

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

THE MOST
HOLY TRINITY

NEWSLETTER

Unity in Trinity and Trinity in Unity



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The Catholic Church, founded by Our Lord JESUS Christ, faithfully passes on from generation to generation all the doctrines which are essential for salvation. One of those doctrines is that of the Most Blessed Trinity, and today the Church observes a very special Feast in honour of this most profound mystery of our faith. The doctrine is that **there is only one God, and that in this one God there are three distinct Persons who are the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.** All are equal, eternal and uncreated and all are fully God, yet there is only one God. But how can this be? How can God be three distinct Persons and yet only one God? The answer is that we can never fully explain it because it is a mystery beyond our understanding. However, while it is not contrary to reason, it does transcend it.

The Bible, even in the Old Testament gives us clues about the Blessed Trinity. For example, right at the beginning in the book of Genesis, God says, "*Let us make man in our image, after our likeness*" (1:26). He speaks of Himself here in the plural. On the front of the High Altar in the church right now, there is embroidered on the altar cloth the words, "*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus.*" This is a quote from the prophet Isaiah (6:3) "*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of Hosts.*" Some may argue this is just a Jewish way of saying 'very holy', but as Christians we see more in it: the angels praising God as a Trinity of Persons.

The truth of God being a Trinity of Persons is fully revealed in the New Testament. Our Lord says, "*The Father and I are one*" (John 10:30), "*To have seen Me is to have seen the Father*" (John 14:9), and, "*But when the Paraclete comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, Who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness to Me*" (John 15:26). There are numerous other indications too, but the most explicit reference is in Matthew's Gospel when JESUS says, "*Baptise them in the name (singular) of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*" (28:19).

The Holy Spirit has always ensured that the Church keeps this divine revelation about God's nature intact, which has not always been easy, as

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St Anthony of Padua

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Alan Creighton

Pietro Lallo

Greg O'Connor

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

George Haynes

May Buttarazzi

Maria Santoro

Doreen Dilkes

Maria Di-Niro

Maureen Modlen

Fr Michael Hare IC

Barbara Nolan

Vittorio Giorgio

John Corbert

John Scott

Regina Wojciechowska

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 11th Vigil Mass
6.00pm Filomena Gobi Varallo (RIP)

Sun 12th The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Andy Newbold (RIP)
4.00pm Italian Mass

Mon 13th St Anthony of Padua (Memoria)
9.15am Victor & Mary Woodhouse (RIP)
6.30pm *Reception & Confirmation of Daniel, Joanna & Xavier*

Tues 14th Feria (FORTY HOURS DEVOTION)
9.30am Intention for the living *Followed by the Rosary*
10am-8pm *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
7.30pm *Rosary*
8.00pm *Benediction*

Weds 15th Feria
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary (in church)*
6.30pm **Special Int'n (Latin, old rite, sung Mass of Corpus Christi)**

Thurs 16th St Richard of Chichester (Memoria)
9.15am Jim & Margaret Smith (RIP)

Fri 17th Feria
Forty Hours Devotion at Loughborough University - Mass at 9.30am
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Vittorio Giorgio (RIP, Anniversary)

Sat 18th Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Greg O'Connor (RIP) **No Public Mass**
10.30am *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am*
-12.30pm **Vigil Mass: Ann O'Rourke (RIP)**

Sun 19th Corpus Christi (Solemnity)
9.00am James O'Rourke (RIP) *First Holy Communions*
11.15am For the Parish *First Holy Communions*
4.00pm Italian Mass

This week at St Mary's

Mon 13th First Holy Communion rehearsal & Confessions - 4.15pm

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corrupting this truth has been at the top of Satan's agenda, because he knows how wrong ideas about God can lead to wrong paths and then ultimately to destruction. This is what happened in the **Garden of Eden** when Satan persuaded Adam and Eve that God's prohibition of their eating the fruit of the forbidden tree was unreasonable, and that God was being deceitful and unfair. Satan changed their idea of God and so they ended up being disobedient, which was the **original sin**. Similarly, would Islamic terrorists blow up innocent people if they believed correctly that God was a Trinity who loves the whole of humanity, both believers and unbelievers, saints and sinners alike? I think they would not.

