

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

29TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

# NEWSLETTER

## Crosses and Crowns



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*Served by the Rosminians*

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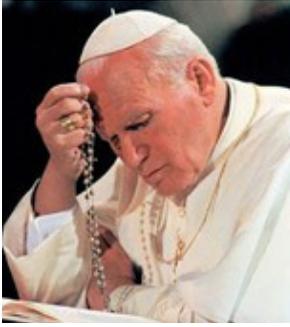
There is a vast contrast between the way of the world and the way of Our Lord. In today's Gospel Our Lord speaks of **crosses and crowns** (Mark 10:35-45) and the Apostles are thinking only of crowns. James and John, the sons of Zebedee said to JESUS, "Allow us to sit one at Your right hand and the other at Your left in Your glory." They wanted honours for themselves, to sit at the top table, to have a high place in the Kingdom. So they still conceived everything only in worldly terms. But Our Lord knew the price of the crown. There is no crown without there first being the cross.

And so Our Lord replies, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?" And they reply, "We can." They had no idea what they were asking, and in reality, neither do we. We often want blessings and high positions but we give little thought to the crosses we will have to endure to get there and to stay there. I once heard one of our bishops say, "Anyone who wants to be a bishop deserves to be!" To be a bishop in our times must be a real burden and a heavy cross to carry. So pray for our bishops who have a lot to contend with.

But Our Lord makes it plain that **the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven is the servant of all and the slave of all**. It is significant that one of the titles of the Pope is 'Servant of the servants of God'. So it's not those who sit at the high table who are the greatest but those who serve. It can take us a lifetime to really understand this.

When the **Titanic** began to sink after hitting an iceberg on April 15th 1912, an English priest from Essex, **Fr Thomas Byles** who was travelling to New York to preside at his brother's wedding, had two opportunities to board a lifeboat, but both times he gave up his place to hear confessions and offer consolation and prayers to those who were trapped aboard. "Be calm, my good people," he was heard to say as he went about giving absolution and blessings and leading the passengers in prayer including the Rosary. Non-Catholics joined in too. A sailor warned the priest of the danger and twice begged him to board a boat, but he refused to leave. He could have been saved, but he wouldn't leave until all the passengers were safe. Fr Byles

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*Pope St John Paul II*

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

Andrew Carr  
Louisa Naomi  
*May they rest in peace*

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

Terry Gilbert  
Maria Houghton  
Frank Mazzotti  
Wilfred Cornelius  
Jadwiga Malik  
Julia Pacynko  
John Calardo  
Annamma Pukkurayil

**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 16th</b> 6.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Albert Rogers (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Sun 17th</b> 9.00am 11.15am 4.00pm	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Mon 18th</b> 9.15am	<b>St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)</b> Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Tues 19th</b> 9.15am 5.00pm	<b>St Paul of the Cross (Memoria)</b> Nadia Ghawi (RIP) <i>Reception of Andrew Carr RIP</i>
<b>Weds 20th</b> 1.00pm 6.30pm	<b>St John Cantius, Confessor</b> <i>Requiem Mass for Andrew Carr RIP</i> Annamma Pukkurayil (RIP) (A) (Latin) – PUBLIC
<b>Thurs 21st</b> 9.15am	<b>Feria</b> Umberto Fabbriatore (RIP)
<b>Fri 22nd</b> 6.30pm	<b>Feria</b> Dominic Bomardini (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Sat 23rd</b> 9.15am 10.30am -12.30pm 2.30pm 6.00pm	<b>St John Paul II (Memoria)</b> Vera Hurry (RIP) <b>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am</b> <i>Baptism</i> <b>Vigil Mass:</b> For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Sun 24th</b> 9.00am 11.15am	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sheila Bullock (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS Cliff Brookes (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS

### This Week at St Mary's

**Sunday 17th:** First Holy Communions at 9.00 & 11.15am Masses

**Wednesday 20th:** UCM - 2.30pm in the Parish Hall

**Friday 22nd:** History Group - 10.00am in the Archive Room

**Congratulations** to our five young parishioners - Daniel, Beatrice, Atasha, Noah and Joseph - who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11.15am Mass last weekend.

*Fr Paul*

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perished in the freezing waters and his body was never recovered. What a priesthood he exercised in those final three hours of his life being the servant of all.

Opportunities for such a dramatic self-giving are rare, but we have plenty of chances to put others first every day. At our judgment Our Lord will not be concerned with how big our house was or whether we had a nice car or the latest mobile phone. What will capture His attention are the times we served others, when we gave drink to the thirsty or food to the hungry, when we instructed the ignorant, when we prayed for the dying, when we cared for the needs of the poor. He will also watch for our proclamation of His Kingdom. As Our Lord offers Himself for us again in today's Mass, let us ask Him to help us follow His example in this coming week.

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

**The new wall hangings in the church** behind the Sacred Heart Altar and the Lady Altar have been generously donated by Liz Chalmers for which we are very grateful, and also to Low Woods for making them up. They are actually a restoration. If you have been in the parish many years you may remember a red velvet curtain used to hang behind the Sacred Heart Altar and a blue one behind the Lady Altar. They were removed some years ago due to disintegration. The new ones have the fleur-de-lys motif on them which is much used in heraldry. The fleur-de-lys is a symbol of royalty which is very fitting as Christ is our King, and it is also a symbol of Our Lady who also comes from the royal line of David. It has certainly enhanced our already beautiful church and we hope it will aid you in your devotions.

*Fr Paul*

**Volunteer Fire Wardens for the Church:** Now that the response to the national lockdown has been relaxed, we need to appoint and train fire wardens for the Church, to ensure that the Parish fire safety measures are adequate. Ideally, fire wardens need to be available for the weekend Masses and Masses on Holy Days of Obligation. We will need a number of fire wardens and professional training, lasting for 2 hours at a convenient time, will be provided. Volunteers need to be reasonably fit and mobile. The duties are largely to help to oversee the evacuation of the Church through the fire exits if the fire alarm is activated and to direct parishioners to one of the assembly points. There is no intention to stage rehearsals or tests of the alarm system during the course of any Masses. If you would like to help by volunteering, could you kindly let me know, or alternatively, let Elvira or Emily know? Many thanks.

*Fr Paul*

## Year of St Joseph



**Synod in Rome:** Today there is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Patrick about the Synod of Bishops now taking place in Rome. Prayercards will be distributed at Mass this weekend. You're also asked to take the prayercards to people who may have stopped coming to Mass for whatever reason. In addition, there are question sheets at the entrances and exists to the church for you to complete and return. Please either post them through the presbytery door or place them in the box marked 'Synod' at the back of the church by **Sunday 31st October.**

*Fr Paul*

**Loughborough Food Bank:** The collections leading up to Christmas will be on **Saturdays 23rd October, 13th November and 11th December** in the church car park between 10.30 and 11am. Thank you.

*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!

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**My thanks** to those who supported the **Macmillan Coffee Morning**, which has so far raised £121. *Jean Lopez Lopez*

**Next Sunday (24th October) is World Mission Sunday** and the second collection will be for Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission. In addition to this, **Marie Brookes will be selling homemade cakes, jams and chutneys** in the hall after the Sunday Masses and donating the proceeds to Missio.



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### From the Saints

*"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."*  
(St Teresa of Calcutta, 1910-1997).

## 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 & 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*

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## Last Week's Finance

### Collection:

£493 (of which £60 gift-aided)

### Standing orders:

£833 @31/08 (of which  
£735 gift-aided)

**Mass attendance:** 324

*Thank you*

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