to attend. The event has been organised by the Loughborough Council of Faiths.

Congratulations to Chloe Quirk and Shikha Trusz who were baptised last week having completed the RCIA course. They will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in due course. *Fr Paul*

Playground Parking: From next weekend, 4th/5th September, the school playground will be available for parking again during weekend Masses. We would ask parishioners not to smoke or leave cigarette ends in the playground or put anything in the bins. Also, please do not allow your children to play on school equipment left in the playground as in the past things have been damaged. Thank you

Fr Paul

Year of St Joseph



Putting Catholic Social Teaching into action

Here: Now: Us is a one-day workshop developed by the charity Together for the Common Good to help lay people grow in confidence and leadership and reach out to their local community. **Caritas in the Diocese of Nottingham** aim to bring the workshop to a local venue soon and invite anyone interested in getting involved/finding out more to email Paul Bodenham at caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Leaflets with more information are available at the back of the church.

‘Parish News Snippets’

A new issue is now available. 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.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs of mourning, and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Or do you know someone who may be interested in exploring the Catholic Faith? We will begin a new RCIA group (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sometime in September. Anyone interested please contact Fr Paul. There is never any obligation that anyone enrolling on this course must become a Catholic. Such a decision must always be made freely. Meetings are usually held every two weeks on a Thursday evening.

Fr Paul

From the Saints

“Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of Hell fear the name and protection of Mary”

(St Bonaventure, 1221-1274)



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 & 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

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £488, of which £125 was gift-aided

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

Mass attendance: 267

Thank you