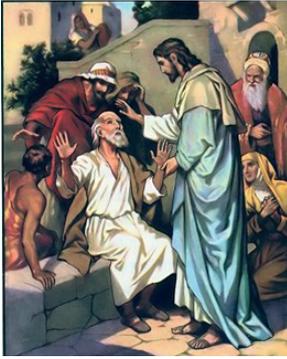


St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

30th SUNDAY IN OT
World Mission Sunday

NEWSLETTER

Lord, that I may See



The faith and trust that blind Bartimaeus had in JESUS in today's Gospel (Mark 10:46-52) is an example of what our faith and trust should be. He humbly begged JESUS to have pity on him and trusted enough in His divine power to know that his sight would be restored. "*Master, let me see again*" was his plea. The fact that we might have good vision doesn't necessarily mean we see what is most important in life. In caring for blind Bartimaeus, **Our Lord is telling us that even worse than physical blindness is spiritual blindness.** And we can all suffer from it, but Our Lord wants to cure us of this and prevent us from stumbling around in darkness.

We all need God's mercy and the best way to receive it is in the **Sacrament of Penance** or Confession. Today's Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (5:1-6) speaks of how the high priest offered sacrifices to God hoping to receive forgiveness of the people's sins. This *symbolic* act becomes real in the Sacrament of Penance which Our Lord instituted on the first Easter Sunday for His Church (John 20:22-23).

It is sometimes said that priests speak too much about Confession and sin. I believe the contrary is true - the more sin there is in the world, the less we seem to hear about it, even in church, because it is somehow regarded as 'negative psychology'. People don't like to hear the word 'sin'. But this is very unwise, because **the only thing that can cause us to lose Heaven is mortal sin.** For a priest to never speak of sin, the necessity of Confession, or to water down Christ's teachings is to fall into the devil's trap. What would people think of a doctor who didn't care about disease, who never spoke about it and didn't care about the physical well being of his patients? Suppose someone with very obvious symptoms of a serious illness came to him and he just said, "*Oh, you'll be fine. Don't worry. There's nothing wrong with you*", he would be guilty of grave negligence and would probably be sued. The patient in this instance would only lose his physical life, but failure to speak out about sin and the need for Confession is even more serious because people could lose their immortal souls.

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MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 23rd 6.00pm	Vigil Mass For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
Sun 24th 9.00am 11.15am 4.00pm	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Mission Sunday) Sheila Bullock (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS Cliff Brookes (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS
Mon 25th 9.15am	Feria Fr William Pollard, IC (RIP) – NO PUBLIC MASS *
Tues 26th 9.15am	Ss Chad & Cedd (Memoria) Barbara Stafford (RIP)
Weds 27th 6.30pm	Feria Mario Sepede (RIP, Anniv) (Latin old rite) – PUBLIC
Thurs 28th 9.15am	Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast) Teresa Frankow (RIP)
Fri 29th 6.00-6.25pm 6.30pm	Feria <i>Confessions</i> Sheila Elizabeth Goodacre (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
Sat 30th 9.15am 10.30am -12.30pm 2.30pm 6.00pm	Saturday Mass of the BVM (Memoria) Rita Preston (RIP) <i>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am</i> <i>Baptism</i> Vigil Mass: Laurence Adkin (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
Sun 31st 9.00am 11.15am 3.00pm 4.00pm	All Saints (Solemnity) For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS Peter Allen (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS <i>Blessing of the Graves & Rosary at Loughborough Cemetery</i> Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

* Please note that due to the unavailability of the priests there will be **no public 9.15am Mass this Monday 25th October.**

This Week at St Mary's

Sat 23rd/Sun 24th: First Holy Communions at all Masses
Thurs 28th: RCIA - 7.00pm in the Library

Please pray for those who have recently died

Sir David Amess and
Peter Allen

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Eileen Topolewski
Annie Owens
Dolores Cunningham
June Ross
Margaret Stanford
Liza Veiga
Mario Sepede
Fr Ted Cody IC

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.

