

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER



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Why is there evil in the world?

One of the most common questions people ask about God is, "If God is all good, why is there so much evil and suffering in the world?" This is a very good question. However, God didn't create evil. Evil comes into the world through the free choice of man. War, famine, disease, selfishness and abuse are all the result of man using his free will to rebel against God's plan for mankind. But why does He allow it all to continue? The answer is that if He were to eliminate the consequences of our free choices, He would be depriving us of our **free will**. So God allows our choices to play out.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 13:24-43), JESUS is clear that in the Church and the world there are both wheat and darnel, that is both good and evil. There are many holy people in the Church today doing wonderful things and allowing God's grace to work in them. But everywhere we look evil is also present, even in the Church. But this doesn't mean that Our Lord is unaware of the evil, or that He's not going to do something about it. All of it will be sorted out, but only on the Last Day at the **Final Judgement**.

So in the **Parable of the Wheat and the Darnel (weeds)**, Our Lord tells the workers to allow the wheat and the darnel to grow **together** until the end of the world. The righteous will go into the kingdom of Heaven, which is described here as the barn, whereas the wicked will go into the blazing furnace, which is eternal separation from God which we call Hell. Before the Final Judgement, the Church and the world, is always going to consist of both good and evil alike; and in His Providence God allows those to remain side by side until the end. Why? **So that sinners may repent**, because God wants to give everyone the opportunity to save their soul.

St Therese of Lisieux, (1873-97) when she was a young girl became very distressed at the thought that some people might reject God and lose their soul. So she began praying fervently for the

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St Anne

Please pray for those
who are sick

for those who have
recently died

Linda Helm
Fr Aureliano Pellegrini IC
Joan Hunt
Weronika Kandula
Betty Couzens

May they rest in peace

and for those whose
anniversaries occur at
this time

Amelia Michalski
Norman Denton
Helen Mitchell
Carmelo Lopez-Lopez
Carmen Langley
Gerard Nicholson
Bernie Wyatt

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 22nd Vigil Mass
6.00pm Jennifer Shaw (RIP) & Family Intention

Sun 23rd Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Family Intention
4.00pm **No Italian Mass**

Mon 24th FERIA
9.15am Andrés Bonifacio (RIP)

Tues 25th St James, Apostle (Feast)
9.15am Intention for the living
11.00am *Requiem Mass: Weronika Kandula RIP*

Weds 26th St Anne, Mother of the BVM
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*
6.30pm Natalie Gillham (RIP, Anniversary) (Latin, old rite)

Thurs 27th FERIA
9.15am Intention for the living
3.30 pm *Baptism*

Fri 28th FERIA
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Deceased Members of the Mancini Family

Sat 29th Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus (Memoria)
10.00am Linda Helm (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:** Estrella Marti (RIP, Anniversary)

Sun 30th Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Liberato Sepede (RIP, Anniversary)
4.00pm **No Italian Mass**

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conversion of sinners. And when she was fifteen, she saw a newspaper story about a convicted murderer named Pranzini, who had been found guilty and was facing the death penalty, but refused to repent of his crimes. When she read about it she was really excited, because here now was her chance to pray and sacrifice for a particular sinner! So she asked God through the merits of the Passion of JESUS to give Pranzini the grace of conversion, and she said many prayers and made many sacrifices for him. But she also asked God to give her a sign if he repented. When Thérèse read the newspaper account of Pranzini's execution, she was delighted to read that although he had previously ignored all attempts of the prison chaplain to help him convert, suddenly he asked the priest to hold up a crucifix, which he kissed three times before being executed.

So prayer and sacrifice is powerful, and like St Thérèse, we also have the opportunity to change darnel into wheat. In our times with so much war, terrorism and crime, it would be a really Christian thing not only to pray for the victims of these crimes, but also to pray and sacrifice for the **conversion of the perpetrators**.

We pray also for those we know who may be living less than Christian lives. Our prayers and sacrifices, and perhaps even fasting for that person can often bring about a **breakthrough of grace**. Perhaps God is asking each of us now to focus our prayers on one particular person in need of them. And then imagine, when hopefully one day we get to Heaven, every conversion in which we played a part will bring about an eternal friendship and will be a cause of unending joy.

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.

Carer needed

The Sisters in Rosmini House, Garton Road are seeking a qualified carer for a small Care Unit in the Convent. If you have the ability to deliver an excellent standard of care and if you are willing to work as a member of a small team, they would love to hear from you. For more information, contact the Sister in Charge on 01509 631050.



From the Saints

"Judgement cannot be pronounced on a man until he has run his course."

(St Thomas Aquinas, 1225-74)

A Message from Pope Francis

The Holy Father has issued a Message for the **World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly**, which falls this Sunday. You can read the message on the Parish website or pick up a copy of it from the back of the church.

Italian Mass

Please note that due to the summer holidays there will be no Italian Mass at St Mary's for the next few weeks. It will resume on **Sunday 27th August**.

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

Collection: £640 of which £82 was gift-aided

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

Attendance: 368

Thank you
