

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

33rd SUNDAY IN OT  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

# NEWSLETTER

## The End Times

We are coming towards the end of the liturgical year, and this is when the Church asks us to think about the **end times and the Day of Judgement**. Our Lord came the first time quietly in the manger at Bethlehem as our Saviour, and He will come the second time in glory as our Judge. Every Sunday when we recite the Creed we say, *“He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.”* No one knows when the end of the world will come because Our Lord Himself told us that we can know *“neither the day nor the hour”* (Matthew 25:13). So if we see anyone setting dates for it, we know they are way off track!

In today’s Gospel (Luke 21:5-19), Our Lord anticipates the end of the world when He prophesies the **Destruction of Jerusalem** including the Temple. This did actually happen in 70 AD when the Romans besieged the city and burned it to the ground and tore down the Temple as well as massacring hundreds of thousands of Jews. For the Jews this was like the end of the world, as the Temple was a microcosm for the whole universe. And Our Lord also prophesied the trials and persecutions which the Apostles would indeed suffer, and some were even put to death. But in the midst of all this He says, *“Don’t be afraid. Don’t be led astray, because this is the time for you to bear witness.”*

That said, there are various **Signs of the Second Coming of Christ** given in Scripture, from the saints and Fathers of the Church. The **first sign** is that the Gospel must be preached to the whole world. Our Lord Himself told us that we must preach the Gospel to all nations and so this must happen before the end (Matthew 24:14). The Gospel by now has been preached almost everywhere on the planet. The **second sign** is the Great Apostasy of the Gentiles. This means falling away from the Faith and rejecting God. That sounds like today. Our Lord told us how many would seek to lead us astray with false teachings and false religions (Matthew 24:11). St Paul said the same (2 Thessalonians 2). We all know this is happening now and even within the Catholic Church. **Be on your guard!** The **third sign** is the conversion of the Jews to

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*Mass on the Battlefield, WW2*

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Elizabeth Bakourebe  
Imelda Duffy  
John Leonard  
*May they rest in peace*

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Raymund Tebbutt  
Miroslaw Popowicz  
Angela Brienza  
Philip Bowler  
Roger Galvin  
Everard Hurt

**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 12th Vigil Mass**  
6.00pm For the Parish

**Sun 13th 33rd Sunday in OT: Remembrance Sunday**  
9.00am John McDermott (RIP)  
11.15am Requiem Mass: For the Fallen  
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

**Mon 14th Feria**  
9.15am Intention for the living

**Tues 15th St Albert the Great (Memoria)**  
9.15am Ray Wainwright (RIP)

**Weds 16th St Gertrude (Virgin)**  
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary (in parish hall)*  
6.30pm Holy Souls (Latin, old rite)

**Thurs 17th St Hugh of Lincoln (Patron of our Diocese)**  
9.15am Roger Galvin (RIP, Anniversary)

**Fri 18th Dedication of Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul (Memoria)**  
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions in the Presbytery. Ring the front door bell*  
6.30pm Deceased of the Giorgio & Mancini families

**Sat 19th Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
10.00am Intention for the living **NO PUBLIC MASS**  
10.30am *Confessions in the Presbytery*  
-11.30pm *Ring the front door bell*  
6.00pm **Vigil Mass: Holy Souls**

**Sun 20th Christ the King (Solemnity)**  
9.00am For the Parish  
10.00am John Leonard (RIP)  
11.15am Gino Romano (RIP)  
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Please note: From Monday 14th to Friday 25th November, all weekday Masses will be in Parish Hall. Weekend Masses will be in the School Hall. Confessions will be in the Presbytery. Please ring the front door bell at the scheduled times and a priest will be available.

