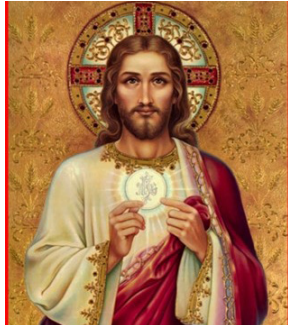


# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

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# NEWSLETTER



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## Eucharistic Miracles

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** and 45 children from the parish will be making their **First Holy Communion** at the three weekend Masses. One of the things they have learned in their preparation classes is the doctrine of **TRANSUBSTANTIATION**. At the words of Consecration, *"This is My Body ... This is the Chalice of My Blood ..."* the 'substance' of the bread and wine change into the 'substance' of the true Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of JESUS, but the 'accidents' remain: so it still looks like bread and wine, tastes like bread and wine, but the substance is Christ. This can be hard to accept just as it was for the people in Our Lord's time.

When Our Lord announced the Holy Eucharist, many of His followers left Him because they could not accept what He was saying: *"I am the living bread which has come down from Heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever, and the Bread that I shall give is My Flesh for the life of the world ... If you do not eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat My Flesh and drink My Blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day... Anyone who eats this Bread will live for ever"* (John 6). So many of them went away as they found this *"a hard saying"* (John 6:60, 66). But Our Lord let them go. He didn't correct them and say they had got it wrong and He only meant it symbolically. On the contrary, they had understood Him correctly; that they really would be eating His Divine Flesh and Blood. The fulfilment of this was at the Last Supper when He celebrated the first Mass and commanded His disciples, *"Do this in memory of Me"*.

Throughout the centuries there have been many **Eucharistic miracles** to aid people's faith in Christ's **Real Presence** in the Holy Eucharist, even that of priests. And what is really fascinating is that Eucharistic miracles are on the increase in our times. They are happening today more and more frequently. In 2019 a survey was done of American Catholics and it was found that a shocking 70% do not believe in the Real Presence. So Our Lord is trying to tell us something. The particular miracle I would like to tell you about is

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*St Anthony of Padua*

**Please pray for those who are sick**

**for those who have recently died**

Jennifer Shaw

Gwen Wilkinson

*May he rest in peace*

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

Maria Santoro

George Haynes

Mary Buttarazzi

Doreen Dilkes

Maria Di-Niro

Maureen Modlen

Fr Michael Hare

Barbara Nolan

Vittorio Giorgio

John Corbett

## MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

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**Sat 10th Vigil Mass**  
6.00pm For the Parish

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**Sun 11th Corpus Christi (Solemnity)**  
9.00am Louie Vincenzo Palmieri (RIP)  
11.15am In reparation for sins against the Blessed Sacrament  
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

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**Mon 12th Feria**  
9.15am Vittorio Giorgio (RIP)

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**Tues 13th St Anthony of Padua (Memoria)**  
9.15am Michele Giorgio (RIP)

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**Weds 14th Feria**  
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*  
6.30pm Ena Dankmeijer (RIP) (Latin, old rite)

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**Thurs 15th Feria**  
9.15am The Holy Souls in Purgatory

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**Fri 16th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)**  
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*  
6.30pm Ann O'Rourke (RIP)  
*Followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*

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**Sat 17th The Immaculate Heart of the BVM (Memoria)**  
10.00am Victor & Mary Woodhouse (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, Anniversary)

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**Sun 18th Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
9.00am For the Parish  
11.15am Peter Vu Van Que (RIP)

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### This Week at St Mary's

**Tues 13th** Bible Study - 7.00pm in the Library

**Weds 14th** UCM - 2.00pm in the Hall

**Friday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.** After the 6.30pm Mass there will be Benediction, with the Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of JESUS, to which a Plenary Indulgence is attached when recited publicly on this Feast.

*Fr Paul*

**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.

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truly extraordinary and concerns Pope Francis. It happened in **Buenos Aires** in 1996 when **Jorge Bergoglio** (Pope Francis) was Archbishop there and it has since been approved by the Church.

