

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

13th SUNDAY IN
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NEWSLETTER

A Mother's Wisdom and a Mother's Care



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The Church is a good Mother, a **spiritual** mother. And as such, she watches over our **spiritual health**. One way she does this is by creating **family rules** – rules that everyone in the family of the Catholic Church needs to follow in order to stay spiritually healthy. Of course, the most basic rules that the Church teaches us are those given to us directly by God, found in the Bible, the “user’s manual,” if you will, for human happiness. These are the **Ten Commandments** - the most basic requirements for growth in spiritual maturity, increase in wisdom, and the experience of a fulfilling, meaningful life. The Church also constantly reminds us of the **example and teachings of Jesus Christ**, which reveal the deeper purpose and meaning behind the Ten Commandments, and the best way to follow them.

- Being a good Mother, the Church also gives us some **extra help**, some family rules that we can use as a **litmus test** to see if we are really cultivating our friendship with Jesus, or not. These are called the **‘Five precepts of the Church’**.

In today’s First Reading and Gospel passage, our Lord wants to give us the background behind the **last precept, No. 5 – the duty of each member of our Catholic family to help provide for the material needs of the Church**.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks about this precept. He promises us that even if we only give a **small** gift to support the mission of His Church, He will never forget it: He says: *“And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward”*.

- We don’t always experience that “reward” here on earth, but God has given plenty of **visible signs** throughout history that the reward He promises us is indeed real.

The experience of the woman of Shunem in today’s First Reading is a good example. She convinced her husband to show **special**

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St Maria Goretti

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Weronika Kandula
Betty Couzens
Ann Bunce
Teresa Guida Lallo
Gwen Wilkinson
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Irmgard Cooledge
Janey Affleck
Jane Butler
Doreen Dilkes
Donato Buttarazzi
June Cammish
Derek Whymark

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 1st Vigil Mass
6.00pm Patrick Hollingsworth (RIP)

Sun 2nd Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Roman Olczyk (RIP) *Confirmations*
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 3rd St Thomas, Apostle (Feast)
9.15am Private Intention - MM

Tues 4th St Elizabeth of Portugal (Memoria)
9.15am Jennifer Shaw (RIP)
11.00am *Requiem Mass: Teresa Guida Lallo RIP*

Weds 5th St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Confessor
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*
6.30pm Intention for the living (Latin, old rite)

Thurs 6th St Maria Goretti (Memoria)
9.15am Derek Whymark (RIP, Anniversary)

Fri 7th Feria First Friday
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm For our deceased relatives and friends

Sat 8th Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00am Intention for the living **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: Jennifer Shaw (RIP)**

Sun 9th Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Family intention
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

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hospitality to God's prophet, Elisha. She didn't do it for selfish reasons, or to look good in the eyes of her neighbours. She did it because she saw an opportunity to **glorify God** and show her **love for the Lord** by using her own God-given resources to support one of God's chosen servants. As she explained it to her husband: *"I know he is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room..."* She wanted to support **his holiness, his mission, his work on behalf of God's Kingdom**. And God allowed her to see how grateful and pleased he was with her generosity – he gave her and her husband **the gift of a child**, to which she gave birth at the very time Elisha had predicted.

We never receive in this life the **full** reward for our generosity to God, but He does give us **glimpses** of the reward He is preparing for us, the reward that, as He promised, **we shall not lose**.

Obedying the **fifth precept** of the Church is an investment with **eternal returns**. Let's be as generous as we can, in what ever way we can, in thanksgiving to the One who gives us everything: This Life and Life eternal.

Fr David Jones OLV

Confirmations: This Sunday 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*

July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of JESUS.

The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Blessed Pope Pius IX and celebrated on 1st July, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the Sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. A good devotion for this month would be to recite daily the Litany of the Precious Blood. Some copies are at the back of the church. *Fr Paul*

Walsingham pilgrimage: Please be at St Mary's for **7.15 am on Tuesday 4th July**. The coach will return from the pick up point at Walsingham Coach Park, Station Road leaving at 5.15 pm. You may wish to take a packed lunch but food will be available to purchase at the Shrine. A light weight camping chair or rug is advisable as there is no seating in the Abbey grounds. Those who have booked the mobility bus will have seating provided however. *Dorothy Hutchings*

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 Marys Grub Club, Sort code 30-96-26, A/c No. 38441468 (business account). Thank you.

*Eileen Smith
(07855 456375)*

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.

Next Sunday 9th July is Sea Sunday. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

Thank you to all those parishioners who recently joined the Gift Aid scheme and those who have increased their regular contributions. We do not take your generosity for granted, especially during the pressures of the current financial climate. *Geoff Mercer*

A big thank you to all those who generously supported the Lourdes cake sale, which raised £307. This will go towards the Offiler-Russell twins' visit to Lourdes next July.

From the Saints

St Thomas the Apostle, at the feet of Jesus:

"My Lord and My God."



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*

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.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £782 of which £134 was gift-aided

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

Attendance: 438

Thank you
