

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

25th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

# NEWSLETTER

## Thank you Your Majesty



We feel very sad at the momentous news of the recent death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We have lost a remarkable person who was wise and experienced, and who gave herself fully to this country in a life of selfless service. Her historical memory goes back further than almost anyone. But even more important was **her steadfast Christian witness** which was always very personal, and her determination to uphold it and defend it in this increasingly secular and pagan society. For this we are most grateful and give thanks to God. May He reward her for her fortitude.

A good congregation was present for the **Requiem Mass** we offered for her at St Mary's last Tuesday evening. We continue to pray for the repose of her soul. Our new King Charles III, in his first speech as king, used the beautiful quotation from Shakespeare: "*May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.*" May this be our prayer for her too.

There is a memorial to our late Queen at the **Altar of St George** on the right hand aisle of the church where you may light a candle. Candles are a symbol of respect for those we have held in high regard. I would encourage you to light a candle for her there, and as you do so to pray for the repose of her soul.

I am printing below the statement of **His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols**, President of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, following the death of Her Majesty.

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

"On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'

Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unflinching way in which she fulfilled that declaration.

Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

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*Served by the Rosminians*

### Parish Priest

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### On attachment

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*God Save the King*

## MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

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**Sat 17th Vigil Mass**  
6.00pm Andrew Carr (RIP, Anniversary)

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**Sun 18th Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am For the Parish  
11.15am George Njie (RIP)  
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

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**Mon 19th St Januarius (Memoria)**  
9.15am Intention for the living

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**Tues 20th Ss Andrew Tac-gon, Paul Chong & Companions (Mem)**  
9.15am John Nedumakal (RIP)

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**Weds 21st St Matthew, Apostle (Feast)**  
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary (in church)*  
6.30pm Fr Raymond Wilcox (RIP) (Latin, old rite)

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**Thurs 22nd Feria**  
9.15am Janice & Nicola Startin and Jose Paterson (RIP)

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**Fri 23rd St Pio of Pietrelcina (Memoria)**  
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*  
6.30pm Intention for the living

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**Sat 24th Our Lady of Walsingham (Memoria)**  
10.00am Kathleen Vellacott (RIP) - **NO PUBLIC MASS**  
10.30am *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*  
-12.30pm *with Confessions 10.30-11.30am*  
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** Intention for the living

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**Sun 25th Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am For the Parish  
11.15am Connie Moulton (RIP)  
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

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### This week at St Mary's

**Tues 20th** Bible Study - 7.00pm in the Library

**Weds 21st** UCM - 2.00pm in the Hall

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Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Sulayman Jallow  
Gabriella Ronchetti,  
Kathleen Vellacott  
*May they rest in peace*

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Brian Tallon  
Sylvia Alborough  
Umberto Fabricatore  
John Mucklow  
Margaret Warren  
Andrew Mitchell

#### 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.

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At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.

In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, ‘To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ’s words and example.’

This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.

Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.

We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.

God save the King.”

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**Food Bank:** The next collection will be on **Saturday 24th September** in the church car park from 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*

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**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>

**Prayer cards for the Queen:** The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales have prepared prayer cards ‘Upon the Death of Queen Elizabeth II’. They are free for you to take from the back of the church.

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**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.

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**VACANCY**  
**Marriage Care** is looking to appoint a new Head of Finance to lead the charity’s financial management, including payroll and IT systems. To find out more about this exciting opportunity, download the job pack at: [www.marriagecare.org.uk/get-involved/head-of-finance](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/get-involved/head-of-finance) or email [mark@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:mark@marriagecare.org.uk) The deadline for applications is 9.00am on **Thursday 29th September**.

## 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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**Bishop Patrick will celebrate a Diocesan Requiem Mass** for the happy repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth II in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, on **Sunday 18th September** at 6pm. Catholics from across the diocese are warmly invited to attend this Mass, together with civic, ecumenical and interfaith leaders from across the diocese; or to watch at [www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01\\_Community/livestream.html](http://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/01_Community/livestream.html). May Queen Elizabeth rest in peace and rise in glory!

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**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](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/relics) All are very welcome!

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**Today's Second Collection** will support the work of the Bishop's Conference Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship to mark **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday** (formerly Home Mission Sunday).

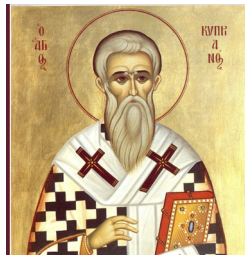
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## From the Saints

*Death is not an ending, but a transition, and - this journey through time having been completed - a passage into eternity. Who would not hasten to better things?*

(St Cyprian of Carthage, ca 200-258)

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**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.

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**Car Parking:** Niamh, a first year Catholic student at Loughborough University, has enquired whether any parishioner could offer her a car park space during the week just for her first year. If you can help please let Fr Paul know.

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## Finance

*Week ending 4/09*

**Collection:** £798 (of which £140 was gift-aided)

**Attendance:** 362

*Week ending 11/09*

**Collection:** £675 (of which £131 was gift-aided)

**Attendance:** 410

**Standing orders:** £772 @ 31/08 (of which £641 was gift-aided)

*Thank you*

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