

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

23rd SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

# NEWSLETTER

## Our Lady in September

September is the month devoted to the **Seven Sorrows of Mary**, Mary who always leads us to her Son, and we can make it a prayerful reparation to our Blessed Mother's Sorrowful Heart. This month is filled with beautiful feast days dedicated to Our Lady and to great saints who shaped their own lives after her example. There is nothing like a birthday party to bring some happiness and fun into a week though! How much more should we get from the birthday of our Heavenly Mother, whose "yes" brought us the birth of our Saviour?

Just as school and work are getting back into routine after the summer hols, this birthday celebration is exactly what we need to keep a spirit of joy, as we are called to work with renewed vigour, continuing to support, and take care of each other as the Pandemic hang around us. I remember a Mum who used to have a birthday cake for Mary on **8th September**, and we'd sing happy birthday or perhaps a Marian song like 'Immaculate Mary' to celebrate. Without God's wonderful providence in the birth of Mary, the mother of our Saviour, we would be a people of no hope, no forgiveness, and no heaven. Let's give thanks and celebrate her birthday! Rosary, Mass and, yes, birthday cake and song!

Come **15th September**, the day after the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14th)** when the Church marks the finding of the true cross by St Helena and the dedication of churches on the sites of Christ's death and burial, we prayerfully honour the **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**. It's a day for us to journey with Mary who so lovingly and sorrowfully journeyed the **Way of the Cross** with her Son. Remembering Mary's seven sorrows means remembering how deeply Our Blessed Mother can understand and assist us during our sorrows and troubles too. It's also an important day for each of *us* to seek to console *her*. One way to do that is to pray the Seven Sorrows devotion on our rosaries.

Not sure how to do that? **Two choices**: Come to Rosary in church on Wednesday 15th at 6 pm and join with others or just google and pray the beads, sharing and praying with Our Blessed Lady.

*Prayer for us Holy Mother of God that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*



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*Served by the Rosminians*

### Parish Priest

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*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin*

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

*May they rest in peace*

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

Bridget Butler

Leslie Betts

Nina Martoccia

Rev Fr Dennis Hare IC

Rev St Mary Giovanna Jose

**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**

<b>Sat 4th</b> <i>6.00pm</i>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Sun 5th</b> <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>3.00pm</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jan Adamek RIP – PUBLIC MASS For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS <i>Baptism</i> <b>Italian Mass</b>
<b>Mon 6th</b> <i>9.15am</i>	<b>Feria</b> Giuseppe Bosco & Family RIP – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Tues 7th</b> <i>9.15am</i>	<b>Feria</b> In Thanksgiving
<b>Weds 8th</b> <i>6.30pm</i>	<b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)</b> Special Intention (Old rite - Sung) – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Thurs 9th</b> <i>9.15am</i>	<b>St Peter Claver (Memoria)</b> Crispin Castillo RIP
<b>Fri 10th</b> <i>6.30pm</i>	<b>Feria</b> George Houston RIP – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Sat 11th</b> <i>9.15am</i> <i>10.30am</i> <i>-12.30pm</i> <i>3.00pm</i> <i>6.00pm</i>	<b>Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memoria)</b> Family Intention <b>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am</b> <i>Baptism</i> <b>Vigil:</b> For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Sun 12th</b> <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>2.30pm</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Catherine Fields RIP (Anniversary) – PUBLIC MASS Emily Houston RIP – PUBLIC MASS <i>Baptism</i> <b>Italian Mass</b>

**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.

## Talk on Assisted Suicide by Baroness Grey-Thompson

On **Thursday 9th September** at 7.30pm, Baroness Grey-Thompson will deliver a talk entitled, 'Assisted Dying: A Win for Autonomy or a Loss for Civil Society?' Baroness Grey-Thompson, is a former Paralympian, disability rights campaigner, member of the House of Lords and opponent of legalised physician assisted-suicide who will address the Diocese on this vital moral issue, via Zoom. If you would like to attend this exclusive talk, please visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk) in order to register.

## Playground Parking

From this weekend 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*

## Sam Hart

Our seminarian Sam Hart has this past week begun his training for the priesthood at Oscott Seminary in the Archdiocese of Birmingham where he is likely to be for a number of years. Please continue to support Sam by keeping him in your prayers as he begins his second year of formation. *Fr Paul*

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Saturday 25th September, 10am** - all welcome. Email [jeanlop48@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanlop48@yahoo.com). Fundraising page: <https://thygs.uk/BUU004245836>

## How many times a day may I receive Holy Communion?

This is a question I am frequently asked. The answer is twice, but the second time must be during a Mass in which you have fully participated. The Church grants the permission to receive twice a day to meet the situations of a person attending perhaps a Nuptial Mass or a Requiem Mass and some other special Mass on the same day. The Code of Canon Law says: "A person who has received the Most Holy Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only during the celebration of the Eucharist in which the person participates." The one exception to this would be danger of death: "Even if they have received Communion in the same day, those who are in danger of death are strongly urged to receive again." Canon 921, §2.

*Fr Paul*

## Year of St Joseph



## LOUGHBOROUGH FOOD BANK

Our monthly collections for the Loughborough food bank will recommence on **Saturday 25th September** in the church car park from 10.30 to 11.00am. There have been some changes in the organisation of this at John Storer House. A shop system has been arranged using all contributions to the food bank including ours from St Mary's. Families will be asked to pay a nominal sum of £3 and then choose enough groceries for the week. Staff at JSH inform me that, along with this facility, free collections will be available for those who struggle to pay. Once again thank you for your generosity.

*Jane Monaghan*

## 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

*'My sweet Mother Mary, may I strive always to be like you. Oh Mary conceived without sin pray for us.'*

St Florence (died circa 612 AD)



## 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:** £513, of which £69 was gift-aided

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

**Mass attendance:** 307

*Thank you*