

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

24th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

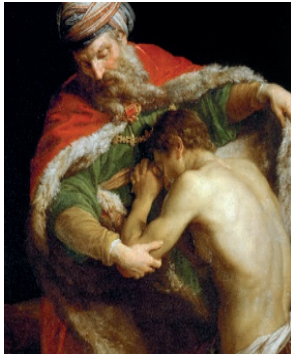
The Loving Mercy of God

The **Parable of the Prodigal Son** (Luke 15:1-32) is probably Our Lord's most famous parable, and it is also one of the most important, because we all need God's mercy. Unfortunately many are afraid to ask God for it, or the devil persuades them they are so far gone and that God is so disgusted with them that they are not worthy or deserving of His forgiveness. But thankfully God doesn't see it like this.

In today's First Reading from the book of Exodus (32:7-11, 13-14), the Israelites have broken the first Commandment and committed **the sin of idolatry by worshipping the golden calf and offering sacrifice to it**. God is rightfully angry and threatens to destroy them, but He allows Moses to intercede on their behalf and He then relents. **Moses is a type or pre-figuring of Christ Who came to reconcile us with the Father**. And then St Paul in the Second Reading, (1 Timothy 1:12-17) speaks of himself as one of the worst sinners who has persecuted Christ, but goes on to describe himself as the greatest beneficiary of God's mercy. "*Christ JESUS came into the world to save sinners*" he says. Paul was transformed from one of the greatest persecutors of the Church into a great Apostle and missionary, and with St Peter he is one of the two pillars of the Church. God's grace can work wonders if we are open to it.

So we must never be afraid to turn back to God and ask His mercy. I suspect many of you have not been to Confession for many years, perhaps sometimes out of fear and sometimes out of shame. But as a priest, whenever someone comes in and says, "*Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been many years since my last confession*", I always feel so happy because it is such a wonderful thing to be an instrument of God's grace and forgiveness, especially when a person has been away for a very long time. It's the devil who wants to keep you away, trying to keep you proud and afraid to confess your sins. He wants to keep you in spiritual bondage. Don't allow him to do so. Come to the Sacrament. Be restored to God's grace. Have Christ once again alive in you. **The present times for Confessions are Fridays 6-6.25pm and Saturdays 10.30-11.30am, or by arrangement with one of the priests. There are also Confessions Monday-Friday at Mount St Bernard Monastery 2.30-3pm.**

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, 1926-2022. Requiescat in pace.

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Gabriella Ronchetti,
Kathleen Vellacott
(Fr Peter's mother),
John Bradshaw
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Vera Cunningham,
Dreda Clarke,
Brian Dzudzewicz,
Ambo Faulks,
Connie Moulton,
John Walsh,
Olga Keane,
Janet Edwards,
Charles Farrell,
Salvatore Fele,
Jane West,
Mary Scrivens,
David Hammond,
Andrew Carr,
Venancio Castillo

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 10th
6.00pm

Vigil Mass
For the Parish

Sun 11th
9.00am

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Derek Whymark (RIP)

11.15am
4.00pm

Intention for the living
Italian Mass

Mon 12th
9.15am

The Most Holy Name of Mary (Memoria)
Emily Houston (RIP)

11.30am

Requiem Mass: John Bradshaw RIP

Tues 13th
6.30pm

St John Chrysostom (Memoria)
Requiem Mass for HM Queen Elizabeth II

Weds 14th
6.00-6.25pm
6.30pm

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)
Parish Rosary (in church)
Connie Moulton (RIP) (Sung Latin, old rite)

Thurs 15th
9.15am
11am

Our Lady of Sorrows (Memoria)
Venancio Castillo Sr (RIP, Anniversary)
Baptism

Fri 16th
6.00-6.25pm
6.30pm

Ss Cornelius & Cyprian (Memoria)
Confessions
Salvatore Fele (RIP) & Jianna Sepede (RIP)

Sat 17th
10.00am
10.30am
-12.30pm
1.30pm
6.00pm

St Robert Bellarmine (Memoria)
Vittorio Giorgio (RIP) - NO PUBLIC MASS
Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am
Wedding
Vigil Mass: Andrew Carr (RIP, Anniversary)

Sun 18th
9.00am
11.15am
4.00pm

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
For the Parish
George Njie (RIP)
Italian Mass

Mass on Tuesday will be at 6.30pm and will be a Requiem Mass for HM Queen Elizabeth II. So no 9.15am Mass that day. Also Fr David's Bible Study is cancelled.

The Latin Mass this coming Wednesday 14th September, which is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, will be a Sung Mass.

