

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

30th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

# NEWSLETTER



## Pride and Humility

Today's Gospel is the well-known **Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican** (Luke 18:9-14). The teaching behind this parable is that God resists the proud, but He gives His grace to the humble. **Humility is the key to Heaven.** Lucifer, or the Devil, lost his place in Heaven because of his pride, and it is said that his place was given to **St Francis of Assisi** because of his great humility.

So what is humility? **Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues and it's a disposition of heart in which we recognise our own poverty and our own weakness before God.** And this should have two effects on us. Firstly, we should learn to rely on God alone, and realise that without Him we have no strength at all. The second effect should be that we learn to be **meek and merciful** to others, as we ourselves are in profound need of mercy.

**Pride is the exact opposite of humility.** It is a disposition that ignores our own poverty and weakness. We think we are very important and better than others, which makes us rely entirely on ourselves. We think we can be good and holy by our own means, forgetting that we need **God's grace.** We become very critical of other people and show them no mercy, because we believe we have no need of mercy ourselves.

This is what we see in the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. Two men go up to the Temple to pray. The Pharisee was so blinded by pride that he couldn't see his true state and his sins. He thought so highly of himself and boasted about his good works. *"O God, I give You thanks that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, as also is this publican."* He then lists what he perceived to be his virtues. He believed he had no need of God's mercy, and therefore he didn't receive it. But then the publican saw his true state, and not even daring to raise his eyes to Heaven and beating his breast, confessed his sins before God. *"O God be merciful to me, a sinner."* He acknowledged that he was in need of God's mercy, and so he received what he asked for.

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*Served by the Rosminians*

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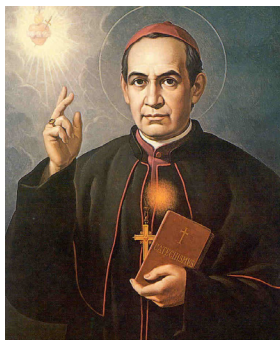
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St Anthony Mary Claret

**Please pray for those who are sick**

**for those who have recently died**

Piotr Aducewicz

Jason Mistry

*May they rest in peace*

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Eileen Topolewski

Annie Owens

Dolores Cunningham

June Ross

Margaret Stanford

Liza Veiga

Vincenzo Guarasci

Mario Sepede

Fr Ted Cody IC

**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 22nd Vigil Mass**  
6.00pm Pietro Lallo (RIP)

**Sun 23rd Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am For the Parish  
11.15am Intention for the living (Thanksgiving)  
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

**Mon 24th St Anthony Mary Claret (Memoria)**  
9.15am John Marples (RIP)

**Tues 25th Feria**  
9.15am Fr William Pollard, IC (RIP, Anniversary)

**Weds 26th Feria**  
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary (in church)*  
6.30pm Piotr Aducewicz (RIP) (Latin, old rite)

**Thurs 27th Feria**  
9.15am Intention for the living

**Fri 28th Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast)**  
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*  
6.30pm Clelia Paciolla (RIP)

**Sat 29th Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
10.00am Pat Newby (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:** For the Parish

**Sun 30th Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am Antoinette Loftus (RIP)  
11.15am Vincenzo Guarasci (RIP)  
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

**This week at St Mary's**

**Weds 26th** UCM - 2.00pm in the Hall

**Thurs 27th** RCIA - 7.00pm in the Library

**Lift to the 11.15am Sunday Mass** sought by an older parishioner who lives in the Derby Road area. Please contact Fr Paul if you can help. Thank you.

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This is what we should strive to imitate - the publican's virtue of humility, recognise our own weaknesses and how many times we have failed. Then we should not rely on our own strength but on God's grace. Again, St Francis of Assisi, if he heard of someone who had fallen into a serious sin would say, *"I too could fall in the same way or perhaps even worse if it were not for the help of God's grace."* Then we must learn to be compassionate towards the weaknesses of others, and if we humble ourselves in this way, Our Lord will exalt us. In other words, we will attain a high place in Heaven.

