

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

27th SUNDAY IN OT  
ROSARY SUNDAY

# NEWSLETTER



## St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

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*Served by the Rosminians*

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## God's Plan for Marriage

Marriage exists in every place and in every time because it is a very natural thing and is written into our very nature. The account of Creation in the book of Genesis reaches its high point where God creates man and woman to live together in communion. It's clear from the Scriptures that marriage is between one man and one woman, and that this union is permanent and enduring until one of the spouses dies. It is exclusive and ordered to the reproduction of the human race. God had no sooner joined the first couple when "God blessed them, and God said to them, *"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth"*" (Genesis 1:28). So sexual union in marriage is a holy thing in which husbands and wives are called to be co-creators with God. St Francis de Sales said that marriage is to fill the earth with good citizens and people Heaven with saints. Marriage is also indissoluble or unbreakable, partly because of love, but also for the good of the children, who need the stability of home life and of having a mother and a father. In the long term this has to be good for society as a whole.

Although marriage is a natural thing, JESUS elevated it to being one of the Seven Sacraments, making it a means to holiness for the couple and for their children. It was at the marriage of Cana recorded in St John's Gospel (2:1-11) that Our Lord, at the request of His Mother, worked His first miracle. By changing water into not just any old wine, but the very best of wine, He signalled that He was the Divine Son of God, and also by doing this within the context of a wedding, that this natural coming together of a man and a woman would be raised to new heights and would be a means of grace and holiness, helping each other and their offspring to get to Heaven.

In today's Gospel (Mark 10:2-16), JESUS states that no one has the right to separate those God has joined together. So the Catholic Church doesn't recognise divorce because JESUS didn't allow it. The Church also insists on marriage being between one man and one woman and declares adultery or infidelity in marriage to be a grave sin as well as any sexual activity outside of marriage. These rules are not invented by the Church but are divinely revealed truths expressing the Will of God. Although this might seem very strict, the Church can never abandon the teachings of her Divine Founder.

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*St John Henry Newman*

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

Aelred Taylor  
Andrew Carr  
Vera Cunningham  
*May they rest in peace*

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

Pauline Davey  
Vanessa Ponchon  
Margaret Camp  
Rev Sr Mary Angela Bennett  
George Gowers  
Vera Sparks  
Rev Fr Tim Maloney IC  
Pavel Topoloveanu  
Ted Betts  
Barbara Arden-Rowe  
John McEnergy  
Vincenzo Sozzo

**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 2nd</b> <i>6.00pm</i>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Sun 3rd</b> <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Rosary Sunday)</b> Angela Brienza (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS Amanda Giorgio (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Mon 4th</b> <i>9.15am</i>	<b>St Francis of Assisi (Memoria)</b> Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Tues 5th</b> <i>9.15am</i>	<b>St Faustina Kowalska (Memoria)</b> Louise Sharpe (RIP)
<b>Weds 6th</b> <i>6.30pm</i>	<b>St Bruno (Memoria)</b> Special Intention (Latin, old rite) – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Thurs 7th</b> <i>9.15am</i>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary (Memoria)</b> John McEnergy (RIP)
<b>Fri 8th</b> <i>6.30pm</i>	<b>Feria</b> John McEnergy (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Sat 9th</b> <i>9.15am</i> <i>10.30am</i> <i>-12.30pm</i> <i>2.00pm</i> <i>6.00pm</i>	<b>St John Henry Newman (Feast)</b> Rita & Rocco Acierno (RIP) <b>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am</b> <i>Baptism</i> <b>Vigil Mass:</b> Carmela & Giovanni Brunetti (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
<b>Sun 10th</b> <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	<b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS Andy Newbold (RIP) – <b>Confirmation Mass</b> (PUBLIC) Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered by me to a small group of candidates on **Sunday 10th October** at 11.15am Mass.  
*Fr Paul*

**The CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes** distributed last week will be collected this weekend. Money raised will go to help the poorest communities in the world affected by the climate crisis.

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And as God is very merciful, so is the Church. Divorced and remarried Catholics are always very welcome at Mass, and if they undergo the annulment process they can once again receive Holy Communion. Annulment is a declaration by the Church after due investigation, that due to some impediment, the marriage was null and void from the beginning.

Of course, commitment to marriage is not always easy, neither is being single or being a priest or a religious brother or sister. Due to Original Sin we can often find the path we have to walk painful, but due to Christ's gift of salvation, whether life is happy or sad, it can be transformed by the power of Christ into moments of grace and of a deepening relationship with God. If anyone wishes to discuss any marital problems or divorce or annulment procedures with one of the priests, please get in touch.

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

**Rosary Sunday:** This Sunday, **3rd October**, is Rosary Sunday and it is permitted to celebrate one Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary which will be at the 11.15am Mass.

*Fr Paul*

**Marie Brookes** would like to thank all those who either helped with or supported her jams and cakes stall a couple of weeks ago. She raised £181 for church funds. Thank you all.

**Thank you to the Senior Citizens Group** who have donated £200 to parish funds.

*Fr Paul*

**Grub Club:** The Grub Club team continued to support families of children at Loughborough primary schools during the summer holidays. Because of Covid regulations we were unable to offer activities and a sit-down meal so we distributed a wide variety of food items to a small number of families. Our thanks to those parishioners who donated and volunteered. We now need to rethink our future community participation as a Catholic Social Action Group and will hold a meeting in the new year. Watch this space!

*The Grub Club team*

**Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 11th October:**

£699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

## Year of St Joseph



## VACANCIES

**The Diocese of Nottingham** has the following vacancies:

### **Safeguarding Officer/ Caseworker**

*Role:* to promote excellent safeguarding practice, provide advice and respond to safeguarding referrals and allegations.

*Hours:* 3 days pw (24 hours)

*Salary:* £32,000 pa pro rata (£19,200 pa)

### **Safeguarding Training Officer**

*Role:* to deliver training courses across the diocese to raise awareness of safeguarding children and adults.

*Hours:* 3 days pw (24 hours)

*Salary:* £28,000 pa pro rata (£16,800 pa)

**Application packs** available via <https://uk.indeed.com/safeguarding-jobs-in-nottingham>

### **For full job descriptions**

visit <http://stmarysloughborough.org.uk/news>

**Closing date: 17/10/21**

## 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

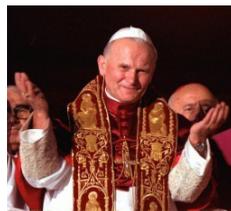
Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the 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!

**October is the month of the Holy Rosary** and the Church is very anxious we should do our best to recite it each day. The Rosary is very pleasing to Our Lady and whenever she appears in the world she asks for it to be said daily by everyone. It would be wonderful if each family in the parish could gather together every evening this month in front of a picture or statue of Our Lady and recite five decades. The devout recitation of the Rosary will bring down God's blessing upon you and the special protection of Our Lady. Ave Marial

*Fr Paul*



## From the Saints

*"Love between man and woman cannot be built without sacrifices and self-denial"*

(Pope St John Paul II, 1920-2005)

## 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:** £480, of which £113 was gift-aided

**Standing orders:** £833 @31/08, of which £735 was gift-aided

**Mass attendance:** 282

*Thank you*