

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

29th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

Do you think with the mind of Christ?



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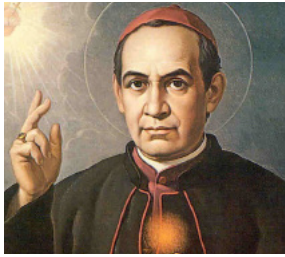
Headteacher: Mr C Maher

The Catholic Church has always claimed to teach the same doctrines taught by Our Lord JESUS Christ and His Apostles. How do we know this is the case? People often accuse the Catholic Church of having invented many of her doctrines and teachings centuries after Christ. One of the ways we know the Church teaches the same as Christ is through the **Fathers of the Church**. These are men who helped shape the teaching of the Church in the early years and from whom we have *written testimony*. Among these Fathers are men who were taught by the Apostles themselves. They are St Clement of Rome, St Polycarp of Smyrna, and **St Ignatius of Antioch** who was a disciple of St John the Evangelist, and whose feast we celebrated last Tuesday. In their writings they describe what Catholic teaching was from the very beginning, and we can see that what the Church teaches today is the same as it was then. It's more developed today, but substantially it's the same.

St Ignatius was born around 30 AD and became the third Bishop of Antioch and was appointed to this See by St Peter. He was martyred in the Colosseum, but left us seven important letters which show what the Church was teaching in those times. In these letters we have the themes that the Catholic Church is a divinely established visible society, whose end is the salvation of souls, and that those who separate themselves from it cut themselves off from God. He taught that the Catholic Church is infallible and cannot err, and that the hierarchy of the Church was instituted by Christ Himself, and that the Holy Eucharist is really and truly the Flesh and Blood of Christ. And why did Ignatius teach this?

Because the Apostles taught it. When the **Council of Trent** made all its decrees in the sixteenth century, it was drawing upon previous councils like Nicaea (325), and Chalcedon (451), and all these councils were going back to the early Fathers, like St Ignatius of Antioch. This is how Church doctrine developed. They didn't just make it all up. They referred back to what the Church had always taught through St Peter and St Paul, St Clement, St Polycarp, St Ignatius and many others who relayed what Christ said.

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St Anthony Mary Claret

Please pray for those
who are sick

for those who have
recently died

May they rest in peace

and for those whose
anniversaries occur at
this time

Jadwiga Malik
Julia Pacynko
John Calardo
Eileen Topolewski
Annie Owens
Dolores Cunningham
June Ross
Margaret Stanford
Liza Veiga
Vince Guarasci
Mario Sepede

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 21st

6.00pm

Vigil Mass

Genina Romano & Giuseppe Romano (RIP)

Sun 22nd

9.00am

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Parish

11.15am

Giovanni Palmieri (RIP)

4.00pm

Civic Service with Bishop Patrick and the Mayor of Charnwood

Mon 23rd

9.15am

St John Paul II (Memoria)

Sam Priestley (RIP)

Tues 24th

9.15am

St Anthony Mary Claret (Memoria)

Sheila Bullock (RIP)

Weds 25th

6.00-6.25pm

Feria

Parish Rosary

6.30pm

Fr William Pollard, IC (RIP, Anniversary) (Latin)

Thurs 26th

9.15am

Ss Chad and Cedd (Memoria)

Intention for the living

Fri 27th

6.00-6.25pm

Feria

Confessions

6.30pm

Intention for the living

Sat 28th

10.00am

Ss Simon and Jude (Feast)

Michael Powers Jr (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

2.30pm

Baptism

6.00pm

Vigil Mass: For the Parish

Sun 29th

9.00am

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Intention

11.15am

Colm Fox (RIP)

4.00pm

Italian Mass

This week at St Mary's

Tues 24th

Bible Study - 7.00pm in the library

Weds 25th

UCM - 2.00pm in the hall

Thurs 26th

RCIA - 7.00pm in the library

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Today, there are many corrupt people in the Church who wish to change the teaching we have received from Christ and the Apostles, and there is much talk of this now in the Synod taking place in Rome, particularly in the area of morals and sexuality. In some cases, when people see this happening, they start rejoicing, saying the Church will finally be brought up to date and now we'll be the same as everyone else, thus making it so much easier to be a Catholic! And this acceptance of the secular agenda is causing much confusion. This should disturb us, because it's a watering down of the truth we have received from Christ and could potentially cut people off from salvation. Can people thinking like this really believe that JESUS is God, because they're saying they don't believe everything He taught? It's effectively saying He's just like us, a fallible human being. **But we know that the truth doesn't change and the truth cannot change.** So what do we do?

Pray is the first thing. And we are all being called to a **deeper conversion**. We need to be able to recognise what the teachings of Christ are, and to be able to reject those things which are not of Christ. So we must keep our focus on Him, and be **very careful** not to go along with the corruption. The so-called novel ideas of today might appear to make the faith easier, or you might even agree with some of them. But the fact is, if we're thinking something different to what JESUS thinks, we're off track, and we need to change our thinking and pray for enlightenment.

This is a **time of testing**, and we need to be an example to other people - to our families, our friends, the people we work with. And as Our Lord said, *"let your light shine"* (Matthew 5:16) and give glory to God by it. Most people just want to get along and be like everyone else. But in our present situation, if we just try and fit in with everyone else, we're going to be accepting the corruption and be led astray. We need to reject it, embrace the truth and live it, **but always with charity and humility**. It's not a case of "I've got the truth and you haven't." Many people just don't know any better these days, and so it's not just the truth we need to speak. It's also the example of charity in the way we act, and in the way we treat others. In the words of St Ignatius, *"I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian."*

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

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

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 a 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 appropriate to the role.

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

If you are interested in the post, please ask me or Louise in the office for a job specification and an application form. You can also download these documents from www.stmarysloughborough.org.uk/vacancy-for-part-time-premises-officer/

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.

Prayer to Saint Michael

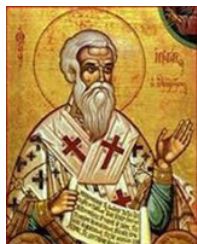
Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the 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. 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.

Christmas Fair: The UCM are collecting donations for their Christmas fair stalls. We would be grateful for new tombola prizes, toys and books in good condition. Please give donations to any UCM member. Many thanks

Dorothy Hutchings

Christmas stock has arrived at the repository, including Advent calendars, cards, nativities, diaries and gifts. Card payments are now accepted as well as cash.



From the Saints

"Our task is not one of producing persuasive propaganda; Christianity shows its greatness when it is hated by the world."

(St Ignatius of Antioch, died 107)

First Holy Communion

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

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.

World Mission Sunday

- 22nd October: Your prayers and donations on World Mission Sunday will support our Church family overseas in a variety of ways. Please use the envelopes provided to make your donations. Thank you.

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £670 of which £135 was gift-aided

2nd Collection (CAFOD): £543 of which £265 was gift-aided (2 weeks)

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

Attendance: 463

Thank you