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the Catholic Faith. (Romans 11:25). This has not yet happened so the end of the world cannot be imminent. The **fourth sign** is the coming of the Anti Christ. He will appear during the seven year tribulation – three and a half years before the end of the world. He is called the ‘son of perdition’ (2 Thessalonians 2:3). He will appear to work miracles and deceive people and be the leader of the apostasy. He will be fully human - not the devil incarnate, but he will be very persuasive. However, we will be given special graces as the disciples of God in this time. The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be very important to be able to withstand this trial. But when Christ returns, the Anti Christ will be destroyed. The **fifth sign** is the Tribulation, which will bring natural and man-made disasters – famines, wars, earthquakes and persecutions of the righteous. We are certainly seeing that now. It’s not easy being a Catholic in our times and it is recognised now that Christians are the most persecuted group in the world today with the anti-God agenda and the continual attempts being made to force us to compromise the truth. We need courage, perseverance and grace to be strong.

Let us not fear. God is in control and He determines when the end will come. This is the time to be a saint. None of this is doom and gloom if you’re living in a state of grace and following Our Lord through His Church. In the words of St Padre Pio, *“Pray, hope and don’t worry.”*

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

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**Calling Young Adults of the Diocese (those aged 18-35)** to celebrate the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, on **Sunday 20th November**. Bishop Patrick is inviting the young adults of the diocese (those aged 18-35) to join him for Mass at 6pm in Saint Barnabas Cathedral followed by a social gathering in the Sir John Borlase Warren pub. Please do come along if you fall in that age bracket and invite friends to join you. The diocese will also be bringing a group of young adults to World Youth in Lisbon next August: if you would like to be part of this exciting pilgrimage there are 20 spaces available, please visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/wyd23](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/wyd23) for more information and how to book.

### **First Holy Communion:**

Applications are now closed for next year’s First Holy Communion. There will be a short parents’ meeting in the hall this **Monday 14th November** at 7pm at which Mass attendance cards will be distributed. *Fr Paul*

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**Confirmation 2023:** The Bishop will be coming on **Tuesday 23rd May 2023** at 7pm to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Application forms will be available from Fr Paul from next weekend. Candidates should be in at least Year 7 and should already be attending weekly Mass. I shall only be giving forms to those I recognise as regular Mass attendees. Those who are not already attending weekly Mass will be asked to defer their Confirmation until such a time as they are. Confirmation is a serious commitment to the Faith.

*Fr Paul*

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### **Reception Class Places Academic Year 23-24:**

Open Morning at St Mary’s Catholic Primary School, **Thursday 24th November**, 9 am-12 noon. Come along and see our superb EYFS classroom and have a tour of the school. St Mary’s is an inclusive school and all are welcome.

## 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 wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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**Church flooring:** Following lengthy discussions, we have received permission for the old floor tiles in the church and organ 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 tomorrow, **Monday 14th November 2022** and should be completed by **Friday 25th November 2022**. During this period the church will not be usable. Therefore, weekday Masses will be in the Parish Hall and weekend Masses on **19th/20th November** in the School Hall. There will be an extra Mass on **Sunday 20th** at 10.00am to help accommodate numbers. *Fr Paul*

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**Prayer cards** with the new **Diocesan** Prayer for Vocations are available for you to take from the back of the church.

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## From the Saints

*“Before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice.”*

(Our Lord to St Faustina Kowalska, 1905-38, Diary 1146).

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## Volunteers needed on Saturday 26th November 10.30am to 12.30pm

The church will need to be deep cleaned after the flooring work has been completed to ensure it is ready for opening on the 1st Sunday of Advent. This is quite a big task which will require more volunteers than usual. If you can help, please leave your contact details with Emily, the priests or the parish office as soon as possible. This is to help with the planning. Thank you.

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**The second collection next weekend will be for the Exaireo Trust,** the Loughborough-based charity that provides temporary supported accommodation to single, homeless adults. The money donated will go towards the charity's annual Christmas lunch for its service users and support staff.

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## Last Week's Finance

**Collection:** £948, of which £217 was gift-aided

**Standing orders:** £783 @ 31/10, of which £648 was gift-aided

**Attendance:** 461

*Thank you*

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