

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

25th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

The Fast Track to True Success

The lesson Jesus has been teaching by His **example** since the day of His birth, He now teaches with **words**, as we hear in our Gospel Reading this week. And this lesson is a big one: **The Nature of True Success**.

When Jesus and His apostles sit down to **relax** in Capernaum after a day of walking the hot, dusty roads of Galilee, He knows exactly what they have been talking about - **success, glory, greatness**. But the apostles are too **embarrassed** to admit it. But our Lord's response is **surprising**. He doesn't tell them that they **shouldn't** desire to **excel, to achieve, to do great things**. He doesn't condemn that very **normal** impulse - because He knows that achieving things, making a **difference** in the world, is a basic need felt by every human heart. This is one of the purposes of our lives: being a sign of God's goodness by making a **positive difference** in the world. So, Jesus doesn't **scold** them for wanting to do something great. Instead, He tells them what **true greatness** really is.

The **great task** for **every Christian** isn't to achieve fame and fortune, popularity, power, and worldly success. Rather, it's the same task that **Christ himself** undertook: to **serve others**, to **make others** happy, to reach out to those who are **weak** and in **need**. Greatness in Christ's Kingdom is equated with **humility**, an attitude of the heart that puts the good of **others** ahead of one's own **preferences**: it's self-**giving**, **NOT** self-**getting**.

He doesn't say to His apostles, "Don't strive to achieve great things," but He **does** point out where true, lasting, fulfilling greatness lies - in **loving one's neighbour** as He has loved them. Jesus is the **Servant-Lord**; we, His faithful disciples, are called to follow in those demanding footsteps, learners following Our Lord's example.

Most of us are able to see the **beauty of humility** and humble **service to others**; we can understand intuitively why this is the mark of **True Success**. But putting this idea into **practice** is not so easy. We are willing to commit "**random acts of kindness**" now and then, because they make us **feel** good. But real progress requires a **deeper** commitment.

The best place to implement this plan for **True Success is at home**. It is in our **closest** relationships, those of our family, that our natural **selfishness** tends to come out most easily. And so, to **transform** those

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Please pray for those who have recently died

Vera Cunningham

May she 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,

Theodori Tako

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 18th Vigil Mass
6.00pm Holy Souls – PUBLIC MASS

**Sun 19th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Home Mission Sunday**
9.00am Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

Mon 20th Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong & Companions (Memoria)
9.15am John Nedumakal RIP (Anniversary) – PUBLIC MASS

Tues 21th St Matthew (Feast)
9.15am Intention for the living

Weds 22nd Feria
6.30pm Liberato Sepede (RIP) (old rite) – PUBLIC MASS

Thurs 23rd St Pio of Pietrelcina (Memoria)
9.15am John Monaghan (RIP)

Fri 24th Our Lady of Walsingham (Memoria)
6.30pm Holy Souls – PUBLIC MASS

Sat 25th Memoria of Our Lady
9.15am Giovanni Sepede RIP
10.30am **Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am**
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** Jean Finn (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 26th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
9.00am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

Covid 19 Guidelines: From Monday **20th September** onwards it will no longer be necessary to book places for **weekday Masses** or to sign in. However, for the time being, the booking system will be **retained for weekend Masses** to avoid overcrowding. We are regularly reviewing the situation and some other changes may be announced soon.

Family Fast Day: An advance notice that **CAFOD Family Fast Day** this year will be on **Friday 1st October**. Money raised will go towards helping the poorest communities in the world affected by the climate crisis.

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tendencies, to purify them and grow in the **virtue of humility**, we need to attack them **there**. Humbly serving our **spouse**, our **siblings**, our **parents** - this is **true** Christ-like virtue, **this** is where we forge a **Christ-like heart**.

Our family members **know us well**; they are familiar with our tantrums and egocentric habits. As a result, they aren't usually **impressed** by an extra act of **kindness, service, or self-control**, by an extra effort to be **patient or to hold our tongue**. That's why the home is the **best place** to grow in humility and pursue **True Success**. Serving others when there is **no reward or recognition** involved is the best way to follow Christ's example and purify our hearts - after all, **His** service to others got Him **crucified!**

If we gradually learn to think about others before ourselves **inside the four walls** of our home, it will become **second nature** to do so **outside**. And when that happens, we will be on the **'Fast Track to True Christ Like Success.'** True disciples of our Lord, reflecting Him.

Fr David Jones OLW

After Sunday Masses: There will be tea, coffee and squash in the hall after both the 9am and 11.15am Masses. Tea & Coffee money after Mass on Sunday 26th September, will be donated to Macmillan's Coffee Morning.

Fr Paul

Macmillan Coffee Morning

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

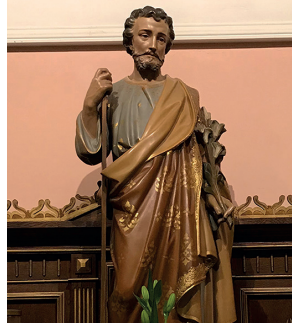
Loughborough Food Bank: Our monthly collections for the Loughborough food bank will recommence on **Saturday 25th September** in the church car park from **10.30 to 11.00am**. There have been some changes in the organisation of this at John Storer House. A shop system has been arranged using all contributions 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

Today is Home Mission Sunday when we pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. There will be a Second Collection to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation.

Organ Recital by Dominic Remedios has been rescheduled as a "Coffee Concert" **10am-10:30** at All Saints on **Saturday 25th September**; free entry, hot drinks provided.

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. 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.

Repository: Christmas cards, advent calenders, diaries and gifts, can be purchased on Saturday mornings, or after all weekend Masses.

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

"If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice."

(St John Chrysostom C349).



Pre-booking places for Weekend Masses:

Online bookings can be made on the diocesan website at

<https://massbooking.uk>.

Telephone bookings can be made by calling

07554 603972

**Thursday and Friday,
4pm – 6.30pm.**

PLEASE NOTE: It is **no longer necessary** to book places for **Weekday Masses**

Please do not phone the Presbytery. 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

5th September

Collection: £482 of which £100 was gift-aided

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

Mass attendance: 261

12th September

Collection: £747 of which £250 was gift-aided

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

Mass attendance: 231

Thank you