

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

NEWSLETTER



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Apostolic Succession

Last Thursday we celebrated Our Lord's **Ascension** into Heaven forty days after His Resurrection. Now we are in the period of the **Pentecost Novena**. Our Lord had commanded His disciples to gather together in the upper room where they prayed for nine (novem) consecutive days for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and we celebrate this coming of the Holy Spirit next Sunday on the Feast of **Pentecost**.

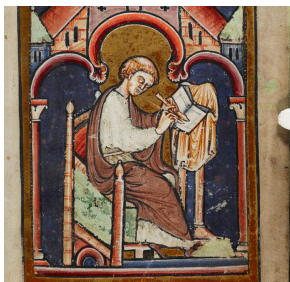
In the Gospel on Ascension Thursday, we heard Our Lord say to the eleven remaining Apostles, *"All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time"* (Matthew 28:18-20).

Then we also heard Him say in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be My witnesses not only in Jerusalem, but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth"* (Acts 1:8). So the Apostles are to be teachers and witnesses until the end of time. Obviously the remaining eleven Apostles couldn't teach all nations themselves, and neither would they survive until the end of time, **so those powers had to be passed on to their successors**.

It's an historical fact that Our Lord appointed **St Peter** head of the Apostles and visible Head of the Church on earth. He was the first pope, and since St Peter there have been 265 popes. We go back from Pope Francis, to Benedict XVI, to John Paul II to John Paul I to Paul VI and so on, all the way back to St Peter himself to whom Our Lord said, *"You are Peter and on this rock I will build My Church"* (Matthew 16:18). So the Catholic Church is **Apostolic in origin**.

The Catholic Church is also **Apostolic in her teaching** because all the doctrines she teaches were taught by the Apostles. The Catholic Church never invents new doctrines, because if she did, it wouldn't be Christ's Church. We remain faithful to what has been revealed and handed down. **Divine Revelation** concluded with the death of

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St Bede

Please pray for those
who are sick

for those who have
recently died

Michael Boakes

Beryl Anthony

May they rest in peace

and for those whose
anniversaries occur at
this time

Lidia Orzeszek

Patricia Drane

Katie Mercer

Giovanni D'Amato

Noreen Glendon

Winnie Culley

Tadeusz Misiura

Barbara Finch

Eamonn Johnston

St Mary Agatha O'Flaherty

Monica Davison

Beryl Ward

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 20th Vigil Mass
6.00pm For the Parish

Sun 21st Seventh Sunday of Easter
9.00am James O'Rourke (RIP, Anniversary)
11.15am Phyllis Harrison (RIP)
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 22nd St Rita of Cascia (Memoria)
9.15am Intention for the living

Tues 23rd Easter Feria
9.15am Gordon Henry Mee (RIP)
7.00pm Confirmation Mass

Weds 24th Easter Feria
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*
6.30pm Rogelio Gunhuran (RIP) (Latin, old rite)

Thurs 25th St Bede the Venerable (Memoria)
9.15am Family Intention

Fri 26th St Philip Neri (Memoria)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Intention for the living

Sat 27th St Augustine of Canterbury (Feast)
10.00am Michael Boakes (RIP) **NO PUBLIC MASS**
10.30am *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
-12.30pm *with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm*
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** Vittorio Giorgio (RIP)

Sun 28th Pentecost (Solemnity)
9.00am Kelly York (RIP)
11.15am Eamonn Johnston (RIP)
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

This week at St Mary's

Mon 22nd First Holy Communion Class - 4.15pm in the Hall

Weds 24th UCM - 2.00pm in the Hall

Thurs 25th RCIA - 7.00pm in the Library

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the last Apostle. Hence the great St Athanasius (298-373) said, *“Let us note that the very tradition, teaching, and faith of the Catholic Church from the beginning was preached by the Apostles and preserved by the Fathers. On this the Church was founded; and if anyone departs from this, he neither is, nor any longer ought to be called, a Christian.”*

The job of the pope and the bishops is to teach that doctrine – and to protect it from attack. It’s what we call the *‘Depositum fidei’* or the *‘Deposit of faith’*. However, some argue that the Church fell into error, and that it is the later reformers (particularly in the sixteenth century) who corrected these errors. If this were the case, Christ’s promise would have failed. How could the Church fall formally into error when people’s salvation depends upon it and especially when Our Lord had promised to protect her from such a scenario, and that He would send the Holy Spirit to guide and teach her until the end of time?

