

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

PENTECOST SUNDAY

NEWSLETTER

Come Holy Spirit and set our hearts on fire!



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Today is **Pentecost Sunday**, when the Holy Spirit came down on Our Lady and the Apostles, and so the Church was born.

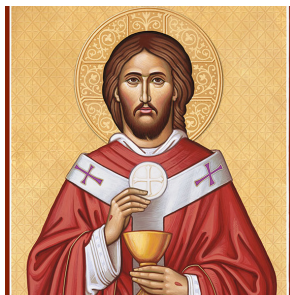
It is the end of Eastertide and after Mass today the Paschal Candle is removed. Pentecost is a unique intervention of the Holy Spirit in the world. There will never be a second Pentecost. Everything necessary was given to the Church on this one occasion for her Divine Mission. The Gospel shows us that even just before the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles still hadn't grasped what the mission actually was. They still doubted forty days after the Resurrection.

Even on the eve of Our Lord's Ascension, after having spent three years with Him, they asked: *"When are You going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"* (Acts 1:6). In other words, "when will You be the **temporal king** of this nation so that it may rule the world?"

For the Apostles it was still all about the glories of this world, which makes the event of Pentecost all the more extraordinary, because finally, by the coming of the Holy Spirit, they understood what it was really all about. The man they had known and touched, the man they had spoken and conversed with for the past three years, this same man was God! And Our Lord had promised them: *"You shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, in Samaria and unto the ends of the earth"* (Acts 1:8). And with the coming of the Holy Spirit this promise was fulfilled. They became the **witnesses** of JESUS. They began to speak and to preach, because they were finally convinced that JESUS was the Son of God, that He had returned to the glory of the Father, and they just couldn't keep it to themselves. And this is why they began to preach. They spoke in tongues, which means all the listeners could hear them in their own language. And Peter preached:

"JESUS the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God ... You killed Him, but God raised Him to life, and we are witnesses to that ... You must repent, and every one of you be baptised in the name of JESUS Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2). That day about three thousand were baptised, and the Apostles worked countless miracles.

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Jesus, The Eternal High Priest

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Giuseppe Sparano
Roman Olczyk
Michael Boakes
Beryl Anthony

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

George Scrivens
Scott Walker
Giovanna Palmieri
Peter Lallo
Andrew Derby
Ryszard Stabik

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 27th Vigil Mass
6.00pm Vittorio Giorgio (RIP)

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

Mon 29th Mary, Mother of the Church (Memoria)
10.30am* For the Parish

Tues 30th Feria
9.15am Lidia & Jan Orzeszek (RIP)

Weds 31st Whit Wednesday
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*
6.30pm In reparation for abortion (Latin, old rite)

Thurs 1st Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (Feast)
9.15am Intention for the living

Fri 2nd Feria (First Friday)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm For our deceased relative and friends

Sat 3rd Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions (Memoria)
(Five First Saturdays Devotion)
10.00am Intention for the living **PUBLIC MASS**
10.30am *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
-12.30pm *with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm*
2.30pm *Baptism*
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** Antonietta Acierno (RIP, Anniversary)

Sun 4th Trinity Sunday (Solemnity)
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Andy Newbold (RIP)
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

This weekend there is a **Pastoral Letter** from Bishop Patrick, which will be read at all Masses.

As Monday 29th is a Bank Holiday, Mass that day will be at **10.30am**

Next Sunday 4th June there will be a **Lourdes cake sale** after the 9.00am and 11.15am Masses.

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Nothing would deter the Apostles from preaching JESUS and His Resurrection. They were arrested and ordered to stop preaching and even forbidden from mentioning the name of JESUS, but they refused to be silent. Those men who had them arrested didn't convert, and they were the predecessors of many today, who even within the Church, betray Our Lord and deny His teaching, or try to alter it to suit their lifestyles. But the Apostles just carried on preaching with even greater power and confidence. **These were the effects of the Holy Spirit.** And the Holy Spirit is just as alive now as He was then, and of that there is no doubt. The Sacraments give us the Holy Spirit now just as He was given at the time of the Apostles. **Please keep in your prayers the thirty five parishioners who received the Holy Spirit from Bishop Patrick, a successor of the Apostles, when he confirmed them here last Tuesday.** But are we ready to receive Him in the same way as the Apostles? Are we prepared to witness to Christ? We cannot be silent as society moves further and further away from God and His Laws. We must all preach JESUS Christ as the opportunities present themselves to us. But first and foremost we preach by **example.** We show our faith in Him by our love, and this love is shown quite simply by following our calling and doing what He tells us. *"If you love Me, keep My commandments."* Don't fear being unpopular, because it's a privilege to suffer for the cause of JESUS Christ (Philippians 1:29). So let us strive to be **worthy successors** of those who received the Holy Spirit in abundance, and of those who gave their every drop of blood to witness to the Truth.

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

Congratulations to the 35 parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Patrick last Tuesday. It was a wonderful Mass and the church was packed. Many thanks to our catechists who prepared them so well and to everyone who helped make it such a splendid occasion, particularly our musicians, servers and stewards. Thank you to those who organised the reception after and to St Mary's School for giving us the use of the school hall. Please pray that our newly confirmed will continue to grow in their faith and live their lives guided by the Holy Spirit. *Fr Paul*

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

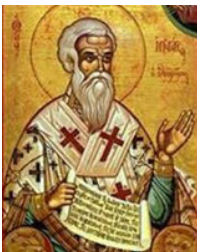
- Leader:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.
- All:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives 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

"I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian."

(St Ignatius of Antioch, died 107 AD)

The UCM pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Tuesday 4th July this year. Please could 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.

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

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £800 of which £151 was gift-aided

World Communications: £218

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

Attendance: 514
