

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

14th SUNDAY IN
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NEWSLETTER

Saved by the Precious Blood of JESUS



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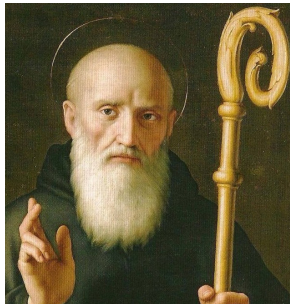
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As June was the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of JESUS, also July is dedicated to His Precious Blood. JESUS gave His life for us, and this is symbolised by the shedding of His Precious Blood. So the Precious Blood of JESUS is the price of the world.

On Calvary Our Lord's side was pierced by a lance and out flowed blood and water (John 19:34) which represents Baptism and the other Sacraments which bring life. **St Augustine** (354-430) says that Christ's flesh was the veil around the tabernacle of His Heart, and when on the Cross that veil was torn in two, the tabernacle was opened, and out came Baptism and Holy Communion. Also the waters of the flood in the Old Testament washed the earth and cleansed it (Genesis 7), so now the Blood of Christ covers the earth and sanctifies it and makes it holy. In the time of Noah, those who went inside the ark were saved. And we now go mystically into the side of Christ pierced by the lance, where we find His Sacred Heart and the Church, and thus we are saved. Noah and those in the ark were saved by the wood of the ark, but we are saved by the wood of the Cross. There is a rich symbolism here. So every time we see a crucifix, a tabernacle, the colour red or water, we are reminded of these events which really happened and which are all connected. Such is the richness and the depth of our faith.

But why is the Blood of Christ able to save us? It saves us because Christ is God. He is fully God and fully man. Therefore every act of JESUS, the God man is of an **infinite value** because of whose Body, whose Blood and whose human Soul it is. We read in the Letter to the Hebrews, "*without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins*" (9:22). And "*it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins*" (Hebrews 10:4). Yes, the Blood of Christ is human blood, but it is also the Blood of God, and so the tiniest drop of His Blood, being of an infinite value, would have been enough to atone for every sin ever committed, and to redeem an infinite number of people and an infinite number of universes, so precious is the Blood of Christ.

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St Benedict

**Please pray for those
who are sick**

**for those who have
recently died**

Fr Michael Hill IC
Marina De Silva
Anthony Bradshaw
Weronika Kandula
Betty Couzens
Ann Bunce
Gwen Wilkinson
May they rest in peace

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

Barbara Watkins
Gerrard Nicholson
Christopher Pacynko
Bogdan Pacynko
Dora Belcher

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 8th Vigil Mass
6.00pm Jennifer Shaw (RIP)

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

Mon 10th Feria
9.15am Sr Theophila (RIP, Anniversary)

Tues 11th St Benedict, Patron of Europe (Feast)
9.15am Romana Ronchetti (RIP)

Weds 12th St John Gualberti, Abbot
4.30pm *Reception of Gwen Wilkinson RIP*
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*
6.30pm Derek Whymark (RIP) (Latin, old rite)

Thurs 13th St Henry (Memoria)
9.15am Katarzyna & Ryszard Hönl (RIP)
12 noon *Funeral Mass: Gwen Wilkinson RIP*

Fri 14th St Camillus de Lellis (Memoria)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Abraham Pukkurayil (RIP, Anniversary)

Sat 15th St Bonaventure (Memoria)
10.00am Deceased of the Ronchetti family **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:** Vittorio Giorgio (RIP)

Sun 16th Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Aislabie Harrison (RIP)
11.15am For the Parish
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

This Week at St Mary's

Weds 12th UCM - 2.00pm in the Hall

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Both during Mass and outside of Mass we can offer the Precious Blood of JESUS to the Father. The Blood of JESUS is so powerful that we can obtain many graces by doing so. In a vision, **St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi** (1566-1607) saw many saints before the Throne of God, interceding for sinners, but their petitions remained unanswered. Then the Guardian Angels of these poor sinners approached and their petitions were not heard either. Next came the multitudes of the blessed and they made intercession for these souls, but at the same time they offered to God the Father the Precious Blood, and their petitions were granted. So it is a good practice to offer to God the Father the Precious Blood of JESUS many times throughout the day. Our Lord taught **St Gertrude** (1256-1302) to say the following prayer:

“Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, JESUS, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family.”

Precious Blood of JESUS, price of our salvation, save us!

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Fr Simon's Mass and Party: Thank you to all those who helped to make it such a wonderful family occasion. Thank you to the musicians and all who organised the marvellous party, to Miss Jordan and St Mary's School for all their help, and for allowing us to use the school hall. A cheque for £1,100 was presented to Fr Simon. He had his cataract operation on Thursday and is now convalescing at Rugby for a few days. He will return to Loughborough for a few final medical appointments before moving down to Derryswood in Guildford. I am sure we are all most grateful to Fr Simon for everything he has contributed to the parish and the area over many years of faithful ministry. He has been a real friend to many of you and I know he will be sorely missed. Let us keep him in our prayers as he adjusts to his new life.

Fr Paul

St Mary's School: As we approach the end of the academic year, we extend our good wishes to Miss Priscilla Jordan and all the staff for their hard work over the last year. The final week has been an exciting time for the Year 6 leavers; the music performance, play and Ecco award assembly were examples of the rich variety of activities the children experience at the school. Very fittingly Mass will be celebrated this coming week as the children and staff break up for their summer holiday. Thank you to all.

Jane Monaghan

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

Grub Club

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 struggling financially. If you are interested in joining our volunteers, either in the kitchen, with the activities or with 'meet and greet', please contact Frank Fay frankfay1@hotmail.com or Catherine Brady (catherinemarybrady@gmail.com). And if you 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.

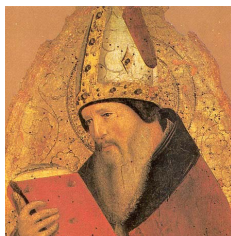
Today is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable 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*

From the Saints

"It was to this end that He (JESUS) took Flesh and Blood, namely that He might shed His Blood in order to redeem us."

(St Augustine of Hippo, 354-430)



Confirmations:

Congratulations to Ashley, Perpetua, Rob, Robin, Sayo, Motty, Lena and Anthony who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend.

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*

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: £719 of which £141 was gift-aided

2nd Collection (St Peter's Pence): £177

Standing orders: £798 @ 31/05, of which £706 was gift-aided

Attendance: 503

Thank you
