

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER

27th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



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The Month of the Holy Rosary

This Sunday, the first in October, we keep '**Rosary Sunday**' and on this coming Friday, October 7th, the Church celebrates the Feast of **Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary**. The feast was established by Pope Saint Pius V in 1571 as a thanksgiving for a great naval victory over Muslim invaders at Lepanto, attributed to Mary's intercession, as people in Christian Europe prayed the Rosary. The Church has since then dedicated the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary. But why? What is the point? That battle was centuries ago, surely, we've thanked Our Lady enough by now?

The point, as Holy Church knew then, as now, was '**PEACE**'. Our time, our world needs peace just as much as then: **War** rages in Ukraine and forgotten in Syria, Libya, Yemen, and many parts of Africa. Our Christian brothers and sisters are the most persecuted people of faith in our, so called, modern world; in Nigeria, Cameroon, D R Congo, Nicaragua, China, Iran, Iraq, to name but a few and our faith view is continually marginalised here and across the Western world. Families need peace and you and I need that '**Peace which passes all understanding,**' in our lives, hearts, and souls.

We Need to Pray, We need to Pray for Peace, We need the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ!!

Why the Rosary? Because Mary is our mother, devotion to her teaches us to be her authentic children; sons and daughters who truly love, listen and pray with her, **to her Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, giver of Hope, bringer of Salvation**. The Church encourages us to contemplate together with Mary's joys, sorrow and glory, the spellbinding example, message and redemption won by **Our Lord's life, death and resurrection**.

The great saint of the Holy Rosary, St Josemaria Escriva, suggested six ways to pray with devotion the Holy Rosary:

1. Pray it daily privately or with friends and family with a spirit of faith and love. Our Lady will make sure she leads you along her Son's path.

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St Faustina Kowalska

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Winifred Brewin
Sulayman Jallow
Gabriella Ronchetti
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Pauline Davey
Vanessa Ponchon
Margaret Camp
Sr Mary Angela Bennett
George Gowers
Fr Tim Maloney IC
Pavel Topoloveanu
Ted Betts
Barbara Arden-Rowe
John McEnergy
Vincenzo Sozzo

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 1st Vigil Mass
6.00pm Intention for the living

Sun 2nd Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Rosary Sunday)
9.00am John Marples (RIP)
11.15am For the Parish (Votive Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary)
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 3rd Feria
9.15am Amanda Giorgio (RIP)

Tues 4th St Francis of Assisi (Memoria)
9.15am Gabriella Ronchetti (RIP)

Weds 5th St Faustina Kowalska (Memoria)
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary (in church)*
6.30pm Giorgio family, living & deceased **NO PUBLIC MASS**

Thurs 6th St Bruno (Memoria)
9.15am John McEnergy (RIP)

Fri 7th Our Lady of the Rosary (First Friday)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm For our Deceased Relatives and Friends

Sat 8th Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am John McEnergy (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

Sun 9th Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am John Marples (RIP)
11.15am Intention for the living
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

This week at St Mary's

Tues 4th Bible Study - 7.30pm in the Library

There will be no Latin Mass this Wednesday.

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2. Pray it during the day, don't leave it until late because you'll be sleepy and forget. Pray it as you walk or carefully drive or while you sit on the bus or in the queue. No one needs to know, just you and Her.
3. If possible, use a book like "Holy Rosary" or an 'app', even a 'YouTube' meditation, expand your vision and experience, deepen your thoughts and so your prayers.
4. When praying as a family, especially with young children, use pictures, images of each mystery. We all love pictures! And picture stay in our heads and hearts.
5. When you see an image of Our Lady at home, on the screen or in a church, direct a glance to her and send her your affectionate interior prayer or greeting. **Remember She loves you!**
6. Walk saying your Rosary to Church or to 'A Church', like a pilgrim, saying 5 mysteries on the way and 5 mysteries when you arrive and even another 5 on the way back!

Our Lady of the Rosary told the children at Fatima to pray the Rosary each day **for Poor Sinners and for Peace. We need it, the world needs it, so this October let's do it!**

Fr David Jones OLVW

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>.



The Battle of Lepanto, 1571

Message from the King

His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols had an audience with King Charles on Friday 16th September and afterwards made the following remarks:

In my personal conversation with the King, I assured him that the Catholic community had continued, during these days of mourning, in heartfelt prayer for his mother. He expressed his gratitude for this. And then, turning back to me, he asked me to ensure that the Catholics of England and Wales knew of his thanks and gratitude for these prayers. I am passing this on to you in case there are ways in which His Majesty's message might be conveyed to the people of our parishes.

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.

A recording 'Requiescat in Pace Queen Elizabeth'

has been prepared by Alison Kennedy and the Watermead Apostolate, Leicester; all the images are royalty-free, and the video can be freely shared. It's available at: <https://youtu.be/EhcXHCsHuA>

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.

The Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes will be at St Barnabas Cathedral from 6.30pm on **Thursday 6th October** until 10.30am on **Friday 7th October**. Masses will be celebrated at 7.30pm on the Thursday, and at 9.00am on the Friday morning. See the poster at the back of the church for full details, or visit the diocesan website for the latest information and news: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/relics All are very welcome!

CAFOD Family Fast Day (Friday 7th October) - World Food Crisis Appeal:

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday. All envelopes will be collected on **Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October**.

From the Saints

"We should never separate ourselves from Our Lady. We should keep her close, talk with her often and love her much."

St Josemaria Escriva (1902 -1975)



Fr Paul will be on retreat this week from Monday to Friday.

The 2023 First Holy Communion application forms will be available from Fr Paul from next weekend.

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.

Marie Brookes would like to thank everyone who supported her sale of cakes and jams last weekend. The sale raised £166.70 which will be donated to the Christian Institute.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £647 (of which £114 was gift-aided)

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

Attendance: 400

Thank you
