

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

28th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

A Statement on Marriage from Bishop Patrick



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Marriage is a lifelong vocation of a man and a woman to a community of life and love open to children, and, between the baptized, it is a Sacrament. Aware of the many pressures today which can endanger family life, the Church is constantly concerned to make sure that those of you planning to marry are prepared as well as possible.

We would like to remind those who wish to marry of the following:

1. It is important that a couple go to see their priest in good time before their wedding. Normally, at least six months' notice should be given.
2. Marriage preparation is carried out by the priest, often assisted by a group from the parish. Courses arranged on a Deanery basis are recommended.
3. Catholics are reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith and to do all they can within the unity of their partnership to have all their children baptised and brought up in the faith and practice of the Catholic Church.
4. Non-Catholic partners will be informed of this promise, but they are not asked to make this or any similar promise.
5. Dispensation for a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic to take place in a non-Catholic church can only be granted for a serious reason. Couples who wish to marry in a non-Catholic church should discuss the matter with their priest in good time before their wedding day to see whether a dispensation could be granted.

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St Margaret Mary Alacoque

**Please pray for those
who are sick**

**for those who have
recently died**

Anna Cendrowska

Frank Hately

May they rest in peace

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

Gisela Rodgers

Terry Gilbert

Maria Houghton

Frank Mazzotti

Andrew Carr

Wilfred Cornelius

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 14th **Vigil Mass**
6.00pm For the Parish

Sun 15th **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Peter Allen (RIP, Anniversary)
11.15am Piotr Abucewicz (RIP, Anniversary)
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 16th **St Margaret Mary Alacoque (Memoria)**
9.15am Albert Rogers (RIP)

Tues 17th **St Ignatius of Antioch (Memoria)**
9.15am Intention for the living

Weds 18th **St Luke, Evangelist**
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*
6.30pm Vittorio Giorgio (RIP) (Sung Latin)

Thurs 19th **St Paul of the Cross (Memoria)**
9.15am Fr David Jones (GE)

Fri 20th **Feria**
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Annamma Abraham (RIP, Anniversary)

Sat 21st **Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
10.00am Fr Felice Muratore, IC (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:** Genina Romano & Giuseppe Romano (RIP)

Sun 22nd **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Giovanni Palmieri (RIP)
4.00pm *Civic Service with Bishop Patrick and the Mayor of Charnwood*

This week at St Mary's

Tues 17th Bible Study - 7.00pm in the library

Please note there will be no Italian Mass on Sunday 22nd October

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All couples marrying these days need the support of the local Church. In this way they will be strengthened in their preparation for marriage, in celebrating their marriage, and in living out their covenant with one another.

We wish to thank all those married people who show such constancy and fidelity to their vocation of marriage. May their example inspire those planning to marry in the Church.

*Right Reverend Patrick McKinney
Bishop of Nottingham*

The Mayor of Charnwood, Cllr Margaret Smidowicz, cordially invites you to attend her Civic Church Service to be held here at 4.00pm on **22nd October 2023**. Please be aware that parking will be limited.

Food Bank/ 'Your Store': The next foodbank collection will be on **Saturday 21st October** in the car park between 10.30 and 11.00am. Thank you for your contributions and continued support; cash donations receipts are in the parish office. St. Mary's continues to be one of the major contributors to the Loughborough Food Bank/ 'Your Store'. Thank you.

Jane Monaghan

Rosary during October: During October, the month of the Holy Rosary, the Rosary will be recited in the church **after** the 9.15am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and **before** Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 6pm.

First Holy Communion 2024: The application forms for next year's First Holy Communion are available this weekend from Fr Paul. The closing date for applying is **Sunday 29th October**. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Baptismal Font: Do any longstanding parishioners have a photo of the original Baptismal font that used to be at the back of the church where the Repository now stands? We don't have any in the archive. Thank you.

Fr Paul

Part-time Premises Officer for St Mary's

In conjunction with the Finance Committee, I have decided to employ a part-time premises officer to work at the Parish for two weekday mornings each week.

The responsibilities of the post will be varied and will include day-to-day cleaning and tidiness of the Parish hall; supervision of the volunteer Church cleaners; minor maintenance within the buildings associated with the Parish; monitoring the serviceability of the security, fire and smoke alarms; routine health and safety recording, checking and reporting within the Parish; general security of the entire site; general property administration of the premises; and other related duties that are appropriate to the role of a premises officer.

Induction and other relevant training for the post will be provided.

If anyone is interested in the post, could you please ask me or Louise in the office for a job specification and an application form. The closing date for applications is **Friday 27th October 2023**.

Thank you. *Fr Paul*

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.

Invitation to all parishioners: Everyone is invited to a Come And Meet Each Other (CAMEO) evening on **Friday 27th October**, after the 6.30pm Mass, in the Parish Hall. The evenings used to be held fairly regularly prior to Covid and were an opportunity for women of the Parish to meet each other. The invite is now extended to everyone and it would be wonderful to see as many as possible there. Please bring a plate of food (no meat please as it's Friday) to share and whatever you would like to drink. Tea and coffee will be provided. All welcome.

St Mary's News: The next edition of the Parish News is now available. Included are the First Holy Communion and Confirmation pictures. The suggested donation is £1.30 to help cover print costs.



From the Saints

"The state of marriage is one that requires more virtue and constancy than any other. It is a perpetual exercise in mortification."

(St Francis de Sales, 1567-1622)

Mass Intentions are now completely booked up until the end of the year. A reminder that if you would like a specific date, it is advisable to book at least six months in advance.

Fr Paul

World Mission Sunday - 22nd October

Your prayers and donations on World Mission Sunday will support our Church family overseas in a variety of ways, including faith and outreach projects, supporting Catholic missionaries and building new churches. For more information, visit missio.org.uk/wms. Please use the envelopes which will be distributed next weekend to make your donations. Thank you.

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £800 of which £178 was gift-aided

2nd Collection (CAFOD): £498 of which £245 was gift-aided

Standing orders: £736 @ 30/09, of which £668 was gift-aided

Attendance: 476

Thank you