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

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**All Saints and All Souls:** An advance reminder that we celebrate All Saints on **Tuesday 1st November**. It is a Holyday of Obligation and Masses will be at 9.15am and 6.30pm. **Wednesday 2nd November** is All Souls. Masses will be at 9.15am, 12 noon (Sung Latin) and 6.30pm. It is not a day of obligation. The November **Blessing of Graves** will be on **Sunday 6th November** at 3pm in Loughborough Cemetery. We will meet in the car park.

*Fr Paul*

**The next foodbank collection** will be on **Saturday 5th November** in the church car park from 10.30 to 11.00 am. Thank you for your past contributions and cash donations; receipts for these are in the parish office. Items to include tea bags, small jars of coffee, sachets or small jars of drinking chocolate, packs of toilet rolls, shower gels, shampoo, kitchen cleaning products, canned tuna, beans, soup, small microwave items, biscuits. As ever the team at JSH are grateful and congratulate St. Mary's response to this initiative. The Christmas foodbank collection will be on **Saturday 3rd December**; more details later.

*Jane Monaghan*

**Church flooring:** Following lengthy discussions, we have received a Faculty from the Diocese for the old floor tiles in the Church, side Chapel and Choir loft to be replaced with new tiles that are consistent with the listed building status of the premises. A contract has now been placed and the work will commence on **Monday 14th November 2022** and should be completed by **Friday 25th November 2022**. During this period the Church will not be usable. Throughout this period, I hope to be able to celebrate weekday Masses in the Parish Hall and to use the School Hall to celebrate Masses during the weekend of the **19th/20th November**. I will let you know the arrangements closer to the time of this work.

*Fr Paul*

## Rosary Indulgences

Don't forget October is the month of the Holy Rosary. You may gain a plenary indulgence when you recite five decades of the Rosary in a church or oratory or when it is prayed in the family. In addition to the five decades, one should also make a sacramental confession, receive Holy Communion and pray an Our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope's intention of the month. A partial indulgence is granted for its recitation in all other circumstances. Pope Leo XIII said, *"The Rosary was instituted principally to implore the protection of the Mother of God against the enemies of the Catholic Church."* We are engaged in a great spiritual war. Let us all take up this powerful weapon of the Holy Rosary.

The Rosary is recited **every Wednesday evening at 6.00pm** in the church.

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## First Holy Communion

**2023:** Application forms for next year's First Holy Communion are now available directly from me. Please complete and return to the Parish Office by **Sunday 6th November**. No applications will be accepted after this date.

*Fr Paul*

## 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.

## Prayer to Saint Michael

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the

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**Today (23rd October) is World Mission Sunday.** Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, helps missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. The envelopes with your donations for this charity will be collected at all Masses this weekend. In addition, **Marie Brookes will be selling her cakes, jams and chutneys** after the Sunday Masses and donating the proceeds to Missio.

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**The Christian Institute** have written to thank you for the £166.70 raised from the sale of cakes and jams a few weeks ago. *Fr Paul*

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## From the Saints

*"Humility is like a pair of scales; the lower one side falls, the higher rises the other. Let us humble ourselves like the Blessed Virgin, and we shall be exalted."*

(St John Marie Vianney, 1786-1859)



## SPUC National Prayer Campaign

Ten million babies have lost their lives since the Abortion Act was passed in this country in 1967. The battle to defend life is a spiritual one. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) have launched a National Prayer Campaign to encourage people to pray with renewed faith and trust for an end to the culture of death and the flourishing of the culture of life. The aim is to have 10 million prayers pledged in memory of the 10 million lives lost to abortion, between 27th October 2022 and 27th April 2023. **Pledge postcards for you to fill in are at the back of the church as well as some prayer cards for you to take.** Alternatively fill the form in online at [www.spuc.org.uk/national-prayer-campaign](http://www.spuc.org.uk/national-prayer-campaign)

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## Last Week's Finance

**Collection:** £627, of which £150 was gift-aided

**CAFOD World Food Crisis:** £484, of which £277 was gift-aided

**Standing orders:** £772 @ 30/09, of which £641 was gift-aided

**Attendance:** 403

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