

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

THE MOST
HOLY TRINITY

NEWSLETTER



Trinity: the heart of our faith

Today is **Trinity Sunday** which the Church always celebrates on the Sunday after Pentecost. The doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of our faith (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #234). **There is one God and three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** When you think about it, the Trinity really is the central mystery of our Faith. What happens at the beginning of your Christian life when you're baptised? The priest pours water on your head while saying, "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Each time we come into church we dip our fingers into the Holy Water stoup and make the **Sign of the Cross** which is **Trinitarian**. We begin Mass with the Sign of the Cross and the priest blesses in the name of the Trinity at the end of Mass. Some of the prayers at Mass conclude with a Trinitarian formula. So the Trinity really is the core of our devotional life. Whereas many other mysteries of the Faith tell us about what God has done for us, like the Holy Eucharist, the Crucifixion or the Resurrection, the doctrine of the Trinity tells us Who God is. But it is a mystery that we will never fully understand.

The great **St Augustine of Hippo** in the fourth century was writing a treatise on the Trinity (*De Trinitate*). One day as he was walking along the seashore contemplating, he saw a little child running backwards and forwards from the sea to a spot on the seashore. The boy was using a shell to carry water from the large ocean and pour it into a small hole that he had dug in the sand. Augustine came up to him and asked him what he was doing. "I'm trying to bring all the sea into this hole," the boy replied. "What?" said Augustine. "The hole cannot contain all that water." The boy stood up, looked him in the eyes and said, "It is no more impossible than what you are trying to do – comprehend the immensity of the mystery of the Holy Trinity with your small intelligence." Augustine was so struck by the reply he glanced away for a moment in thought, and when he looked back the child had vanished. Some people think the boy was an angel while others that it was the Christ Child Himself who came to remind Augustine of the limits of human understanding in relation to the great mysteries of our Faith.

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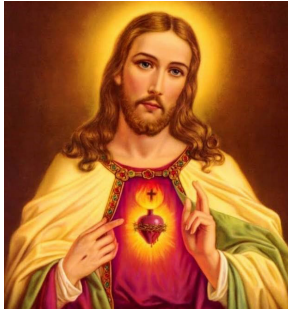
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Month of the Sacred Heart

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Giuseppe Sparano
May he rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Pasqualino Cassella
Maureen Connell
William Gallagher
Frank Kozimor
Eddie Hamilton
Rae Hagan
Anthony MacAllister

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 3rd **Vigil Mass**
6.00pm Antonietta Acierno (RIP, Anniversary)

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

Mon 5th **St Boniface (Memoria)**
9.15am Pietro Lallo (RIP)

Tues 6th **St Norbert (Memoria)**
9.15am Intention for the living

Weds 7th **Feria**
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*
6.30pm Henryk & Irena Prusaczyk (RIP) (Latin, old rite)

Thurs 8th **Feria**
9.15am Intention for the living

Fri 9th **St Ephraem**
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Intention for the living

Sat 10th **Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
10.00am Constance Mavis Stanford (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*
2.30pm *Baptism*
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** For the Parish

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**

This Week at St Mary's

Sun 4th Lourdes cake sale after 9.00am and 11.15am Masses - in the Hall
Mon 5th First Holy Communion class - 4.15pm in the Hall
Tues 6th Bible Study - 7.00pm in the Library
Thurs 8th RCIA - 7.00pm in the Library

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The doctrine of the Trinity is a **mystery**, but this doesn't mean we can't have some understanding of it. Human reason alone would never have come up with the idea of three Persons in one God. We could quite naturally conclude that there must be a Supreme Being Who created everything that exists, but we would never imagine that this God is actually a Trinity of three Divine Persons. **This truth can only be known because God Himself revealed it to us.** When we say there are three Persons in the Trinity, this does not mean that there are three gods. **There is one God.** The Father is different from the Son because He is a different Person, but He doesn't have a different being because He has the same nature. For this reason, each Person of the Trinity is equally all knowing, all powerful, eternal and absolutely perfect. All three are fully God.

It's not easy to live our faith in today's world. But **God our Father** makes it possible, **JESUS our Saviour** shows us how, and the **Holy Spirit our Sanctifier** gives us the strength and grace we need to respond in obedient faith.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

UCM Walsingham Pilgrimage: The cost of the coach available for the pilgrimage will be £35pp. I will be collecting payments at the repository after the weekend Masses on **10th and 11th June**. The Pilgrims walk from the Basilica to the Abbey grounds is one mile. If this would cause you any difficulty there is a mobility bus available. This has to be booked so could you please let me know ASAP if you require a seat. *Dorothy Hutchings (07742 620268)*

Grub Club was open on Tuesday and Thursday last week. We prepared and served meals to 66 people on Tuesday and 68 on Thursday. There were 38 children on Tuesday and 40 on Thursday. The children and their parents and siblings came from schools around the Loughborough area. On both days they enjoyed a nutritious 3-course meal and had a variety of activities to entertain and engage them. Judging by the feedback, they had a great time. I'd like to thank the parish and in particular the volunteers who did great service to the community preparing and serving meals and then washing up; and also to thank those who assisted with the activities and meet & greet. It is a most rewarding experience. We will be open again during the summer holiday. If you are interested in volunteering in either the kitchen or with the activities during the summer holiday please contact Eileen (Eileen1929smith@gmail.com, 07855 456375) or Catherine (catherinemarybrady@gmail.com). No experience is needed, as support and guidance is offered to all volunteers. We are an all inclusive friendly bunch who could do with some more help if possible. Thank you.

Eileen Smith

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.

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 The closing date for applications is **25th June**.

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.

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.

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: As was announced at last weekends Masses, Fr Simon, together with the Fr Provincial, 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 July 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*

Confirmation Mass: I received a letter of thanks from Bishop Patrick following his visit last week. *“It was a lovely occasion when I joined you ... There was a real atmosphere of faith and prayer. Please pass on my gratitude to the wonderful team of servers, catechists, musicians and choir. I pray that the hearts of the young people and all who were confirmed will always seek the guidance of God’s Holy Spirit.”* Well done to everybody!

Fr Paul



From the Saints

“Rise, you who were lying fast asleep ... Rise and hurry to the church: here is the Father, here is the Son, here is the Holy Spirit.”

(St Ambrose, 340-397)

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).

First Holy Communions:

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

Last Week’s Finance

Collection: £830 of which £126 was gift-aided

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

Attendance: 526

Thank you
