

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

ALL SAINTS

NEWSLETTER

All Saints and All Souls



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The **Solemnity of All Saints** which we celebrate today is a way of honouring all those men, women and children who throughout history have responded to God's call and are now with Him in everlasting joy in Heaven. The majority are not canonised, but they are saints nevertheless. Some may have their own feast days, but most do not. In fact, the vast majority of them are completely unknown to us, but we are all united in what we call the **Communion of Saints**. This is because the Church is divided into three parts – the **Church Militant** which is us here on earth. We say 'militant' because we are in a constant struggle against the world, the flesh and the devil. Then there is the **Church Suffering** which is the Holy Souls in Purgatory who are expiating their sins in the cleansing fire. Then there are the blessed in Heaven who are called the **Church Triumphant**, because they have already attained their glory in Heaven having been purified of all their sins.

All three parts are united in Christ and are called 'saints' because they are sanctified by Baptism and therefore can all help each other. This means that as the saints in Heaven love and pray for us and for the souls in Purgatory, so the suffering souls in Purgatory love and pray for us. This is a most beautiful doctrine because in the words of Cardinal Gibbons (1834-1921), "it robs death of its terrors." There is a great bond that unites earth with Heaven – the soul in the flesh with those souls released from the flesh. Death only destroys the body, but the soul still lives on. But let's not assume that everyone who dies goes immediately to Heaven. They do not! Most of us die in a state of imperfection and need the prayers of others to be released from Purgatory before entering Heaven. Let us not deny them our help. **November is the month of the Holy Souls** when we increase our efforts on their behalf, thereby making friends for ourselves on the other side. They in turn will pray for us when we need their help in this life, but especially in the next when we may be suffering in Purgatory atoning for our sins. This is the purpose of the **Blessing of Graves and Rosary** for the faithful departed at **Loughborough Cemetery this afternoon at 3pm**. Please join in if you can.

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November: month of the Holy Souls

Please pray for those who have recently died

Fe Solleza and Peter Allen
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Eileen Hately
Mary Hudson
Margaret Cramp
Bob Moore
Jerzy Stepowski
Marion Uttley
Ron Lucas
Teresa Brewin

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 30th Vigil Mass
6.00pm Laurence Adkin (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 31st All Saints (Solemnity)
9.00am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Peter Allen (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
3.00pm *Blessing of the Graves & Rosary at Loughborough Cemetery*
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

Mon 1st FERIA
10.15am Ray Wainwright (RIP) (De Lisle School Mass)

Tues 2nd All Souls
9.15am Barbara Stafford (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
12.00 noon Pope's Intentions (Latin, old rite) – PUBLIC MASS
6.30pm All the Faithful Departed – PUBLIC MASS

Weds 3rd FERIA
1.00pm *Requiem Mass: Peter Allen RIP*
6.30pm Norah Lillian Hutchings (RIP) (Latin, old rite) – PUBLIC MASS

Thurs 4th St Charles Borromeo (Memoria)
9.15am For our Deceased Relatives and Friends

Fri 5th First Friday
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Fr Simon Giles (GE) – PUBLIC MASS

Sat 6th Saturday Mass of the BVM (Five First Saturdays)
10.00am Leslie Betts (RIP)
10.30am *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am*
-12.30pm *Baptism: Luke Bombardini*
2.00pm **Vigil Mass: Fr Marco Tanghetti (GE) – PUBLIC MASS**

Sun 7th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Frances Ebong (RIP, Anniversary) – PUBLIC MASS
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

This Week at St Mary's

Sun 31st: First Holy Communions at 11.15am Mass

Weds 3rd: UCM – 2-3.30pm in the Hall

Fri 5th: Fr Simon's 80th Birthday Party – In the Hall, after Mass

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The doctrine of the Communion of Saints is the foundation of devotion to the Faithful Departed. This life is not extinguished by death, but only by mortal sin which makes us like dead limbs, separating us from Christ, the true vine (John 15). The souls dear to us who have died in a state of grace are members of the **Mystical Body of Christ**, which is the Catholic Church. Now as in any normal human body, the individual parts don't have a life of their own. They all help the whole body to function. In the same way, all the members of the Mystical Body, whether journeying here on earth, atoning for sins in Purgatory or among the blessed in Heaven, they should all help one another to promote the good of the entire Body. The blessed in Heaven and the Souls in Purgatory without question do this, but we must do the same. But to do this we must ensure that we are in a **state of grace**. If we are in mortal sin we extinguish the life of Christ that comes to us through the Mystical Body. We become branches separated from the vine, *cut off* from the vine, thus causing spiritual death. But our relationship with Christ is always restored by making a good sacramental Confession.

Let us resolve then to be always in a state of grace and to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory every day, so as when, through our help, they are released from Purgatory, we will have great friends and intercessors in Heaven.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

All Saints & All Souls: This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints which is transferred from **Monday 1st November**. Today (Sunday) 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

New Father General for the Rosminians: Congratulations to Fr Marco Tanghetti who has been elected the new Father General of the Order. He is a 56 year old Italian and has most recently been Father Provincial in Venezuela. Please pray for him as he takes up his new post as head of the Rosminian Fathers.

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.

Fr Paul

Year of St Joseph



Stella Maris have written to thank you for your generous donation of **£250** taken on Sea Sunday and **CAFOD** for your donation of **£426**. *Fr Paul*

Fr Simon: There will be a party to celebrate Fr Simon's 80th birthday in the Hall after the 6.30pm Mass this Friday, **5th November**. If you would like to contribute to a present for him, please use the brown envelopes at the church exits and leave your donations in the baskets provided. *Events team*

Head of Centre and Relationship Counsellor Volunteers Needed

Catholic Marriage Care 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.

Mass for healthcare workers and pandemic victims: Together with all the bishops in England and Wales, Bishop Patrick will celebrate a Mass in Thanksgiving for Healthcare Workers, and in Remembrance of Pandemic Victims on **Sunday 7th November** in Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 6.00pm. This Mass is open to all, but especially to members of the healthcare professions, and to those mourning loved ones over the past 18 months.

Prayers for the Holy Souls: There are prayer sheets at the entrance and exits to the church with prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory to help you in your devotions throughout November. *Fr Paul*

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 usually celebrated for the repose of their souls.

Marie Brookes would like to thank everyone who supported her sale of cakes, jams etc. last weekend; it raised **£172.36 for Missio**.

From the Saints

"If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in Purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death."

(St Paul of the Cross, 1694-1775)



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

1st Collection: £426
(of which £111 was gift-aided)
World Mission Sunday

donations: £126

Standing orders: £822
@30/09 (£721 was gift-aided)

Mass attendance: 381

Thank you