

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

## 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# NEWSLETTER



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*Served by the Rosminians*

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## Catholic and Apostolic

In the Creed each week we say, “*I believe in one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church*”. What does it mean to say the Church is Catholic and Apostolic?

The word ‘**catholic**’ means universal. **The Church is universal in time**, in place and in doctrine. It is **universal in time** because from the day Our Lord commissioned the Apostles to preach to the whole world (Matthew 28:19), it has existed and taught in every age. But what about other Christian denominations now in existence? The fact is that none of them go back to Christ. There was a gap of at least one thousand years between the founding of them and the founding of the Catholic Church by Christ. For one thousand years the Catholic Church was the only Christian denomination. There were a few heretical sects which lasted some years but then disappeared. The other major Christian denominations came centuries later. Protestants base everything upon their individual private interpretation of the Bible, but we only have the Bible because of the Catholic Church, who preserved and determined which books make up the Bible. So the Bible is a Catholic book which only she has the authority given by Christ to interpret.

The Catholic Church is **universal in place** in the sense that it is not confined to any one part of the world, but teaches everywhere. It is **universal in doctrine** since it teaches the same doctrines and administers the same Sacraments everywhere. The Church may have different Rites, but these Rites confer the same Sacraments.

The Church is also ‘**Apostolic**’. This means that any Church claiming to be Christ’s must go back to the Apostles for its origin and authenticity in an unbroken line, and its teachings must be identical with that of the Apostles. Therefore it must teach unequivocally that JESUS Christ is fully God and fully man, that Christ founded a hierarchical Church, that JESUS is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, that the Church has the power to forgive sins, that the Pope is the successor of St Peter and is the visible head of the Church on earth, the necessity of both faith and good works, that divorce is forbidden, that marriage is between one man and one

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*Blessed Antonio Rosmini*

**Please pray for those  
who are sick**

**for those who have  
recently died**

Ann Bunce  
Teresa Guida Lallo  
Jennifer Shaw  
Gwen Wilkinson  
*May they rest in peace*

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

Andrew Marples  
Fr Michael Williams IC  
Agnes Husser  
Brenda Warltire

### 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

<b>Sat 24th</b> <i>6.00pm</i>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Intention for the living
<b>Sun 25th</b> <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Andrew and John Marples (RIP) For the Parish <b>Italian Mass</b>
<b>Mon 26th</b> <i>9.15am</i>	<b>Feria</b> Jennifer Shaw (RIP)
<b>Tues 27th</b> <i>9.15am</i>	<b>St Cyril of Alexandria (Memoria)</b> Private Intention
<b>Weds 28th</b> <i>6.00-6.25pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	<b>Vigil of Ss Peter &amp; Paul</b> <i>Parish Rosary</i> Intention for the living (Latin, old rite)
<b>Thurs 29th</b> <i>9.15am</i> <i>12 noon</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	<b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul (Solemnity) Holyday of Obligation</b> Jennifer Shaw (RIP) For the Church (Sung Latin, old rite) Family Intentions
<b>Fri 30th</b> <i>6.00-6.25pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	<b>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church (Mem)</b> <i>Confessions</i> Intention for the living
<b>Sat 1st</b> <i>10.00am</i> <i>6.00pm</i> <i>10.30am</i> <i>-12.30pm</i>	<b>Bd Antonio Rosmini (Feast)</b> <i>Five First Saturdays</i> For the Rosminians <b>PUBLIC MASS</b> <b>Vigil Mass:</b> Patrick Hollingsworth (RIP) <i>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am &amp; Benediction 12.20pm</i>
<b>Sun 2nd</b> <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> For the Parish Roman Olczyk (RIP) <i>Confirmations</i> <b>Italian Mass</b>

### This Week at St Mary's

<b>Sun 25th</b>	Sale of cakes, jams, chutneys etc: after Sunday Masses. Proceeds will be shared between SPUC & Grub Club
<b>Weds 28th</b>	UCM - 2.00pm in the Library** (change of venue)
<b>Fri 30th</b>	Party for Fr Simon - in the School Hall after Mass

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woman, and the necessity of praying for the dead, to name a few. That Church is the Catholic Church. It also means that each and every ordained minister of the Church, every true priest and every true bishop, can trace his ordination back to one of the twelve Apostles. Since the time of St Peter there have been 266 popes. You can trace the line back from Pope Francis to St Peter the Apostle who was the first pope and Bishop of Rome. So the Apostles appointed successors, who in turn appointed further successors. These successors continue all the way to the present day within the Catholic Church. It is what we call the **Apostolic Succession**.

