

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

24th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

# NEWSLETTER

## Correcting the Sinner

Last Sunday Bishop Patrick sent us a Pastoral Letter on Education, which meant I was unable to say a few words about last Sunday's rather important Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20) so I'm going to do so now.

Our Lord reminded us of **our obligation to correct the sinner as well as being open to correction ourselves**. All of us need correction at times, and when it comes our way, we ought to receive it graciously, even if it might not always be right. Our Lord said that if your brother does something wrong you must go and tell him. If he listens to you, you have won him back, but if he refuses, go and get two or three people to join you, and if he won't listen to them, go and tell the Church, and if he won't listen even to the Church, let him be to you as a pagan or a tax collector. That's another way of saying, *"let him be excommunicated"*. In the case of the Jews, that would have been from the synagogue. This would obviously be over a serious matter, because there is a greater obligation to correct someone in a serious matter than in a less serious one. But Our Lord is very clear: *"If your brother does something wrong, go and tell him"*. This would also extend to people speaking error. But too often today we think, *"Oh I can't say anything. It's none of my business. I don't want to offend them"*. But correcting a sinner is a **Biblical teaching** and something we are **required** to do, especially in serious matters when it concerns our families and friends. Parents are certainly bound to correct their children.

Correcting someone can be a very hard thing to do because no one is perfect. So we should always go as a humble fellow sinner to talk to another sinner while at the same time being prudent and sensitive. Never act as if you are superior. **Correcting someone is a loving thing to do**, because by doing so, we are calling them back to the right path, so that ultimately something worse doesn't befall them, particularly the loss of their soul. This was stated clearly in last weekend's First Reading from the **Prophet Ezekiel** (33:7-9).

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*Served by the Rosminians*

### Parish Priest

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#### St Mary's Primary

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**Headteacher:** Mr C Maher



St Padre Pio

**Please pray for those who are sick**

**for those who have recently died**

- Paul Lallo
  - Juliet Duffy,
  - Dorothy Cendrowska
  - Colm Fox
- May they rest in peace*

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

- David Hammond
- Brian Tallon
- Sylvia Alborough
- Umberto Fabricatore
- John Mucklow
- Margaret Warren
- Andrew Mitchell

**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

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**Sat 16th Vigil Mass**  
6.00pm For the Parish

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**Sun 17th Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am Jennefer Tobin (RIP)  
11.15am Andrew Carr (RIP, Anniversary)  
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

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**Mon 18th Feria**  
10.30am George Njie (RIP)

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**Tues 19th St Januarius (Memoria)**  
9.15am Intention for the living

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**Weds 20th St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companion Martyrs (Mem)**  
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*  
6.30pm John Nedumakal (RIP, Anniversary) **NOT PUBLIC**

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**Thurs 21st St Matthew, Apostle (Feast)**  
9.15am Janet Monaghan (RIP)

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**Fri 22nd Feria**  
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*  
6.30pm Vittorio Giorgio (RIP)

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**Sat 23rd St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (Memoria)**  
10.00am Bishop Patrick McKinney (GE) **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:** Paul Lallo (RIP)

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**Sun 24th Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am For the Parish  
11.15am For the Conversion of England  
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

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**This week at St Mary's**

**Tues 19th** Bible Study - 7.30pm in the library

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**Latin Mass:** Please note there will be no Latin Mass this Wednesday 20th September.

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*“When you hear a word from My mouth, warn them in My name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.”*

So it is a **loving and merciful thing** to correct someone who is sinning grievously. And it's worth reminding ourselves that many of the sins that people make light of today, such as abortion, assisted suicide, fornication, homosexual acts, theft and drunkenness, **St Paul**, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit called 'deadly'. (1 Corinthians 6:9). So we are not merely representing our own opinions here, we are representing the truth and the teachings of God Himself contained in Sacred Scripture, and if one dies unrepentant of these sins, Heaven is not going to be your final destination.

St James writes in his Epistle, *“My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of his sins”* (5:19). So if you bring someone in serious error back to the right path, and that could be moral or doctrinal error, you are saving him from eternal death which is a great victory! And this will cover a multitude of sins for the person in error, and perhaps also for the person who has brought him back to the truth. But either way the amount of sin is reduced, and if it's a serious matter you have saved his soul, and probably your own too!

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

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**Colm Fox RIP:** Colm has already been buried in Ireland. There will be a Requiem Mass for him at St Mary's next week on **Tuesday 26th September** at 6.30pm. Please note there will be no 9.15am Mass that day.

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**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 on **Thursday 28th September** at 7pm. We meet alternate Thursdays 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.

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**LACY Big Sing at St Patrick's, Leicester, Sunday 1st October 2023, 4.00pm:** Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth invite all parishes to come along to a 'Big Sing'. Full details on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

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**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.

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**Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy, Arnold** is looking to recruit a Head of Maths and a Head of History as well as other support roles such as Maths Mentor and School Counsellor. Details are available at <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us>. For an informal discussion about the roles and the school, please contact the school office on 0115 9155762

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**The second collection on this 'Evangelii Gaudium' Sunday** supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

## 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.

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**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.

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**The Knights of St Columba** are holding their next quiz in Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 7.30pm on **Saturday 23rd September 2023**, with all profits from the evening going to a project at St Mary's School. The cost remains at £7 a head, £3 for children and students, to include a cheese supper, wine and soft drinks. If you would like to come please call Will Holland on 07811 353 248. This helps with the catering.

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## From the Saints

*"Don't imagine that you love your children when you never discipline them, or that you love your neighbours when you never admonish them. This isn't love, but mere weakness. Let your love be eager to correct, to reform.*  
(St Augustine of Hippo, 354-430)



## Loughborough Food

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

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**De Lisle College Open Evening: Thursday 21st September** 6-8pm. Tel: 01509 268739. Email: [enquiries@delisle.leics.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@delisle.leics.sch.uk)

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**Open Day: Saturday 7th October, 9am-11am**  
**Loughborough Amherst School**, a Catholic independent school for boys and girls aged 4-18. All welcome - please register for your tour at <https://lsf.org/amherst/admissions/open-day/>

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**Marie Brookes made £145.20** from her cake sale last week. Thanks to everyone who supported her. The money will go to The Christian Institute.

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## Last Week's Finance

**Collection:** £714 of which £112 was gift-aided

**Standing orders:** £739 @ 31/08, of which £668 was gift-aided

**Attendance:** 409

*Thank you*

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