On 15th August 1996, during the Mass of the Assumption celebrated by Fr Alejandro Pezet, a consecrated Host which fell to the ground as Holy Communion was being distributed was placed in a vessel of water to dissolve. This is the norm when a Host falls and becomes soiled. Once it is dissolved the water is poured reverently into the ground. Then on 26th August, the tabernacle was opened to retrieve the vessel with the fallen Host. It hadn't dissolved but was showing several reddish stains that became larger each day. It was reported to the diocese, and Bishop Bergoglio decided to have the Host photographed, and the photo taken on 6th September showed that the Host had grown in size and had the appearance of a piece of bloody flesh. The Bishop decided to have the Host scientifically analysed, and it was found that the tissue was from an inflamed heart which meant the person had suffered greatly. Then to clarify even further, the tissue was examined by the world's greatest expert in cardiac pathology and forensic medicine, **Dr Francis Zugibe** in New York. He didn't know the sample came from a consecrated Host. Dr Zugibe also found that it was heart muscle and he confirmed that the patient had suffered greatly. Moreover, when Dr Zugibe discovered the sample was taken from tissue found in 1996 he responded, "How could it be that while I was examining it, the cells of the sample were moving and pulsating?" It was at this point he learned the sample had been taken from a consecrated Host and exclaimed, "I don't believe it. This will remain an inexplicable mystery to science." He was greatly moved and told the doctor who brought it to him, "The moment you brought me this sample, the heart was alive." Did not Our Lord say, "**I am the living Bread which has come down from Heaven**".

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

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**UCM Walsingham Pilgrimage:** The cost of the coach will be £35pp. I will be collecting payments at the repository **after this weekend's Masses**. The Pilgrims walk from the Basilica to the Abbey grounds is one mile. If this would cause you difficulty there is a mobility bus available. This has to be booked so please let me know ASAP if you require a seat. *Dorothy Hutchings (07742 620268)*

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## VACANCIES

**The Diocese of Nottingham** has a vacancy for a PA to the Bishop. This is a part-time role working 20-30 hours per week over 4 days (see notice board for more information). For an application form go to: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers).

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**The University of Loughborough Chaplaincy** is seeking to recruit a University Lead Chaplain. Loughborough University Chaplaincy is a multi faith chaplaincy covering both the East Midlands and London campuses where all faiths are supported. For more information contact Neil Budworth on 01509 222180 or [n.budworth@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:n.budworth@lboro.ac.uk) The closing date for applications is **25th June**.

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**Leicester Hospital Trust** has a vacancy for two full time **Hospital Chaplains** to join their diverse team working across the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust and the Leicestershire Partnership Trust (with Mental Health and Community Hospital services). For more details call Ed Pike, Chaplaincy Team Leader on 0116 258 5487.

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## 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.

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**Fr Simon:** Together with the Fr Provincial, Fr Simon has decided the time has come for him to retire from parish life for health reasons. He will be retiring to Derryswood, one of our houses in Guildford in July where he will be nearer his family. We will be celebrating a Mass for him on **Friday 30th June** in thanksgiving for all the work he has done in the parish. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the school hall.

*Fr Paul*

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**A qualified counsellor is required** for a post-abortion support group, which it is hoped to establish in the Nottingham area for women who are struggling after abortion. The counsellor will be required to facilitate the group, alongside a co-facilitator. The group will run once a month, for up to 10 months of the year. To find out more about what would be involved and the remuneration, please email [clare@archtrust.org.uk](mailto:clare@archtrust.org.uk)

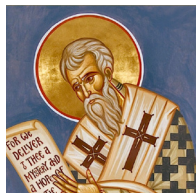
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## From the Saints

*“Since Christ Himself has said, ‘This is My Body,’ who shall dare to doubt that it is His Body?”*

(St Cyril of Jerusalem, 313 -386)

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**June is the month of the Sacred Heart.** The Sacred Heart of JESUS represents His love for mankind, and inspires us to remember how much JESUS loves us, while also growing in our desire to love Him back. So many reject His love and do not love Him in return. *“Behold the Heart which has so loved men that It has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself in order to testify Its love. And in return I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in this Sacrament of love.”* (Our Lord to St Margaret Mary, 1675).

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## First Holy Communions:

Please note this year's First Holy Communions will take place at all Masses this weekend, the Feast of Corpus Christi. There will be a Corpus Christi Procession after the 11.15am Mass.

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## Last Week's Finance

**Collection:** £660 of which £132 was gift-aided

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

**Attendance:** 483

*Thank you*

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