Our whole faith is really summed up in our belief in the Most Blessed Trinity and in Our Lord JESUS Christ Who is the Second Person of the Trinity Who became man. He is our Saviour, and it is through Him that we will enter Heaven. He is the **door of the sheepfold** (John 10:7). He is the **Way, the Truth and the Life** (John 14:6), and **there is no other name by which we may be saved** (Acts 4:12). So let us hold fast to the true faith which God has revealed. We can never accept that there be any compromise in the truth of the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity, in JESUS Christ the God man, and of the uniqueness of the Catholic Church He founded which, guided by the Holy Spirit, teaches infallibly all truth necessary for salvation. We must have courage and strength, despite difficulties and trials, to remain true to what has been given us and to ensure that it is handed on safely to future generations. **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Forty Hours Devotion: The Loughborough Deanery will be celebrating Forty Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament leading up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Mass will be celebrated each day at 9.30am followed by all day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction at 8pm. The dates and venues are as follows: **Monday 13th June** at Holy Cross, Whitwick; **Tuesday 14th June** at St Mary's Loughborough; **Thursday 16th June** at St Wilfrid's, Coalville; and **Friday 17th June** at Loughborough University Chapel, Edward Herbert Building. I hope many parishioners will support this especially here and at the University which falls within the parish. There are still some vacant slots on the signing-up sheet at the church entrance. *Fr Paul*

Church collections

A decision to reinstate the Church collections, which were suspended during the period when the pandemic was prevalent, has now been taken. Thankfully, an adequate number of counters are now available and those who **already** have experience of the activity and the related systems will be asked to undertake counting in the first weeks. Training will shortly be arranged for those **who have kindly volunteered to count and who had not undertaken counting before the pandemic started**. Moreover, a roster of the counters' duty weekends will shortly be compiled and distributed. To allow the necessary arrangements to be made, it is likely that the counting will start again from the weekend of the **25th and 26th June 2022**. The rosters that are produced will be for those who undertake counting only; this continues the practice followed when the Church collections took place before the pandemic started. When the collections restart, no rosters will be produced for those who kindly help to ensure that the collection plates/bags are taken to the congregations at the weekend Masses.

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.
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Parish Census: Information about completing a parish census form can be found at www.stmarysloughborough.org.uk/parish-census.

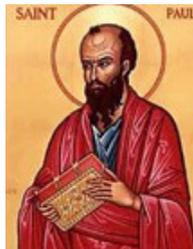
Ministries: When the pandemic started in the United Kingdom, the Parish had a number of parishioners who kindly undertook voluntary tasks, including the compilation of rosters for weekend reading, welcoming, handing out Mass sheets, newsletters and hymn books and helping with the main and second collections. As a number of these helpful activities were suspended during the pandemic period, and the Parish needs to reinstate them, could those who kindly undertook the activities and would be willing to do so again, please let Fr. Paul know within the course of the next two weeks. Many thanks.

An exciting opportunity has arisen to support the work of Bishop Patrick as the Bishop's Personal Assistant. This role would suit someone with experience as a Senior Personal Assistant or Executive Assistant in a substantial complex organisation, who is willing and able enthusiastically to support the mission of the Catholic Church and with knowledge of its organisation and functions. For more information and an application pack email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

From the Saints

"The grace of Our Lord JESUS Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

St Paul, 1 Corinthians 13:13



First Holy Communions will take place at both Masses on **Sunday 19th June**. The 11.15am Mass will be followed by a short Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction.

Hand sanitising: The stewards are no longer sanitising parishioners hands before they receive the Holy Communion. Sanitisers are still available at the entrances and exits. You are encouraged to use the sanitiser when entering the church. Also please be reminded to remove your face covering **before** the priest gives you the Host.

Loughborough Deanery Roadshow: The second Deanery Roadshow, discussing the Synod and Parish amalgamations, will be at Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 7.00pm on **Monday 20th June**.

Mass intentions are now fully booked until mid August.

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £735 (of which £156 was gift-aided)

Standing orders: £786 @31/05 (of which £650 was gift-aided)

Attendance: 376

Thank you
