

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

15th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

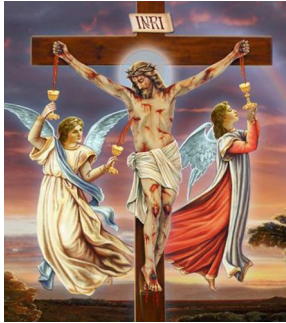
NEWSLETTER

Far from an outdated tradition, this sign of piety has much to heal our hearts ...

In the Catholic Church, **the month of July** is dedicated to the **Precious Blood**. It is a wonderful time to be reminded of that gift, recalling all the while that devotion to the **Precious Blood** marks not only one fleeting summer month but our entire year, offering true and abiding sustenance.

The privilege of receiving the Blood of Christ is even more profound when we remember that Christ is the fulfilment of the Scriptures, and the fulfilment of many ancient covenants associated with blood. The first sacrifice pleasing to God was Abel's slain lamb. This angered Cain, who spilled Abel's blood. To the ancient Hebrews, blood was associated with the soul. God says to Cain: *"What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground."* (Gen 4:10) And so, the soul of Cain cries out to God for peace.

The blood of the lamb on the doorposts at **Passover** spared the Israelites' children from death. Moses **sprinkled** the blood of animal sacrifices on the people to bless them as part of rituals commanded by God. In His own time, Jesus would have been very familiar with the sight of sinners coming to the temple with the offering of a lamb, confessing their sin while they placed their hands on the animal's head, and then slitting its throat as a substitute, to die for them. **"I am the Lamb of God,"** would have had such a visceral meaning when spoken to a people familiar with that common occurrence. The **Shepherd** of us all becomes the **Lamb of sacrifice**. The Blood of Jesus delivers the peace for which Abel's blood cried. We are the blood-purchased children of God. At Gethsemane and Golgotha, the Blood of Christ fell to the ground and answered Abel's cry with a searing beauty beyond imagining.



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Derek Whymark
Carol Tondelier
Fr Robert Rutledge
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Barbara Watkins
Gerrard Nicholson
Christopher Pacynko
Bogdan Pacynko
Dora Belcher
Giuseppe (Joe) Romano

PLEASE NOTE

Due to government regulations regarding personal data (UK-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 9th Vigil Mass
6.00pm Rita & Rocco Acierno & Gino Romano (RIP)

Sun 10th Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Sr Theopilamma Nedumakal (RIP)
11.15am Crispin Castillo (RIP, Anniversary)
4.00pm Italian Mass

Mon 11th St Benedict, Patron of Europe (Feast)
9.15am Derek Whymark (RIP)

Tues 12th Feria
9.15am In Thanksgiving to Our Lady

Weds 13th Feria
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary (in church)*
6.30pm Greg O'Connor (RIP) (Latin, old rite)

Thurs 14th St Camillus de Lellis (Memoria)
9.15am Abraham Pukkurayil (RIP)

Fri 15th St Bonaventure (Memoria)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Romana Ronchetti (RIP)

Sat 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Memoria)
10.00am Deceased of the Ronchetti family **PUBLIC MASS**
10.30am *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
-12.30pm *with Confessions 10.30-11.30am*
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** Giuseppe Romano (RIP)

Sun 17th Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Greg O'Connor (RIP)
4.00pm Italian Mass

This week at St Mary's

Tues 12th Bible Study: A Letter from Prison
- 7.00pm in the Library

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An ancient medieval tradition spoke of “the Pelican-in-Her-Piety,” as a symbol of Christ, and it is an image prevalent in many a church and cathedral, from stained glass windows to floor mosaics. Legend held that when a mother pelican’s young were languishing or dying, she would impale her own breast to feed them from her blood, which would revivify them even at the expense of her life. It is a stunning symbol of Christ. If you encounter someone who is shocked by such images of consuming or being blessed by blood, tell them, to paraphrase C.S. Lewis, “God is good, but He is not tame.” The new life Jesus gave came “*with water and blood.*” (1 John 5:6).

St Longinus, yes, *saint*, is, by tradition, the soldier who pierced the side of Christ with a lance. He declared that truly Jesus was the Son of God because the Blood of Christ spilled on Longinus and healed his eyes. Tradition tells us that Longinus converted, left the army, and spread the Gospel until his own martyrdom.

In honour of the **Precious Blood**, let us receive the Eucharist with ever more gratitude for the **Lamb of God, Jesus**. May we find compelling ways, like the storied Pelican, to nourish others, giving without limit. And may we pray to **St Longinus**, whose vision was blessed by Calvary’s Blood, to spread the Gospel in whatever ways, be they small or great, that we can. What a faith, what a Saviour have we, that even a man who wounded the side of God may become a saint.

Thus, what is our excuse not to try?

Fr David Jones, OLV

Enrolment in the Brown Scapular: Next Saturday 16th July is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and there will be a public Mass at 10am. I have already enrolled a number of parishioners in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Our Lady gave the Scapular to Simon Stock at Aylesford in Kent in 1251. During the final apparition at Fatima, Our Lady appeared as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Sr Lucia, when asked why said it was because Our Lady wishes everyone to wear the Scapular. It is also a sign of our consecration to her. If anyone else wishes to be enrolled at Mass on Saturday morning, or indeed at any other time, please let me know.

Fr Paul

School Holidays: Our schools have now broken up for the summer holidays. We wish our pupils and teachers a restful break. Let us also keep in our prayers those who will be moving on to new beginnings.

Fr Paul

As the war in Ukraine continues there is still a need to extend a welcome to refugees. Would you like to help develop support locally? Are you waiting to host a family - or do you have experience you'd like to exchange with fellow hosts? Caritas invite you to a third Parishes of Welcome workshop, at 7.00pm on Monday **18th July** by Zoom. Hear about initiatives underway around the diocese and explore plans with other parishioners. Book at bit.ly/CaritasUkraine3 or email caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

The next food bank collection will be on **Saturday 30th July** in the church car park from 10.30 to 11.00am. St Mary’s continues to be one of the greatest contributors to this initiative; we always get a warm welcome from the volunteers at JSH and they send their grateful thanks to parishioners. A big thank you for the cash donations; receipts are in the parish office. *Jane Monaghan*

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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Today is Sea Sunday when we pray for all those who live and work at sea. There is a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Thank you.

Becoming a Catholic: If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, or if you are already Catholic and would like to learn more about the Faith, a new RCIA group will commence in September. We usually meet on alternate Thursday evenings in the library. This course would also be suitable for adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Fr Paul.

Last Rites does not mean Last Minute! As soon as a person begins to be in danger of death because of illness, injury or old age, the time for anointing has surely already come.

Parish Hall: Over the next couple of weeks, we will be clearing out the hall. If you have left any items/belongings there, please could you remove them as soon as possible, otherwise they will be disposed of. Thank you.

Bernie McEnery

From the Saints

"Be with Him willingly; don't lose such so good an occasion for conversing with Him as when receiving Communion."

(St Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582)



Caring for Creation is a workshop from Caritas to help us put Pope Francis's environmental encyclical *Laudato Si'* into practice: 7.00pm on Thursday

21st July by Zoom.

Discover the connections between our faith and our environmental footprint. Explore ways mark this autumn's Season of Creation in the parish. Find out about the diocesan Pioneer Parishes scheme to support our journey to become a 'zero carbon Church'. Book at bit.ly/FaithandFootprint or email caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Parish Census:

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

Synod: The National Synthesis document is available for you to read on the parish website.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £493 (of which £95 was gift-aided)

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

Attendance: 321

Thank you
