

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

11th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

The Incorruptibles



Prominent in the Catholic media over the past three of four weeks has been the story of the African-American **Sister Wilhemina Lancaster** whose body was found incorrupt at her convent in Missouri four years after her death in 2019 aged 95. Incorrupt bodies of many saints has been a phenomena in the Catholic Church for centuries, but each case has to be fully investigated. It gives witness to the doctrine of the resurrection of the body.

As a young woman Sister Wilhemina joined the Oblate Sisters of Providence and remained with them for fifty years, but had become very unhappy with the changes made to their religious life after Vatican II and the abandoning of the religious habit. So in 1995 aged 70, with permission, she left the Oblate Sisters and founded the Community of the **Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles**. She wanted this community to return to regular religious observance. She wrote that this was “a complete leap of faith.” But God blessed it and it has been a great success, and over time her new order has taken on a more contemplative and Marian charism with a special emphasis on praying for priests.

Her body was exhumed a few weeks ago on 18th May, because being the Foundress of the community, the sisters wished to place her mortal remains under an altar in their newly consecrated church. The sisters dug up her simple wooden coffin themselves from the ground, and they were expecting to find only bones. They were amazed when her body and religious habit were found to be completely preserved, even though the coffin’s fabric lining had disintegrated. **Jack Klein** who signed her death certificate in 2019 confirmed that her body had not been embalmed, and neither had it been placed in any specially sealed casket. He couldn’t understand how her body could have been preserved. Thousands of pilgrims have already been on pilgrimage to the monastery to witness her incorrupt body which defies science, and where they have been able to come right up to it and touch it. This is very unusual, so the sisters are clearly not trying to hide anything. And her religious habit

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St John Fisher

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Teresa Guida Lallo

Jennifer Shaw

Gwen Wilkinson

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

John Scott

Regina Wojciechowska

Stuart Lynch

Irene Calus

Maria Talora

Martin Allaway

Katarzyna Hönl

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 17th Vigil Mass
6.00pm Vittorio Giorgio (RIP, Anniversary)

Sun 18th Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Peter Vu Van Que (RIP)
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 19th St Romuald (Memoria)
9.15am For Vocations

Tues 20th St Alban (Memoria)
9.15am For Divine Mercy

Weds 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga (Religious)
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*
6.30pm Phyllis Harrison (RIP) (Latin, old rite)

Thurs 22nd Ss John Fisher & Thomas More (Feast)
9.15am Intention for the living

Fri 23rd Vigil of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (Solemnity)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Katarzyna Hönl (RIP, Anniversary)

Sat 24th Nativity of St John the Baptist (Solemnity)
10.00am John Tait (RIP) **NO PUBLIC MASS**
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** Intention for the living

Sun 25th Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Andrew and John Marples (RIP)
11.15am For the Parish
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

This Week at St Mary's

Saturday 24th June: Please note there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Confessions next Saturday morning as there is no priest available. This is the reality resulting from the present shortage of priests. However Confessions will be heard on Friday at 6pm as usual.
Fr Paul

Sunday 25th June: Marie Brookes will be selling her cakes, jams, chutneys etc after both Sunday Masses.

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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which she fought so hard to retain, after being in a wet coffin for four years with all the dirt and bacteria “*is in better condition than most of our habits ... completely intact, every thread ... She’s still showing the world who she is, she’s a Bride of Christ*” said **Mother Cecilia**. Her body is also said to be really flexible.

This is all under investigation by the Church and the Bishop of the diocese has also been to visit. The Church won’t be in a hurry to declare it miraculous as they will want to be absolutely certain there is no natural explanation for it before making such a declaration. But there is a sign here. The sisters of this community are leading a very good and holy life. They’re very joyful when you see them on video, and they are attracting vocations – many! God seems to be at work here.

JESUS said, “*I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?*” (John 11: 25-26). Do YOU believe this?

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to all who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. Thank you to those who helped organise everything for the Masses and the Corpus Christi Procession, and to our catechists who prepared them so well. *Fr Paul*

UCM Walsingham Pilgrimage: I will be available to collect the remaining coach fare on **Sunday 18th June** after the 11.15 Mass. If this is inconvenient, please leave the money, in an envelope, with anyone who is staffing the repository during this coming week. Thank you. *Dorothy Hutchings*

Father’s Day: Happy Father’s Day to all fathers! This is an opportune moment to honour the influence of the spiritual fathers in our lives whose presence we can sometimes take for granted—priests. These servant leaders have devoted their lives to building up the kingdom of God through selfless service to our communities. Make a Father’s Day tribute gift to the Rosminians in honour of a priest who has transformed or ignited your spiritual life. Your donation will support our vital mission of proclaiming Christ in the culture through the of training our students for the priesthood in inspiring Catholic methods that complements the work of these dedicated priests. Gift Aid? Please use the white envelopes provided.

VACANCY

St Mary’s School has a vacancy for a KS2 Class Teacher. To find out more and apply go to <https://www.aquinas-cmat.org/careers/vacancies/> (the Thomas Aquinas vacancy website). Visits to the school can be arranged by phoning 01509 212621.

Grub Club is now in its sixth year. During the summer holiday we will be open for 12 sessions over 4 weeks. We work entirely with volunteers preparing, cooking and serving lunch and offering a variety of activities to local families who are struggling financially. You may wish to volunteer to help. We particularly need a couple of people who are prepared to take charge of preparing and cooking meals. If you are interested, please contact Frank Fay (frankfay1@hotmail.com) or Catherine Brady (catherinemarybrady@gmail.com). Full support will be given. We also need to raise funds to enable this work. If you can help in this way, donations can be given directly to Frank or Catherine or sent to St Mary’s Grub Club, Sort code 30-96-26, A/c No. 38441468 (business account). Thank you

Frank Fay

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.

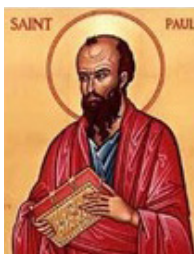
Fr Simon: We will be celebrating a Mass for Fr Simon on **Friday 30th June** in thanksgiving for all the work he has done in the parish. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the school hall. If you wish to make an offering to Fr Simon please use one of the brown envelopes at the back of the church. *Fr Paul*

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

From the Saints

“And if the Spirit of Him Who raised JESUS from the dead is living in you, He Who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit Who lives in you.”

(St Paul to the Romans 8:11)



Daily Offering of the Sacred Heart for the Dying

Lord JESUS Christ, in union with that Divine intention with which Thou, whilst on earth, didst give praise to God through Thy most Sacred Heart, and which Thou dost still everywhere offer to Him in the Holy Eucharist, even to the consummation of the world, I, in imitation of the most sacred heart of the ever immaculate Virgin Mary, do most cheerfully offer Thee, during this entire day, all my thoughts and intentions, all my affections and desires, my words, and all my works, for those who are dying this day and have no one to pray for them. Amen

Missing tablecloths:

If anyone knows where the six white tablecloths are that are usually kept in the parish hall, could they please return them to the presbytery as soon as possible. Thank you. *Bernie*

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £1022 of which £157 was gift-aided
Standing orders: £777 @ 30/4, of which £700 was gift-aided

Attendance: 745

Thank you
