

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

21st SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

The Gift of the Papacy



This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20) gives us the famous account of Our Lord conferring the **Keys of the Kingdom** on Peter and changing his name from Simon to Peter, **the rock upon which He would build His Church**. There is a stain glass window depicting this event on the right-hand side of the church above Fr David's confessional. Peter had professed his faith in the divinity of JESUS who then said to him, *"You are Peter and on this rock I will build My Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in Heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in Heaven"* (Matthew 16: 18-19). Christ will always be the Head of the Church, but after the Ascension Peter was to be the visible Head of the Church on earth. Peter, or Cephas in Aramaic, means 'rock' and so Our Lord is making Peter the foundation or the rock of the Church, and this is why Our Lord changed his name from Simon to Peter. He will keep the Church together and make it endure. This power of the keys (authority) is passed on to all his successors, the Popes.

The **First Vatican Council** in 1870 infallibly defined that:

- St Peter was appointed by Christ to be the visible Head of the Church
- He received from Christ supreme authority to teach and govern the whole Church
- Peter has a perpetual line of successors in the Primacy
- His successors are the Roman Pontiffs or the Popes.

The **Primacy of the Pope** means he has real power and God-given authority to rule the Church, and we believe that **under very strict conditions he is infallible** (cannot make a mistake), when he defines a doctrine concerning **faith or morals to be held by the whole Church**. It does not mean the Pope can do no wrong or that he can never be mistaken, even in a religious matter. It is important we all understand that the Pope is a human being and is always subject to human frailty and the possibility of error as are the rest of us. Hence St Paul's rebuke to St Peter, the first Pope at Antioch,

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Beheading of St John the Baptist

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Sofia Rosa Battista

Colm Fox

John Wilbram

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Sr Mary Anthony Popple

Mary Durning

Richard Newton

Giovanni D'Amato

Des Scrivens

Nicola Palmieri

Lloyd Skelton

Christine Fornara

Gladys Bexon

Ken Lowe

Peggy Cimelli

Olimpia Buccheri

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 26th Vigil Mass
6.00pm 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**

Mon 28th St Augustine (Memoria)
10.30am Intention for the living

Tues 29th The Beheading of St John the Baptist (Memoria)
9.15am Criselda Castillo (RIP)
2.00pm *Requiem Mass: John Wilbram RIP*

Weds 30th Dedication of St Barnabas Cathedral (Feast)
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*
6.30pm Linda Helm (RIP) (Latin)

Thurs 31st St Aidan (Memoria)
9.15am Intention for the living

Fri 1st Feria First Friday
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm For our Deceased Relatives & Friends

Sat 2nd Saturday Mass of the BVM *First Five Saturdays Devotion*
10.00am Deceased of the Mancini Family **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:** For the Parish

Sun 3rd Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Intention for the living
11.15am Intention for the living and renewal of marriage vows
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

NB: The Mass on Monday 28th, which is a Bank Holiday, will be at 10.30am

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when Peter insisted the Gentiles follow the Jewish dietary laws, thus threatening the entire mission of the Church to the Gentiles (Galatians 2:11-14). The last time a Pope infallibly defined a dogma was in 1950, when **Pope Pius XII** defined the dogma of the Assumption. And even when the Pope does infallibly define a dogma, he can do no more than confirm and make clearer what has always been believed and handed down. Hence the First Vatican Council said, *“For the Holy Spirit was not promised to the successors of Peter that they might disclose a new doctrine by His revelation, but rather that, with His assistance, they might reverently guard and faithfully explain that revelation or deposit of faith that was handed down through the Apostles”*. So the Pope cannot, for example, say there are four Persons in the Godhead, or that marriage can be between two men or two women, because God has revealed Himself as a Trinity of Persons, and that marriage is between one man and one woman ordered to procreation. The novelties we often hear being proposed by some churchmen today concerning faith and morals can be found nowhere in the **Deposit of Faith** handed down through the Apostles, and therefore are not of the faith and must be rejected. As **Pope Benedict XVI** said in May 2005, *“The power of teaching in the Church involves a commitment to the service of **obedience** to the faith”*.

The Papacy is a great gift to the Church. As Catholics we know that when the Church has given a solemn and definitive answer to a question the teaching can never change, and the goal posts cannot be moved in the future, no matter how hard some may try to!

Development of doctrine is different to changing it. This is what Our Lord intended and why He founded His Church on Peter the rock. The pope is the test of the true Church. As St Ambrose said in the fourth century, *“Where Peter is, there is the Church”*.

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.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 16th

October 2023: £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. Full details including itinerary and contact information on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

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.

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.

Vocation Day of Discernment: Saturday 7th October 10am-3pm at The Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe-On-The-Wreake. There will be an opportunity to talk to Frs Antonio, Ted, and Philip about the calling to the Religious Life 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 call 01509 813078.

Colm Fox RIP: Colm's funeral has already taken place in Ireland but we will celebrate a Requiem Mass for him at St Mary's sometime within the next month. *Fr Paul*

Loughborough Food Bank/Your Store: The next collection will be on Saturday 23rd. September 10.30/11.00 in the church car park. The October date is Saturday 21st. October 10.30/11.00. Thank you all for your continued support. *Jane Monaghan*



From the Saints

"If a man does not hold fast to this unity of Peter, does he imagine that he still holds the Faith? If he deserts the Chair of Peter upon which the Church was built, does he still have confidence that he is in the Church?"

(St Cyprian of Carthage, 200-258)

Bible Study: Come and explore St John's Gospel with Fr David. The weekly sessions will be held in the Library, starting on **Tuesday 5th September** at 7.00pm.

UCM Study Evening:
Tuesday 29 August 7.00-9.00pm (Parish Hall)
Encounter - Fratelli Tutti.
Join us - leave your name at the parish office or call Dorothy on 07742620268
Dorothy Hutchings

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.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £632 of which £99 was gift-aided

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

Attendance: 385

Thank you
