

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Brown Scapular

Were today not the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we would be celebrating the Feast of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. Particularly associated with this feast is the **Brown Scapular** which is one of the great '**sacramentals**' of the Church and it is sometimes called Our Lady's uniform. The Brown Scapular consists of two pieces of brown wool tied together with a cord which is worn over the shoulders. Our Lady gave the Brown Scapular to **St Simon Stock** in 1251, who was a Carmelite Friar at **Aylesford in Kent**. St Simon Stock was the Superior of the Carmelites in England at the time. He complained to Our Lady that his order was being persecuted and falling apart and so he begged for her protection. She appeared to him on 16th July 1251 and presented him with the Brown Scapular saying, "*Son, receive this Scapular as a sign of the privilege which I have obtained for you and the children of Mount Carmel. Whosoever shall die clothed with this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire*". The Church extended this privilege to the laity who are enrolled in and wear the Brown Scapular, so you don't need to be a Carmelite to wear it.

At the final apparition of **Our Lady of Fatima** on 13th October 1917, the occasion of the famous Miracle of the Sun, she appeared to the three seers Jacinta, Francesco and Lucia as Our Lady of Mount Carmel and held out the Brown Scapular to them. Lucia some years later when asked why, she replied that Our Lady wants everyone to wear it. Once a person is enrolled, it ought to be worn all the time in order to obtain the spiritual benefits. It reminds us to ask our Heavenly Mother's help to keep us out of sin throughout the day, and by wearing it we tell her we love her and trust her.

Our Lady also promised St Simon Stock that those who fulfil certain conditions and wear the Scapular, she will free from Purgatory shortly after their death and particularly on Saturdays which is

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The Brown Scapular

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Fr Aureliano Pellegrini IC
Joan Hunt
Fr Michael Hill IC
Marina De Silva
Anthony Bradshaw
Weronika Kandula
Betty Couzens
Ann Bunce
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Joe Romano
Lily Rigley
Domenica Coviello
Margaret Armstead

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 15th Vigil Mass

6.00pm Vittorio Giorgio (RIP)

Sun 16th Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Aislabie Harrison (RIP)

11.15am For the Parish

4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 17th Feria

9.15am Derek Whymark (RIP)

Tues 18th Feria

9.15am Intention for the living

Weds 19th St Vincent de Paul, Confessor

6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*

6.30pm Vittorio Giorgio (RIP) (Latin, old rite)

Thurs 20th St Apollinaris (Memoria)

9.15am Jim & Margaret Smith (RIP)

Fri 21st St Lawrence of Brindisi (Memoria)

6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*

6.30pm Constance Mavis Stanford (RIP)

Sat 22nd St Mary Magdalene (Feast)

10.00am Fr Michael Hill (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:** Jennifer Shaw (RIP) & Family Intention

Sun 23rd Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am For the Parish

11.15am Family Intention

4.00pm **Italian Mass**

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Our Lady's day. This is known as the **'Sabbatine Privilege'**. The conditions are:

- to wear the Brown Scapular faithfully,
- to observe chastity according to one's state in life,
- to recite five decades of the Rosary every day.

This is not asking much when one considers the privileges. There are many wonderful stories of miracles of salvation brought about by the Scapular. On the same day Our Lady gave St Simon the Scapular, he was called to the bedside of a dying and unrepentant man. He placed his own large Scapular over the dying man and immediately the man repented and died as a friend of God. Later that day the man appeared to his family and told them he had been saved by *"the most powerful Queen and by the Brown Scapular of that man as a shield of protection"*.

Pope St John Paul II (1920-2005), often spoke of how he had worn the Scapular all his life. When he was shot in St Peter's Square by a Turkish assassin on 13th May 1981, as he was being taken into the operating theatre, he asked them not to remove his Scapular. Although miracles are attributed to it, it is not a lucky charm. We have to wear it with devotion and strive to lead a good Christian life. We should not presume to be saved just because we wear it. As the priest enrols you he says, *"Receive this blessed Scapular and ask the Most Holy Virgin that, by her merits, it may be worn with no stain of sin and may protect you from all harm and bring you into everlasting life"*.

If you are not already enrolled and would like to be, please let me know. I have a good supply of them. It would not be sinful if you were to stop wearing it after enrolment, but you would lose the spiritual benefits attached.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Loughborough Food Bank/Your Store

The next collection will be on **Saturday 29th July** in the church car park from 10.30 to 11.00am. Items requested are canned beans, canned meats, canned fish, long life tuna pasta salads, mens toiletries, toilet rolls, long life milk. Once again thank you for your continued support.

Jane Monaghan

VACANCY

The Diocese of Nottingham is seeking a PA to Bishop Patrick McKinney

The role: As no two days are the same, the bishop's PA is expected to respond to a variety of enquiries and needs, have a systems approach to all that is needed and be able to manage multiple priorities. They will ensure a warm and generous welcome is extended to all who come to visit the bishop; will thrive working alongside the bishop's private secretary in ensuring the bishop's office runs efficiently and smoothly; will be a natural at keeping calm; confident and good-humoured.

Hours: 20-30 per week (to be negotiated) worked over four days.

Salary: £27-£35k pa pro-rata (depending upon qualifications and experience)

To apply please complete the application form which can be found on the Diocese of Nottingham website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers

Application deadline: midday Thursday 27th July 2023

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.

St Mary's School

Congratulations to Year 6 pupils and their teachers on their excellent SATs results. We hope all the children and staff have a restful holiday after their hard work this year and offer our best wishes to all those moving on to new schools next term. *Fr Paul*

From the Saints

"Our Lady wants all to wear the Scapular. The Scapular and the Rosary are inseparable."

(Venerable Sister Lucia of Fatima, 1907-2005)



A message from Fr Simon

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the Mass and party for me last Friday so special and for all the good wishes and generous gifts I have received. I am taking away fond memories of my time at St Mary's and will remember you all in my prayers. *Fr Simon*

Last Rites does not mean Last Minute!

As soon as a person begins to be in danger of death because of illness, injury or old age, the time for anointing has surely already come. *Fr Paul*

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £855 of which £176 was gift-aided

2nd Collection (Stella Maris): £332 of which £60 was gift-aided

Standing orders: £773 @ 30/06, of which £703 was gift-aided

Attendance: 385

Thank you
