

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

20th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

St Pius X, Warrior for the Faith



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Tomorrow (Monday), we celebrate the feast of the great Pope and saint, **Pius X**, who reigned from 1903 until 1914. St Padre Pio said of him that he was the holiest and noblest Pope after St Peter. Quite an accolade! Even the look in his eyes was enough to convert people, and towards the end of his papacy he worked many miracles. What a gift the Church had in him.

He was born to a poor family in the Italian village of Riese near Venice in 1835 and was baptised Giuseppe (Joseph) Sarto. He was given a dispensation to be ordained priest at the very young age of 23. He was successively curate, parish priest, Bishop of Mantua and Patriarch of Venice. He was well known for helping the poor and was strong on Catholic Social Action. And then much against his wishes, he was elected Pope on 4th August 1903, and took the name of Pius, and his papal motto was *"To restore all things in Christ"*.

As Pope he would often sneak out to visit the sick in local hospitals. He improved priestly formation, and promoted sacred music, particularly **Gregorian Chant**. In 1910, he issued his famous decree which **lowered the age for First Holy Communion for children**. He is probably best known for the heroic steps he took to combat the heresy which he called **"modernism"** which is to try and change the Faith into something different, destroy what has been handed down to us, and then redesign it to suit the mood of the times. He called it the *"synthesis of all heresies"* which means we have all the heresies and errors of Christian history lumped together into one. Among the chief errors of the modernists are that the Church cannot determine the genuine sense of the Scriptures and neither is God really the author of them. The Gospels do not prove the divinity of JESUS, and He never intended to found a Church. The dogmas held by the Church are not revealed truths but mere opinions, and therefore they can change in the future. (Many today are seeking to change the moral teaching of the Church). Christ did not always know He was the Messiah, and the Sacraments originated in the Apostles from some ideas Christ expressed, and not from Christ Himself. And since the dogmas of the Church cannot be

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St Bartholomew

**Please pray for those
who are sick**

**for those who have
recently died**

Colm Fox, John Wilbram
May they rest in peace

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

Jeffrey Barrington
Vittorio Acierno
Eileen Lieber
Vincenzo Pasquale
Thabani Ncube
Irene Elsner
Kyle Rooney

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 19th **Vigil Mass**
6.00pm Family Intention

Sun 20th **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Deceased of the Brookes Family
4.00pm **No Italian Mass**

Mon 21st **St Pius X (Memoria)**
9.15am Marina de Silva (RIP)

Tues 22nd **The Queenship of Mary (Memoria)**
9.15am Deceased Faulks & Hallam Families

Weds 23rd **St Philip Benizi, Confessor**
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*
6.30pm Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy (Latin)

Thurs 24th **St Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)**
9.15am Amanda Giorgio (RIP)

Fri 25th **St Louis (Memoria)**
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Iris Sadd (RIP)
Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Sat 26th **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*
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

Sun 27th **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Thabani Ncube (RIP, Anniversary)
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

The Italian Mass will resume at 4pm next Sunday

John Wilbram's funeral will be on Tuesday 29th August at 2pm

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reconciled with science, in order to have progress, dogma must be abandoned. These errors and many others were condemned by St Pius X, and I give the main ones here so as you may identify them as errors should you hear them voiced, as they are gaining in frequency.

So we see that St Pius X was a Catholic through and through, and he could see over a hundred years ago that an anti-Catholic way of thinking was entering the Church. So he obliged all teachers and clerics before ordination to take an oath against modernism in the hope of suppressing it. It had the desired effect for several decades, but now it has reared its ugly head once again. **St Pius X warned that the heresy of modernism contaminating the minds and hearts of the faithful would extinguish the light of faith in them.** So it has to be fought against because these ideas are poisonous. Therefore we have to know and study our faith and remain faithful to what the Church has always taught. As I've said before, beware of novelties! The Church is going through a Passion at the moment as did her Divine Founder. But Good Friday is always followed by Easter Sunday. Christ and His Church will be victorious in the end. **Our Lady of Fatima** promised over a hundred years ago, *"In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph"*, meaning that the Church and the Faith will be exalted and glorified as never before in her history. So never despair.

It is said that St Pius X died of a broken heart at the outbreak of the First World War. How heartbreaking it is to see that we are now experiencing conflict within the very heart of the Church, and that the light of faith is under attack, particularly in Europe. But however hard they try, the gates of Hell will not prevail (Matthew 16:18). Let us invoke St Pius X, and St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church after whom St Pius X was named, that we become models of uncompromising faith.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Interested in becoming Catholic? If you are and you're over 18, you can join the RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) which will begin towards the end of September. We meet alternate Thursdays at 7pm and study the Catholic Faith. If you enrol on the course there is no obligation to become a Catholic at the end of it. The course is also suitable for already Catholic adults who would like to be confirmed. Please contact Fr Paul or send an email to the parish office.

Assisi & Rome

Pilgrimage: 16th - 23rd November 2023

Cost £1,095pp for double/twin rooms £1,350pp for single rooms. Prices include all coach travel, flights (plus luggage and seats), breakfast and evening meal at two hotels, city taxes.

Itinerary: Leaving St Joseph's (Goodwood Rd, Leicester) early morning to fly to Rome (from Stansted) then travelling by coach to Assisi for three nights and returning to Rome for four nights. For booking information, visit <https://www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk/pilgrimages>. A (non-refundable) deposit of £400 will be required when booking, with the balance due by **16th September**. For any further information, phone 0116 2207880 or 0116 227881 07825 040375.

Temporary accommodation sought:

A Loughborough University student and St Mary's parishioner is seeking short-term accommodation with a family from **15th September** to allow him time to finish his thesis. If you, or anyone you know, can help, please call the parish office.

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.

A Vocation Day of Discernment is being held on **Saturday 7th October** from 10.00am until 3.00pm at The Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake, LE7 4SJ. There will be the opportunity of talking to Fathers Antonio, Ted, and Philip about the calling to the Religious Life in general, and to the Institute of Charity (Rosminians) in particular: an opportunity to join the Community in prayer, and to ask the Lord for clarity and courage. To book telephone 01509 813078.

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 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

"Whilst JESUS was kind to sinners and to those who went astray, He did not respect their false ideas, however sincere they might have appeared. He loved them all, but He instructed them in order to convert them and save them."

(Pope St Pius X, 1835-1914)

UCM Study Evening Tuesday 29 August 2023

7pm to 9pm (Parish Hall)
Encounter - Fratelli Tutti
Join us - leave your name
at the parish office or call
Dorothy on 07742620268

Dorothy Hutchings

The Woman at the Well, a day of prayer and reflection for women, is being held on **Saturday 30th September** from 12.15pm until 4.00pm at The Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake LE7 4SJ. The day includes tea/coffee (provided) at 12.15pm, then the Rosary; lunch at 1.00pm (please bring a packed lunch); then at 2.00pm Carmelite author and speaker Dr Cyprian Blamires OCDS: 'Praying with the Heart'; finally a Holy Hour. For more information call Paulette on 07825 040375.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £682 of which £122 was gift-aided

Standing orders: £667 @ 31/07, of which £573 was gift-aided

Attendance: 410

Thank you