It is often claimed that the churches formed at the Reformation aren't new at all, but are simply the Church Christ founded purified from errors that had built up in the Catholic Church over the centuries. This fails the test of history. We know from the writings of the Apostles and the early Fathers of the Church what was taught from the beginning. When we compare the teachings of Protestant denominations with the teachings of the Apostles, we find that they are not the same. **Only the Catholic Church teaches the same doctrines as Christ and the Apostles.**

However, this is not to denigrate non-Catholic communities in any way. There are many fine people among them who may be far holier than some of us! But we must hold fast to the faith that has been handed down to us, all of it, because it comes from God. And we pray that by God's grace, there may once again be *"one flock and one shepherd"* (John 10:16), united under the visible Head of the Church on earth, the Pope, who is the Successor of St Peter, the rock, on whom Christ built His Church (Matthew 16:18).

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

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**Confirmations: Next Sunday 2nd July** at the 11.15am Mass, with the Bishop's permission I will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to those who have been on the RCIA course this past year, and also to those unable to be present when the Bishop came in May.

*Fr Paul*

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**Thursday 29th June** is the Solemnity of **Saints Peter and Paul** and is a **Holiday of Obligation**, which means all Catholics are bound to attend Mass unless prevented from doing so for a serious reason. Masses will be at 9.15am, 12 noon (Sung Latin Mass) and 6.30pm.

**Grub Club:** We need to raise funds to enable the work of this important initiative to continue. We are opening for 12 sessions in the summer - **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 24th July to 17th August** - to provide a 3-course lunch and fun activities to families of primary school children who are on a low income and struggling. You may wish to join our group of volunteers for some of the sessions, either in the kitchen, with the activities or with 'meet and greet'. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Frank Fay for further details (frankfay1@hotmail.com) or Catherine Brady (catherinemarybrady@gmail.com). However, if you are unable to volunteer but would like to help with a cash donation, you can give this directly to me (I attend 11.15 Mass) or send it to St Mary's Grub Club, Sort code 30-96 26, A/c No. 38441468 (business account). Thank you.  
*Eileen Smith (07855456375)*

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**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*

## 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:** 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*

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**Summer Fayre:** Come along to the St Mary's Primary School Summer Fayre on **Wednesday 28th June, 3.15 to 4.30pm** on the school playground. Refreshments, games, tombola and much more. Help the school raise funds for a new Junior trim trail.

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**Quiz Night:** The Knights of St Columba are holding their next quiz in Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 7.30pm on **Saturday 8th July**. All profits will go to 'Let the Children Live', which helps street children in Bogota. Cost: £7pp, £3 for children and students, to include a cheese supper, wine and soft drinks. To help with catering, please call Will Holland to book on 07811 353 248.

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## From the Saints

*"Ubi Petrus, ibi Ecclesia." "Where Peter is, there is the Church."*

(St Ambrose, died 397)

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**Share your opinions with us!** In preparation for our 175th anniversary in 2025, we are developing a strategy to enable our parishes, schools and chaplaincies to be better supported in their mission. As a first step, we are conducting a consultative phase to develop the most effective plan. Gathering a cross representation of opinions, via an e-survey, this process is designed to gauge reaction to our spiritual themes, funding priorities, assess our ability to raise additional funds and consider key fundraising aspects. We value your feedback and ask that you please take a moment to read an overview of our plans before responding to this short survey. Visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/survey](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/survey) to view the overview and complete the survey, which will be open until **12pm on Friday 30th June**.

*The Diocese of Nottingham*

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## Last Week's Finance

**1st Collection:** £821 of which £145 was gift-aided  
**2nd Collection (for the Rosminians):** £185 of which £35 was gift-aided  
**Standing orders:** £777 @ 30/4, of which £700 was gift-aided

**Attendance:** 523

*Thank you*

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