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Repentance' is one of the most frequently used words in Scripture. Our Lord's first words upon beginning His public ministry were, "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*" (Matthew 4:17). This means each of us needs to recognise the reality of sin in our lives, turn away from it and live according to God's Will. This might even mean having to change our opinions on certain things. It certainly means seeking God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance with a real sense of sorrow for having offended Him.

So never think that Confession is something to be avoided and put off at all costs. Many think they don't need it. This is a form of spiritual blindness which is actually much worse than the physical blindness of Bartimaeus because it could cost us eternal salvation. If it's been many years and you have forgotten how to go to Confession, there are leaflets at the back of the church with an **examination of conscience** to help you. The priest will always guide you if you feel unsure about what to say. Don't put it off any longer.

Bartimaeus said, "*Master, that I may see again*", and his request was granted. If by going to Confession we say, "*Lord, I want to recognise my sinfulness, I want Your forgiveness, and I want to grow in Your grace,*" Our Lord will look upon us with favour and be only too pleased to grant us His mercy and His blessings. **In addition to Saturday mornings, we will now offer the Sacrament of Confession at 6pm on Friday evenings before the 6.30pm Mass.**

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

All Saints & All Souls: Next weekend (**30th/31st October**) we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints which is transferred from **Monday 1st November**. On **Sunday 31st October** at 3pm, weather permitting, we will meet in Loughborough Cemetery for the Rosary and the Blessing of Graves. All are welcome to join us. On **Monday 1st November** there will be no public Mass as De Lisle School will be having a Mass at 10.15am in the church. On All Souls Day, **Tuesday 2nd November**, there will be three public Masses at 9.15am, 12 noon (old rite Latin) and 6.30pm. *Fr Paul*

Synod in Rome: We will recite the prayer for the Synod at weekend Masses. Please distribute the prayercards to people you know who may have stopped coming to Mass. You are invited to answer the questions given out last week - they are still available in the church - and return your responses by **31st October** either to the presbytery or by placing them in the box marked 'Synod' at the back of the church. Thank you. *Fr Paul*

Year of St Joseph



It is Fr Simon's 80th birthday on 2nd November

We as parishioners would like to celebrate this occasion on **Friday 5th November** when Fr Simon will be saying the 6.30pm Mass. This will be followed by a party in the hall. If you would like to contribute to a present for him, there will be brown envelopes at the church exits. Please leave your donations in the baskets provided.

Events team

Head of Centre and Relationship Counsellor Volunteers Needed

Catholic Marriage Care are the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK. We are in urgent need of two Heads of Centres to join our Nottingham and Lincolnshire teams. We are also looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with us as Relationship Counsellors and make a real difference to couples and families. For more information please visit: www.marriage-care.org.uk

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.

Vocation Discernment Evening: ‘When a person is conquered by the Fire of His gaze, no sacrifice seems too great to follow Him’

If you feel called to the Priesthood and want to know more, join us at the Vocation Centre, Our Lady & St Edward’s, 247 Gordon Road, Nottingham, NG3 2LG on **Friday 29th October** at 7pm for a time of prayer, informal discussion and social time. For more information email: vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Book of Remembrance: If you have any deceased family members and/or friends whose names are not already included in our Book of Remembrance and you would like them to be, please add the names to the sheet at the back of the church. The First Friday Mass is always celebrated for the repose of their souls.

Today is World Mission Sunday and the second collection will be for Missio, the Pope’s charity for world mission. In addition **Marie Brookes will be selling homemade cakes, jams and chutneys** in the hall after the Sunday Masses and donating the proceeds to Missio.



From the Saints

‘There is more mercy in God than there are sins in us. Confess your sins at once, whatever they may be.’

(St Tikhon of Zadonsk, 1724-1783)

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

Last Week’s Finance

Collection: 503

(of which £201 was gift-aided)

Standing orders: £833
@31/08

(of which £735 was gift-aided)

Mass attendance: 304

Thank you
