

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church CHRIST THE KING NEWSLETTER



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Christ the King

Today is the Solemnity of **Christ the King** and marks the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Being God, JESUS Christ is King of all creation, but sadly the world today doesn't want to listen to Him. Although His Kingdom is not of this world, **it is a Kingdom for all time and for all eternity**, and thus it is the one to which we should wish to belong. But the world at large has forgotten this, and so the general state of mankind gets worse and worse and worse. Presently evil seems to triumph everywhere, but it won't be so forever. As the psalm tells us, the Lord will make the enemy His footstool and He will crush them (Psalm 110:1). **God will not be mocked.**

JESUS Christ is King of the whole created order, and being God He has complete rights over all of us and so we must humbly submit to Him. JESUS said, *"All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me"* (Matthew 28:18). Therefore anyone who has authority receives it from Him. Thus Our Lord told Pilate, *"You would have no authority over Me if it were not given you from above"* (John 19:11). For these reasons the Church teaches that the right to promulgate laws doesn't come from the State itself, but from God. It is *delegated* authority. **The modern idea that authority to govern comes from the people and that morality is decided by the latest pressure group is false.** While God permits us to *choose* who will govern us, the actual authority to govern comes from God, and so **those who govern must do so according to God's laws**. Those who are in a position of civil power and abuse it will have to answer to God for that. Those who promote abortion and euthanasia and all other kinds of immorality against the divine and natural law will be held accountable. To be in a position of real authority requires virtue and the acceptance of God's revealed truth.

President Garcia Moreno was the ruler of Ecuador in the nineteenth century. Before he was elected, Ecuador had been ruled by freemasons. But over time he began to establish Christian principles in his country. To cut a long story short, he formed a little Christendom there. He personally attended Mass every day, spent time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, recited the Rosary and meditated each morning. Every year on Good Friday he would carry

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November: month of the Holy Souls

Please pray for those who have recently died

Pany Tinker and
Vincenzo Guarasci
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Jean Woodcock
Tina Cassella
Carmela Giancola
Pat McLoughlin
Vincenzo Caruso
Lidia Buttarazzi
Michele Caggiano
Alan Tinker
Rose Tidy
Andy Newbold
Lawrence Adkin
Michael Smith

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 20th **Vigil Mass**
6.00pm Pany and Alan Tinker (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 21st **Christ the King (Solemnity)**
9.00am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Emily Houston (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
2.30pm Baptism
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

Mon 22nd **St Cecilia (Memoria)**
9.15am Vincenzo Caruso (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS

Tues 23rd **St Clement I (Memoria)**
9.15am Holy Souls

Weds 24th **St John of the Cross**
2.30pm Baptism
6.00-6.25pm Parish Rosary (*in church*)
6.30pm Mario Sepede (RIP) (Latin, old rite) – PUBLIC MASS

Thurs 25th **St Catherine of Alexandria (Memoria)**
9.15am Andy Newbold (RIP, Anniversary)

Fri 26th **Feria**
6.00-6.25pm Confessions
6.30pm The deceased members of the Giorgio & Mancini families – PUBLIC MASS

Sat 27th **Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9.15am Michael Smith (RIP, Anniversary)
10.30am Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
-12.30pm with Confessions 10.30-11.30am
2.30pm Baptism
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 28th **First Sunday of Advent (Year C)**
9.00am Christopher Dover (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Mario Sepede (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

This Week at St Mary's

Thurs 25th: RCIA - 7.00pm in the Library

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a life-size wooden cross during a penitential procession. He had his country consecrated by the bishops to the Sacred Heart of JESUS, and he made a special agreement with the Pope at the time, **Blessed Pius IX** that Catholicism was the official religion of the state. He did many other things too, the result of which brought about the reign of prosperity and peace throughout the land.

Then after 12 years of peaceful rule, he was assassinated by a group of revolutionary freemasons as he left the Cathedral after attending Mass one morning in 1875. These men shot him 6 times and wounded him 14 times with their swords. The dying President was brought into the Cathedral and placed at the foot of a statue of Our Lady of Sorrows where he was given the Last Rites. He forgave all his attackers and assassins. His final words were, “*Dios no muere*”, “God doesn’t die.” These words show the great confidence he had in the eventual conquest and victory of Christ the King. And that victory is certain. Let us work for the reign of Christ the King and may our song be the words of the **Laudes Regiae** (The Royal Praises) “*Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!*” (Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands!).

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Year of St Joseph



First Holy Communions 2022: Application forms for next year’s First Holy Communions are now available directly from Fr Paul. They need to be completed and returned to the Parish Office by **Sunday 5th December**. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Fr Paul

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

Ratcliffe College, the only Catholic independent school in the Diocese, is seeking to expand its board of governors with additional practising Catholics, especially those experienced in accountancy, law and school leadership. Any parishioner who may be able to offer their services can obtain fuller information from Sue Davison: call 01509 817068 or email SDavison@ratcliffecollege.com.

Fr Paul

Sunday Mass obligation:

At the time of writing, the Bishops appear not to have made any final decision on this. We will keep you informed of the situation.

Fr Paul

Synod in Rome: We will recite the prayer for the Synod at weekend Masses. Please distribute the prayer cards 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!

The second collection next weekend will be for **Exaireo**, a local Christian charity that houses and finds work for homeless people. Money raised contributes to a Christmas meal for them. There are currently 43 people benefitting from Exaireo's care.

From the Saints

"When once men recognise, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony."

(Pope Pius XI, 1857-1939, from the Encyclical 'Quas Primas', 1925 instituting the Feast of Christ the King).



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: £636 (of which £257 was gift-aided)

Standing orders: £819 @31/10 (of which £721 was gift-aided)

Mass attendance: 298

Thank you