

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

33rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance Sunday was first observed in 1945 to remember the dead of both World Wars, and is observed on the Sunday after 11th November, the anniversary of the end of the First World War in 1918. But Remembrance Sunday now embraces all battles up to the present day so as we remember the dead of all these wars. No one can deny the heroism of the men and women on both sides who gave their lives for their country, their family and their friends. **From our Catholic point of view, we don't merely remember them - we pray for their souls**, that those being purified in Purgatory arrive soon in Heaven. We remember especially those who died suddenly on the battlefield with severe injuries and with little or no preparation to meet their Maker. It is for all of them we particularly offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass today and pray for them in earnest, that God grant them eternal rest and peace. We remember also the Chaplains who gave their lives administering the Last Rites to the dying on the battlefield, preparing these brave men for their meeting with God. We can never dispense with remembering them in our prayers. The secularists, of course, will have no concept of praying for them, but we do so because we believe in the **'communion of saints'** and that the souls in Purgatory have great need of our prayers.

To experience war on the battlefield must be a most terrible experience. So why does God allow this Hell on earth? Why doesn't He stop war? Well God could stop war, but only if He took away our human freedom. But God won't do that because He is not a dictator. War is manmade and yet we never seem to learn our lesson. The First World War was said to be the war to end all wars, and yet billions are spent each year building bigger and better bombs which could blow the planet up a thousand times over. This is sheer insanity because in this type of war there can be no winner.

In 1917 **Our Lady of Fatima** prophesied that the First World War would end soon, which it did, but she also said that if mankind did not return to God, an even worse war would break out in the Pontificate of Pope Pius XI, which it did in 1939. **War is the result of sin.** If we are to have peace in the world, we must all dedicate

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November: month of the Holy Souls

Please pray for those who have recently died

Pany Tinker
Vincenzo Guarasci
Deryl Bacos
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Raymond Tebbutt
Miroslaw Popowicz
Angela Brienza
Philip Bowler
Roger Galvin
Everard Hurt

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 13th	Vigil Mass 6.00pm For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
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Sun 14th	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Remembrance Sunday) 9.00am Anna Ngo Thi Chuc (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS 11.15am Requiem Mass For the Fallen – PUBLIC MASS 2.30pm <i>Baptism</i> 4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS
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Mon 15th	St Albert the Great (Memoria) 9.15am Vito Caruso (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
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Tues 16th	St Gertrude (Memoria) 9.15am Intention for the living
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Weds 17th	Sung Requiem Mass 6.30pm Holy Souls (Latin, old rite) – PUBLIC MASS
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Thurs 18th	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul 9.15am Roger Galvin (RIP, Anniversary)
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Fri 19th	St Elizabeth of Hungary (Memoria) 6.00-6.25pm <i>Confessions</i> 6.30pm All deceased Rosminians – PUBLIC MASS
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Sat 20th	Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.15am James O'Rourke (RIP) 10.30am <i>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am</i> -12.30pm <i>Baptism</i> 2.30pm <i>Baptism</i> 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Alan Tinker (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
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Sun 21st	Christ the King (Solemnity) 9.00am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS 11.15am Emily Houston (RIP)– PUBLIC MASS 2.30pm <i>Baptism</i> 4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS
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This Week at St Mary's

Weds 17th: UCM – 2.00pm in the Hall

Fri 19th: History Group – 10.00am in the Archive Room

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ourselves not to seeking worldly happiness, but to holiness and to the re-establishment of the reign of Christ on earth, because it is only through nations following Him that we can ever have true peace. This may seem an impossibility to us, but I firmly believe it will happen, since Our Lady said it would. When it happens it will be the promised **triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**. JESUS wants the whole world to know the intercessory power of His Mother.

As we remember the Fallen, many of those who died in battle will have already reached Heaven. Most of them we will know little or nothing about. There are the famous canonised saints and martyrs like **St Maximilian Kolbe** and **St Edith Stein**, but the stories of the lesser known soldiers and civilians also humble and inspire us. But in a sense we are all **Soldiers of Christ** and we are all called to show a soldier's heroism for Christ in whatever our walk of life may be. Let us renew our commitment to Christ and pray to have the grace to do whatever He asks of us, so that we may hasten the restoration of Christ's reign on earth so that true peace may reign in the world.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Loughborough Food Bank: The next collection for the foodbank will be on **Saturday 11th December** in the church car park between 10.30 and 11.00am. This is a Christmas collection and the following will be greatly appreciated: chocolate biscuits, sweets, selection boxes, shower gels, soap, washing machine liquid and household cleaning products. Grateful thanks from all the staff at JSH for the very generous cash donations from St Mary's parishioners. Thank you to you all.

Jane Monaghan

'A Change of Era', Saturday 20th November: Join our online Diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly, with Bishop Patrick and parishioners from around our diocese, and two high-profile keynote speakers: Lord Deben, Chair of the Climate Change Committee, which advises the UK Government on climate policy; Raymond Friel, Chief Executive of Caritas Social Action Network. Pope Francis has said 'We do not live in an era of change so much as a change of era'. Covid-19 is still rife worldwide and climate change is accelerating. In these turbulent times, three things abide: faith, hope and love. You will be welcome to join by Zoom from 10.00 a.m. to 1.15 p.m., to listen and share what the Spirit is saying to the Church – particularly as parish communities called to mission in the wake of Covid-19 and the Glasgow climate summit. **More details and booking at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/changeofera or call 0115 648 1509.**

Year of St Joseph



Message of thanks

Father Simon would like to thank everyone who helped make his birthday so special with their cards, gifts and the hugely enjoyable party that was organised for him. He is so appreciative of everyone's good wishes and generosity.

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

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

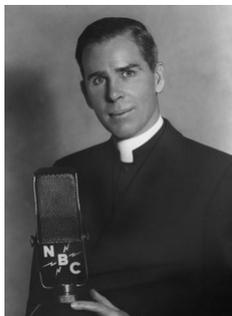
Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs of mourning, and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!

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*

From the Saints

“God’s side is determined not by geography but by those who do His Will. If Germans, English, Japanese and Americans all prayed right, they would all be praying for the same intention: ‘Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven’. And what is that Will? The reign of Justice and Charity in the hearts of men.”

(Venerable Fulton Sheen, 1895-1979)



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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: £655 (of which £99 was gift-aided)

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

Mass attendance: 313

Thank you
