

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

24th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

The Transforming Power of the Cross



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JESUS today predicts His Passion, Death and Resurrection and foretells that the Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected, be put to death and then after three days rise again (Mark 8:27-35). Through these *historical* events which happened two thousand years ago, Christ has redeemed us. JESUS suffered and died so that all those who belong to Him could live for ever. By our sins we deserve only eternal death, but by His becoming man and dying on the Cross, JESUS Who is true God and true man expiated all of our sins and merited redemption and eternal life for us. These events happened only *once* in the history of mankind, but Our Lord having acquired these merits for us, needed them to be applied throughout history and to us now in 2021. So how does He do this?

The merits Christ won on Calvary to save us or to redeem us are applied to us principally through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Remember that the Mass is the making present on the altar here and now, in our day and in our time, that same sacrifice which Christ offered once to the Father on Mount Calvary two thousand years ago. As we have said the merits of Christ have to be applied to all human beings in all times and in all places - men, women and children of all nationalities and races, rich and poor alike. So when we participate in Mass devoutly, those merits are applied to our souls to heal us of the wounds of sin.

Our Lord also tells us in today's Gospel that, *"If anyone wishes to be a follower of Mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow Me."* We can do this by uniting our trials and sufferings, our pains, annoyances and inconveniences with His sufferings. Although suffering was not part of God's original plan for humanity, it is the reality we live in due to **Original Sin**. But our sufferings, whether they be big or small, through Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection can be **transformed into something of great value**. He has given suffering new meaning, and because we are baptised, by uniting our sufferings with *His* sufferings we acquire merit which in the next life will be transformed into glory. **This is the great revolution of Christianity, that our sufferings and pains can be transformed into something great by uniting them to the sufferings of Christ.** And we can offer all these things to God

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Our Lady of Sorrows

Please pray for those who have recently died

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Dreda Clarke,
Brian Dzudzewicz,
Ambo Faulks,
Connie Moulton,
John Walsh,
Olga Keane,
Janet Edwards,
Charles Farrell,
Salvatore Fele,
Jane West,
Mary Scrivens
David Hammond,
Catherine Fields,
Venancio Castillo

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

Sat 11th <i>6.00pm</i>	Vigil Mass For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
Sun 12th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>2.30pm</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Education Sunday Catherine Fields RIP (Anniversary) – PUBLIC MASS Emily Houston RIP – PUBLIC MASS <i>Baptism</i> Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS
Mon 13th <i>9.15am</i>	St John Chrysostom (Memoria) Venancio Castillo Sr RIP (Anniversary)– PUBLIC MASS
Tues 14th <i>9.15am</i>	Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast) Deceased members of the Gillies family
Weds 15th <i>9.15am</i> <i>6pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	Our Lady of Sorrows (Memoria) Salvatore Fele RIP (Anniversary) – PUBLIC MASS Seven Sorrows Rosary Noreen Lehane RIP – NO PUBLIC MASS
Thurs 16th <i>9.15am</i>	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian (Memoria) Jim Canning RIP
Fri 17th <i>9.15am</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	St Robert Bellarmine (Memoria) Deceased members of the McAllister family For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
Sat 18th <i>9.15am</i> <i>10.30am</i> <i>-12.30pm</i> <i>6.00pm</i>	Memoria of Our Lady Alan Palfreyman RIP Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am Vigil Mass: Holy Souls – PUBLIC MASS
Sun 19th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Home Mission Sunday Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

Our Lady of Sorrows:

There will be a **9.15am** public Mass this **Wednesday 15th September** for the memoria of Our Lady of Sorrows. A special Rosary for the feast will be recited in the church at 6pm with extra prayers and readings. There will be **no Latin Mass this Wednesday** but it will resume the following week on Wednesday 23rd. *Fr Paul*

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particularly at the *Offertory* of the Mass. As the priest offers the host to God the Father on the paten, at the same time offer your own crosses and trials. Then at the **Consecration**, as the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of JESUS, He will offer them all in union with His own sufferings to the Father in atonement for our sins, and they will be transformed into something beyond price.

Our Lady was the greatest exemplar of this. On Wednesday we celebrate the memoria of Our Lady of Sorrows. As she stood at the foot of the Cross she shared in His sufferings and united them with her own and presented them to the Father. Let us ask her to teach us to do the same.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Home Mission Sunday and Second Collection

Next weekend we celebrate Home Mission Sunday (*19th September*) – a day when the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales, there is a second collection to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation.

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows 15th September

Please join us in church at **6.00pm** praying the Seven Sorrows Rosary. Remember Mary's seven sorrows means remembering how 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. Leaflets of how to pray will be available on that evening. No need to pre-book, just turn up.

After Sunday Masses: There will be tea, coffee and squash in the hall after both the 9am and 11.15am Masses from this weekend.

De Lisle College Open Evening is being held on **Thursday 16th September 6-8pm**. For further information contact the college on 01509 268739, or email, enquiries@delisle.leics.sch.uk.

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

Macmillan Coffee Morning

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

Year of St Joseph



VACANCIES

Mission Support Assistant

The Diocese of Nottingham is seeking to employ a committed Catholic, with experience in administration.

Role: to support the work of the outreach departments of the diocesan curia in spreading the Gospel and reaching the marginalised. They will work with the Adult Formation for Mission and Communications departments, as well as supporting the Ongoing Formation of Clergy and the work for Social Action with the poor and marginalised. This is a permanent full-time post (37½ hrs/week), although job sharing may be a possibility.

Salary: £20,000 - £23,000 per annum dependant on qualifications and experience.

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

Closing date 26/09/21.

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.

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!

From the Saints

“One must not think that a person who is suffering is not praying. He is offering up his sufferings to God, and many a time he is praying much more truly than one who goes away by himself and meditates his head off, and, if he has squeezed out a few tears, thinks that is prayer.”

(St Teresa of Avila, 1515-82).



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

Finance figures

Due to Geoff being on holiday, the previous week's collection figures won't be available in time for this newsletter and will be announced in the 19th September newsletter.

Mass attendance: 261.