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God wants all of us to reach out to sinners and welcome them back into the Church. Remember, Christ died for everyone, and we need to get as many as possible to embrace the salvation He offers through conversion. This is the mission of the Church. So let us not criticise or judge people, but when the opportunity arises, gently encourage them to come back to church and to go to Confession. Let us always remember the story of the Prodigal Son and how the father welcomed him back. That's what happens every time a sinner returns. ***“There is more joy in Heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance”***

(Luke 15:7).

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

RCIA: For those who have signed up for the new RCIA course, the first class will be in the library on Thursday 29th September at 7pm. The course is primarily for those thinking of becoming Catholics, but would also be suitable for Catholic adults wishing to be confirmed or for Catholics simply wishing to learn more about the faith. Please let Fr Paul know if you are interested.

Next KSC Quiz. The Knights of St Columba are holding their next quiz in Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 24th September 2022. The cost is being held at £7 a head, £3 for children and students, to include a cheese supper, wine and soft drinks. All profits from the evening will be donated to Rainbows here in Loughborough. If you would like to come please call Will Holland on 07811 353 248.

Food Bank: The next collection will be on Saturday 24th September in the church car park 10.30 to 11.00am. Thank you for your continued support and cash donations; receipts are in the parish office. Items needed for this next collection include shower gel, soap, toothpaste, toilet rolls, washing machine tablets or liquid, small jars of coffee and hot chocolate, tea bags, small sachets of microwaveable food. Thank you

Jane Monaghan

The cost of living crisis: how might our parish respond? If you would like to help the most vulnerable in our communities through the difficult months ahead, Caritas can support you. On Wednesday 28th September, 7.00 – 8.30pm, you are invited to an online workshop, which will be an opportunity to share ideas and road-test a toolkit for parish action. Booking is open now for the workshop, and also for the in-person Caritas Assembly on Saturday 5th November 2022. If you can't make either date, sign up anyway for ongoing advice, information and networking; visit <https://bit.ly/LoavesandFishes2022>

Springboard, a hands-on workshop from Caritas, is coming to St Barnabas Cathedral Hall on Saturday 10th September, 10.30am - 3.30pm. Following the Here: Now: Us workshop and Synod consultations last autumn, the pandemic is giving way to a time of crisis for the poorest in society. At Springboard we'll discern our call to mission in the cost-of-living crisis, celebrate the potential of our parishes, build local collaboration for the Common Good, and establish a county-based Caritas Hub as a platform for action – all inspired by Pope Francis's *'The Joy of the Gospel'*. All welcome. For bookings and further information visit <http://bit.ly/2022Springboard>, email caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call 0115 648 1509.

Share, Inspire, Support is a new series of bimonthly events from the local Caritas Hub Caritas Leicester to help you put your faith into action and make a difference. The first is on Wednesday 5th October 7.00-9.00pm at St Thomas More, Knighton Road, Leicester. All parishioners from Leicester and Leicestershire are welcome. See the noticeboard for more information.

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.

For parishes in Leicester and Leicestershire:

On Saturday 10th September members of the Leicester Hospitals Chaplaincy team will attempt the big abseil to begin the fundraising challenge for the all-new Saint Luke's Chapel at Leicester Royal Infirmary! Ed Pike, Catholic chaplain (and abseiling novice) invites you visit the 'just giving' page set up by the Head of Chaplaincy to find out more and consider contributing to the fundraising effort. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LeicesterHospitalsChaplains

The Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes are now touring our country, and will visit our diocese on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th October, at Saint Bernadette's Church, Scunthorpe, and the Cathedral, Nottingham. All are encouraged to come to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, to have a little experience of Lourdes here amongst us. Please see the poster for details of timings, or visit the diocesan website for the latest information and news: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/relics All are very welcome!

From the Saints

Our sins are nothing but a grain of sand alongside the great mountain of the mercy of God.

(St John Vianney, 1786-1859)



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Second Collection

Next Sunday, formerly called Home Mission Sunday is now known as *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday after the Pope's encyclical letter of the same name. Pope Francis calls on the Church to embark on a fundamental change of direction when it comes to evangelisation, no longer relying on past structures and actions but to read the signs of the times and act passionately in proclaiming the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart. There will be a Second Collection to support the work of the Bishop's Conference Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship.

De Lisle College Open Evening.

Thursday 15th September 6-8pm. Headteacher talks from 6pm
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Last Week's Finance

Collection: Due to the figures not being available, they will be published next weekend.

Standing orders: £779 @31/07 (of which £650 was gift-aided)

Attendance: 363

Thank you