

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

25th SUNDAY IN
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NEWSLETTER



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The Archangels - St Raphael, St Michael and St Gabriel

On September 29th, this coming Friday, the Church celebrates the Feast Day of Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. These are the 'super angels' — the swiftest of them all. Like all angels, they are sent by God to the people: *"Praise the Lord, you his angels, who mightily execute his word and obey his command"*.

The archangels are the **first** of the spiritual creatures who proclaim how incredible God is. They are often sent on the most challenging missions. These extra special agents are always before God and serve Him day and night. When they come out of anonymity, they use a personal name, and with this name comes a specific purpose.

The warrior, the diplomat, and the merciful

First is the leader, **Michael, fighter of the Dragon, whose name means 'Who is like God?'** He is the greatest of the archangels. He is the fighter par excellence against the forces of evil. When God needs a strong, fast angel, he sends Michael. He's the one we invoke after Mass to protect and purify the Church.

Then comes **Gabriel, the diplomat, whose name means 'man of God'.** The book of Daniel presents Gabriel as an angel who interprets and explains. He is known mostly for appearing to Zachariah and, of course, to the Blessed Virgin Mary. When God wants to make an important announcement, He sends Gabriel.

And lastly, **we have merciful Raphael, whose name means 'God heals'.** In the Book of Tobit, this angel accompanies young Tobias and helps him on his journey. He watches over pilgrims and travellers and also expels evil spirits bringing healing. He introduces himself as one of the seven angels that stand before God, and freely offers our pleas to Him. When God wants to make someone advance on the road of life, He sends Raphael.

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St Jerome

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Frank Hatley
Paul Lallo
Juliet Duffy
Dorothy Cendrowska
Colm Fox
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Giuseppina Di Cosmo
Margaret Kuzniar
Eileen Scott
Donald Folkes
Joan Slevin
Patrick Lynch
June Upton

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 23rd Vigil Mass
6.00pm Paul Lallo (RIP)

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

Mon 25th Feria
9.15am Margaret Kuzniar (RIP, Anniversary)

Tues 26th Ss Cosmas & Damian (Memoria)
6.30pm Colm Fox (RIP) Requiem Mass

Weds 27th St Vincent de Paul (Memoria)
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*
6.30pm Moira Webb (RIP) (Latin)

Thurs 28th St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions (Memoria)
9.15am Ken Gillham (RIP)

Fri 29th Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm In honour of St Michael

Sat 30th St Jerome (Memoria)
10.00am Jennefer Tobin (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:** Vittorio Giorgio (RIP)

Sun 1st Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Rosary Sunday)
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Colm Fox (RIP)
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

This week at St Mary's

Tues 26th Bible Study - 7.00pm in the library
Weds 27th UCM - 2.00pm in the parish hall
Thurs 28th RCIA - 7.00pm in the library

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When the archangels send us discreet signs

These archangels of light directly tell us how beautiful God is, while the other anonymous angels send us more subtle signs, without **'banging any doors down'**: an intuition to do the right thing, an action to avoid a bad fall, a little help in being true to ourselves, a voice in the back of our head, a gesture just at the right moment, an unexpected happy feeling ...you name it, they can be there.

By celebrating the archangels, the Church is telling us that we are not alone here on Earth. They fight alongside us against the dark forces of the Evil One, the Devil. They invite us above all to praise God and to take time with them to adore Him. It is then when we might hear them pass by, with or without wings, in the loving silence of prayer.

God created angels to be our protectors and guides in this life. While we may not see them with our physical eyes, they surround us and protect us from many hidden dangers.

Here is a prayer to the Archangels **asking them to protect your family from all harm, whether physical or spiritual.**

*O Jesus, our most holy Redeemer, we ask you to bless our home, our family, our household. Preserve us from all evil. **St Michael**, defend us against all the wicked wiles of hell. **St Gabriel**, obtain for us wisdom that we may understand the holy will of God. **St Raphael**, preserve us from ill health and all danger to life. My **Holy Guardian Angel**, keep us day and night in the way to salvation, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

Fr David Jones OLV

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

RCIA: The first class for the new RCIA group will take place this **Thursday 28th September** at 7pm in the library. Entrance is via the parish hall at the bottom right hand side of the driveway.

Rosary Sunday: October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Next **Sunday 1st October** is Rosary Sunday and we may celebrate one Votive Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary. This will be at the 11.15am Mass.

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

The Diocesan Choir aims to bring together musicians from across the diocese to augment important diocesan celebrations whilst providing a place of support and community for musicians from across the diocese. To sign up contact: cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk For the Mass with the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Saturday 18th November** a rehearsal will be held on **Saturday 4th November** 10:30am-1.00pm, with tea and coffee from 10.00am in the Cathedral. All welcome.

LACY Big Sing at St Patrick's, Leicester, Sunday 1st October 2023, 4.00pm: See the poster at the back of the church for full details.

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.

Visitation of the Fatima Statue: The Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is in the custody of the World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales, will be visiting the Good Shepherd Church in Nottingham, (3 Thackeray's Lane, Woodthorpe, Nottingham, NG5 4HT, www.goodshepherd-arnold.org.uk/), on **Sunday 15th October**. This statue will be accompanied by relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto, two of the children who saw the Blessed Virgin at Fatima in 1917. The day will include a Procession, with Mass at 9:45 am. There will also be a talk on Fatima, enrolment in the Brown Scapular, a Holy Hour, and a break for lunch. The day will conclude with Benediction, finishing at 3:20 pm. For more details please see the poster at the back of the church.

From the Saints

"May your good guardian angel always watch over you and be your guide on the rough path of life"

St Padre Pio 1887-1968

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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/>

Faith and Footprint, Tuesday 3rd October, 7.00pm – 8.30pm:

Caritas invite you to their online environmental workshop, dipping into Pope Francis' Message for the 2023 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. We'll share practical ideas for reducing the carbon footprint of our churches and homes (and their energy bills). To receive the Zoom link book your place at bit.ly/FaithandFootprint

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £702 of which £124 was gift-aided

2nd Collection: Mission Directorate: £202

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

Attendance: 478