But some might object that only the Apostles themselves were protected from such error. No! Remember Our Lord’s words: *“I am with you always; yes, to the end of time”* and *“He shall give you another Paraclete, that He may abide with you forever”* and *“You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). The commission was given not to individuals but to the **Teaching Church** which would last until the end of time, so as the truth could be guaranteed. That Church is the Catholic Church which Christ founded on Peter the rock.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Faith and Footprint: Monday 5th June at 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Caritas invite you to their next online workshop with CAFOD on caring for Creation in our parishes and homes. The session is a chance to meet others who are praying and working for a greener Church, or interested in the parish earning the Livesimply Award. This time we’ll focus on:

- Planning for activities for the Season of Creation, which starts on 1st September
- Designing a ‘campaign journey’ and assembling resources to engage parishioners
- Hosting a screening in your parish of *The Letter*, a film about putting *Laudato Si* into action.

To receive the Zoom link book your place at bit.ly/FaithandFootprint

**Confirmation Mass:
This Tuesday 23rd
May,** Bishop Patrick will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 35 parishioners. This Mass at 7pm, due to the large number of Candidates, is really meant for the Confirmandi and their guests. But please keep them and our Bishop in your prayers. There will be a reception after in the school hall. Thank you.

Fr Paul

**Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion
Renewal Day** is on
Saturday 24th June 2023
at St Peter’s Hinckley. Full details are available from bernard.p.monaghan@btinternet.com or 07713 160199

Loughborough food bank and ‘Your Store’:
The next collection will be on **Saturday 3rd June** 10.30 to 11.00am in the church car park. Items in short supply are cleaning products, shower gels, shampoo, canned fish and meat, pasta, rice, tea, coffee and drinking chocolate. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Jane Monaghan

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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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.

A retreat day open to all is being hosted by the Nottingham Secular Discalced Carmelites, as a time of prayer and adoration in preparation for the solemnity of Corpus Christi, on **Saturday 10th June**, 8.00am - 4.00pm, at Saint John's church, Midland Avenue, Stapleford NG9 7BT. Come when you can, stay as long as you wish, light refreshment as well as members of the community will be present throughout. A poster is on display at the back of church, or contact Heather Ward: heatherward55@gmail.com or 01773 599982.

See, I Do a New Thing - Bringing the Church's social mission to life: the Caritas Springboard workshop to 2023. 10.00am to 2.00pm on **Saturday 17th June** at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rushey Mead, Leicester. See poster on the noticeboard.

From the Saints

"The Church is that one wherein the true word of God is preached, which Christ left to His Apostles, which the same Church hath always observed, the doctors preached, and martyrs and confessors witnessed. This is the Church I believe to be true."

(St Margaret Clitherow, 1556-1586)



The UCM pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Tuesday 4th July this year. Please collect all who are attending place £10 in a sealed envelope with their name and contact details as payment for the Pilgrims badges. These can be handed in at the repository. The cut off date is **Sunday 28th May** when numbers need to be finalised. The cost of the coach per person will be calculated depending on these numbers. **Please note: the pilgrimage is open to all.** Come and join us. Any queries, contact Dorothy Hutchings on 07742 620268.

Repository: Stocks include beautiful gifts and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Payments can now be made by card, as well as cash.

The second collection this Sunday is for World Communications.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £822 of which £130 was gift-aided

Standing orders: £777 @ 30/4, of which £700 was gift-aided

Attendance: 502

Thank you
