

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

32nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

Your Help is Needed ...



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St John tells us in the Apocalypse that nothing defiled can enter Heaven (Apocalypse 21:27). So Purgatory, which is a place of cleansing after death, is a masterpiece of God's mercy and also His justice. The Church teaches infallibly that **Purgatory** exists and that there are souls there. Very few of us when we die will still have our baptismal robe totally pure and spotless. So those who die with only venial sins on their soul, or those who have moral and spiritual imperfections which haven't been sufficiently atoned for in this life will go to Purgatory. Purgatory is a place of cleansing, so naturally there will be some suffering. But it is also a place of great joy because the souls there know they have attained their salvation. Heaven is guaranteed, so in that sense they are better off than we are.

Maria Simma (1915-2004) was an Austrian mystic who received many visits from the souls in Purgatory. She first experienced a visit from Purgatory in 1940 when she was just twenty five years old. A man appeared to her and said, "*Please have three holy Masses said for my intentions and then I will be delivered.*" He immediately disappeared and Maria said that it was then she realised he was a poor soul. Very soon more souls would come to her asking for help, and over the years it turned into a great number. Maria spent her lifetime helping the souls in Purgatory.

The holy souls told her many times that the greatest help they can receive from us on earth is to have the holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for them. After that the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross are the most beneficial to them. But even the smallest prayer or sacrifice is like giving a glass of cold water to a traveller parched in the desert. Maria said that the greatest complaint of the holy souls is that family and loved ones almost completely forget them and give them almost no spiritual help. Very few prayers are said for them and yet that is what they need the most. No longer possessing physical bodies, the holy souls cannot do penance or make sacrifices themselves, so they rely totally on our help.

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November: month of the Holy Souls

Please pray for those who have recently died

Fe Solleza
Vincenzo Guarasci
Deryl Bacos

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Frances Ebong
Dirk Van der Meyden
Margaret Veals
Alice Hoggan
Tony Daly
Michele Giorgio
Lea Chievetta
Peggy Hicks
Marion Scrivens
Danny Borzacchiello
Stan Borkowski

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 6th Vigil Mass
6.00pm 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

Mon 8th Feria
10.15am Rocco & Rita Acierno (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS

Tues 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)
9.15am Anne-Marie Green (RIP)

Weds 10th St Andrew Avellino
6.30pm Holy Souls*

Thurs 11th St Martin of Tours (Memoria)
9.15am José Paterson (RIP)

Fri 12th St Josephat (Memoria)
6.00-6.25pm Confessions
6.30pm Senior Citizens Group – PUBLIC MASS

Sat 13th Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.15am Intention for the living
10.30am Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
-12.30pm with Confessions 10.30-11.30am
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 14th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Anna Ngo Thi Chuc (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Requiem Mass For the Fallen – PUBLIC MASS
2.30pm Baptism
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

***Please Note:** There will be no Latin Mass this week. Next **Wednesday 17th November** at 6.30pm, there will be a sung Latin Requiem for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Congratulations to all the children who have made their First Holy Communion over the last three weeks. Application forms for next year will be available soon.

This Week at St Mary's
Thurs 11th: RCIA - 7.00pm in the Library

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One may gain a **Plenary Indulgence** for the Holy Souls on any day in November by visiting a cemetery and there saying some prayers for them. In addition one must make a sacramental Confession within eight days before or after and receive Holy Communion. Then say an Our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope's intention. If you don't manage all the conditions the Indulgence is Partial. Let us all make a concerted effort this month to pray hard for the Holy Souls, try and gain Indulgences for them and release as many of them from Purgatory as possible. This is a really great act of charity, and by helping release them we will be gaining for ourselves great friends and intercessors in Heaven. Then in the words of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, *"As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are and they will say, 'A poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory'."*

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Remembrance Sunday (14th November): Next Sunday's 11.15am Mass will be a Requiem Mass for all the Fallen.

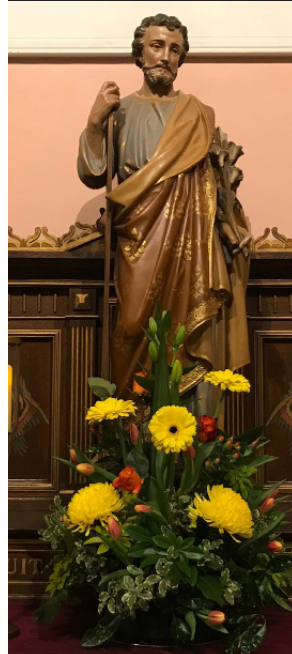
Loughborough Food Bank: There will be just one collection before Christmas, on **Saturday 11th December**, from 10.30 to 11.00am in the car park. Donations of chocolates, selection boxes, chocolate biscuits and Christmas treats of any kind will be greatly appreciated along with shower gels, soaps and shampoo. **Please note there will not be a collection on Saturday 13th November.**

Christmas cards, Advent calendars, 2022 diaries and candles are now available to purchase from the Repository at the back of the church.

New Christmas cards available from Pax Christi: Felt banners were created some years ago for display at a church in Cambridge during Christmas. These banners have now been made into three Christmas cards. Packs of 10 cards (a mixture of the three designs) and envelopes can be ordered at £4.50 per pack plus p+p from: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/>

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 today **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.

Year of St Joseph



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.marriagecare.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

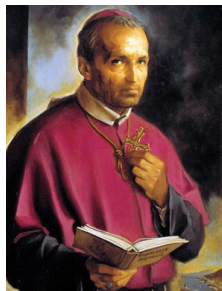
Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the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

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*

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*



From the Saints

By assisting them we shall not only give great pleasure to God, but will also acquire great merit for ourselves. And in return for our suffrages, these blessed souls will not neglect to obtain for us many graces from God, but particularly the grace of eternal life."

(St Alphonsus Liguori, 1696-1787)

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: £ 340 (of which £ 110 was gift-aided)

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

Mass attendance: 303

Thank you