

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER

28th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



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The Prayer to St Michael

Last week Fr David wrote about the **Holy Rosary** which is a protection against evil and which Our Lady called the 'battering ram'. **St Michael the Archangel**, whose Feast we celebrated very recently, is also a powerful protection against evil and the attacks of Satan. But who is St Michael?

St Michael is God's warrior. The most important fact concerning St Michael, as Scripture tells us, is that in the mighty war or combat which took place in Heaven when the bad angels fell away from God, St Michael sounded his war cry: "Who is like unto God?" This is what **Mika-el** means. "Who is like unto God?" Satan or Lucifer was himself once a great Archangel and the greatest of all the angels. He was very mighty and the most beautiful. But he was so full of pride that he began to think he was greater than God and said, "I will not serve." He brought many of his fellow angels with him, whom we now know as the fallen angels or the demons. A battle took place in Heaven, and this is how the book of the Apocalypse describes it:

"Now war arose in Heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in Heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him" (Apocalypse 12:7-9).

St Michael was victorious over Satan and cast him out of Heaven. Because of his victory over Satan, he is also known as the great **Defender of the Church**. He helps ward off those evil fallen angels, and hence we say in the prayer to him, "*defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and the snares of the devil.*" This prayer which we recite at the end of each Mass has an interesting origin. **Pope Leo XIII** was celebrating Mass on 13th October 1884 when he suddenly became pale and fell to the ground. He described a terrifying vision of God being openly challenged by Satan in which he bragged he could destroy the Church if God would allow him a little more power for a hundred years. Pope Leo

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St Teresa of Avila

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

- Kathleen Leakey
- Joe Elsner
- Phyllis Wood
- Tony Lanza
- Frank Mills
- Bronislaw (Brian)
- Dzudzewicz
- Anne Moore
- Allen Junio
- Gisela Rodgers
- Nina Lanza
- Catherine Fields
- Criselda Castillo

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 8th Vigil Mass
6.00pm 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**

Mon 10th St Paulinus (Memoria)
9.15am Moira Webb (RIP)

Tues 11th St John Leonardi (Memoria)
9.15am Nino Lanza (RIP, Anniversary)

Weds 12th FERIA
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary (in church)*
6.30pm Catherine Fields (RIP, Anniversary) (Latin, old rite)

Thurs 13th St Edward the Confessor (Memoria)
9.15am Criselda Castillo (RIP, Anniversary)

Fri 14th St Callistus I (Memoria)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Cathal O'Carroll (RIP)

Sat 15th St Teresa of Avila (Memoria)
10.00am Holy Souls **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:** Derek Whymark (RIP)

Sun 16th Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Cathal O'Carroll (RIP)
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

This week at St Mary's

- Tues 11th** Bible Study - 7.00pm in the Library
- Weds 12th** UCM - 2.00pm in the Hall
- Fri 14th** RCIA - 7.30pm in the Library

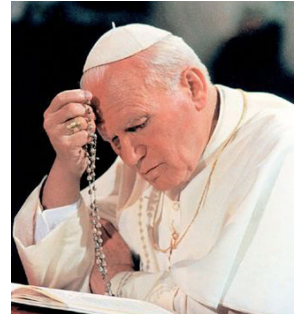
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described a vision of great evils coming upon the Church and the world in the twentieth century. The Pope immediately rose and composed the Prayer to St Michael. This prayer was recited universally from 1886 until 1964 when it was suddenly dropped, and almost simultaneously the destruction of families and many social ills and divisions in society and in the Church exploded. Mass attendance dropped, vocations declined radically and thousands of priests and religious left the Church.

Today there are many errors and false worldly teachings against the Gospel of JESUS Christ gaining ground, and worse still, they are being promoted by many in the Church's hierarchy, the successors of the Apostles, under the false premise that this is a development of doctrine. This is a deception and these people are putting themselves above God. They are using the ongoing **Synod** as a means of achieving their worldly anti-Christian goals which might even cause a split in the Church. **Satan has gained strength**. So the more we invoke St Michael, the better. Just as the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Hail Mary causes Satan pain as his head is crushed by Our Lady, similarly with the recitation of the St Michael prayer, he is chained up and cast out of our lives and out of the Church. Pope **St John Paul II** pleaded with us to pray again the Prayer to St Michael and **Pope Francis** has also encouraged it. In 2013 the Pope erected a statue of St Michael in the Vatican Gardens. So let us pray every day this powerful prayer and ask St Michael's protection on the Church, on society, on our families and on our children.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Bring your loaves and fishes: Breaking bread, reaching out in the cost-of-living crisis. To be held on Saturday 5th November, 10.00am–4.15pm at Saint Joseph's parish, Goodwood Road, Leicester LE5 6SG. Caritas in the Diocese of Nottingham warmly invites you to its annual gathering. Amid growing hardship in our neighbourhoods 'Bring your loaves and fishes' will help every parish to share their gifts and reach out. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick and ends with an opportunity to make plans to take back to the parishes. Keynote speakers are Sean Ryan from Together for the Common Good and Dr Amy Daughton from the University of Birmingham. Workshops will include listening to our neighbours in need, opening a parish drop-in, warm churches and homes, and Britain's hunger crisis in global context. For more information and to book visit bit.ly/LoavesandFishes2022



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.

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.

St Anthony of Padua has returned from his holidays looking very splendid. He is now restored to his rightful place. Thank you very much to the donor who paid for the restoration. The votive candle stand is now back in front of him.

Fr Paul

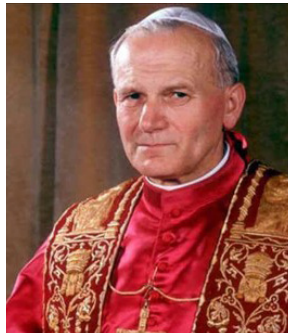
CAFOD Family Fast Day (Friday 7th October) - World Food

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 at this weekend's Masses.**

From the Saints

"I ask everyone not to forget it [the prayer to St Michael] and recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world."

(Pope St John Paul II, 1920-2005)



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

RCIA: The next meeting will be on **Friday 14th October at 7.30pm** in the Library.

Fr Paul

Rosary Group: The Rosary is recited **every Wednesday evening at 6.00pm** in the church, before the 6.30pm Latin Mass.

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.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £637 (of which £93 was gift-aided)

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

Attendance: 443

Thank you
