

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

2nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

How to Baptise

Last Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, I preached on the **Sacrament of Baptism** and its importance, and as I do each year on this Feast, I explained that in an emergency anyone can baptise. I've had a couple of requests to put this part in writing.

In ordinary circumstances it is the priest who baptises. He knows what to do and how to do it. **But in cases of emergency, (this means danger of death), anyone can baptise who has the right intention.** The one baptising need not be a Catholic or even a Christian. All they need to do is to intend to do what the Catholic Church wants done. This is essential because if Christ made Baptism necessary for salvation, He also laid down the requirements which the Church has always observed. So the person baptising should know how.

So this is what you do. You will need clean, pure water, and it must be only water. You pour the water over the head of the person being baptised so as it flows over the skin, saying at the same time the words, **"I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."** The same person must say the words and pour the water. A person can only be baptised once, so if you're not sure the person is already baptised you say, **"If you are not baptised, I baptise you in the name of the Father..."** This is what is called a **Conditional Baptism**. If the person is already baptised they won't be baptised again, but if they aren't baptised, and they're open to it, you have validly baptised them and opened to them the gates of Heaven and eternal life. One should never practice doing this on a person, but you could practice on a doll.

If you ever have to do an **emergency Baptism**, you should **tell the priest after**, and should the baptised person recover, the other ceremonies can be supplied in the church, for example the exorcisms and anointings. But the Baptism itself is never repeated because what you have done is a valid administration of the Sacrament.



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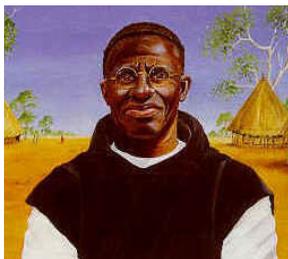
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Blessed Cyprian Tansi

Please pray for those who have recently died

Peter Guilfoyle, Patrick Ready, Maria Ciocco and Pany Tinker

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Emildio Chiavetti
Linda Goodby
Henry Reed
Fr Eugene Monaghan IC
Bogdon Wozniak
Justina O'Donoghue
Mary Connell
Thomas Jones
Wanda Lapham
Vera Hurry
Michael Doyle
Velia Cappaso
Wanda Souraty

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 15th Vigil Mass
6.00pm For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 16th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Adolorata Corbo (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Deceased members of the Lavery & Swan families – PUBLIC MASS
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

Mon 17th St Anthony (Memoria)
9.15am John McDermott (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS

Tues 18th Feria
9.15am John Nixon (RIP)
10.30am *Requiem Mass for Pany Tinker RIP*

Weds 19th Feria
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary (in church)*
6.30pm Vera Hurry (RIP, Anniv.) (Latin, old rite) – PUBLIC

Thurs 20th Blessed Cyprian Tansi (Memoria)
9.15am Vincenzo Guarasci (RIP)

Fri 21st St Agnes (Memoria)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Gerry O'Donoghue (RIP) – PUBLIC MASS

Sat 22nd Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Lois Potts (RIP)
10.30am *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am*
-12.30pm
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 23rd Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Deceased members of the Monaghan & Kenyon families – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Family intention – PUBLIC MASS
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

This week at St Mary's

Mon 17th: Visiting Group - 11.00am in the Library

The 2nd collection this weekend is for sick & retired Diocesan priests.

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In today's Gospel (John 2:1-11), JESUS changed water into wine at the **Wedding in Cana**: an amazing miracle, but what happens each time a person is baptised is a far greater miracle because we are changed from children of wrath under the dominion of the devil into children of God and become **participators in the divine life**. We are, as it were, incorporated into the divine DNA. Theologians say that God, in JESUS, became what we are, so that we might become what He is. The early Christians called this '**divinisation**' or '**deification**'. **We become by grace what God is by nature**. That is why God became man, and that is why He gave us Baptism.

So what a wonderful gift Baptism is, something we can do nothing to earn. It is a completely free gift God wants to give to all. Do you know the date of your Baptism? If not, try and find out and celebrate it like you do your birthday, because Baptism is your birth into eternal life in Christ.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Grub Club has run for three years now, initially providing hot lunches and activities for children and their families during school holidays, more recently because of the pandemic, providing food and financial support to families in need, identified by primary school heads. I have decided to step down as Chair, so if Grub Club is to continue we need a volunteer to take on the organisational and leadership tasks involved. This includes: liaising with schools and families; organising the training of volunteers; working with the activity lead; setting up kitchen provision with schools/local authority; communicating with the parish; finding volunteers; supporting fundraising. This work is vital, not just to the families who benefit, but also for the opportunities it provides to promote Catholic social teaching in action. If you are interested please contact me via the parish office.

Catherine Brady

The Exaireo Trust are currently supporting a couple who are expecting a baby at the start of May. They would like to live in Loughborough but are struggling to find suitable accommodation. They urgently need a 1 or 2 bedroom property to rent and can afford a rent of up to £650. If you have or know of properties to let please call Lynda at the Exaireo Trust on 01509 266422 or 07739 637922, or email Lynda@exaireo.org.

Catholic teachers working outside Catholic Education are invited to find out more about the opportunities in Catholic education within the Diocese of Nottingham at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday 8th February** 7.00pm - 8.30pm. To reserve a place email julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk. See noticeboard at the back of church for more information.

VACANCIES

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust have vacancies for a Headteacher (English Martyrs', Leicester) and a Deputy Headteacher (St Martin's, Stoke Golding). Closing date for applications is **26th January 2022**. For further details of these and other vacancies within this trust, please visit www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies

The Exaireo ReUse Project is looking for someone to manage their shop (in Weldon Road), lead our volunteers and be an advocate for Exaireo. Contact catherine@exaireo.org for more info, an informal chat or a job description and application form. See the noticeboard at the back of the church for further information.

Loughborough Quakers are hosting a play about the prison system. 'Back Door Parole' will be performed at Trinity Methodist Church, Royland Road on **Saturday 22nd January** at 7.30pm. You are asked to take a lateral flow test before you come and to wear a mask throughout. Free entry, but donations to Recoop (a charity supporting older people with convictions) welcome.

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.

Blessed Cyprian Tansi was a monk of Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Coalville, for 14 years, from 1950, until his death, in 1964. He was born in Nigeria and was ordained a priest for the Onitsha diocese in 1937 at the age of 34. He did great work in Nigeria, but his belief in the value for the whole Church of the hidden life of prayer in a contemplative Order, led Fr Tansi to join Mount Saint Bernard Abbey in 1950. He used to say, "if you are going to be a Christian at all, you might as well live entirely for God". Fr Cyprian died in the Leicester Royal Infirmary on the 20th January 1964, aged 61. His feast day is this Thursday. *Fr Paul*

Next Sunday, 23rd January, is the "Sunday of the Word of God".

Pope Francis established in 2020 that "*the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God*" Please bring your Bibles to Mass next weekend for a special blessing. *Fr Paul*



From the Saints

"Let us rejoice and give thanks; we have not only become Christians, but Christ Himself ... Stand in awe and rejoice: We have become Christ."

St Augustine of Hippo, 354-430,
speaking on Baptism

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: £488 (of which £117 was gift-aided)

Standing orders: £824 @31/12 (of which £715 was gift-aided)

Attendance: 286

Thank you