

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

30th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

Your help is still needed



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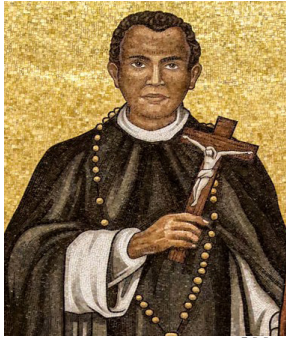
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The month of November is almost upon us, and after celebrating the Feast of **All Saints** on 1st November, the Church immediately draws our attention to the **Holy Souls in Purgatory** on 2nd November known as **All Souls Day**. The souls in Purgatory are those who have died in God's grace but who at the moment of death still had imperfections to be purified before they can enter Heaven, and so for the remainder of the month, we step up our efforts to pray for their release from Purgatory, since having passed from this life they can no longer merit or help themselves.

We all have an obligation to help each other, and the greater the need a person has, the greater the obligation we have to help them. Now who could be more in need than the souls in Purgatory? Since early Christianity, it has been held that the most effective way of helping them is through the offering of Holy Mass for their release. **St Monica**, the mother of St Augustine, as she lay dying in 387 asked her sons *"only one thing: that you remember me at the altar of the Lord, wherever you shall be."* **St Thomas Aquinas** (1225-74) said that the offering of Holy Mass was the most definitive way of helping the Holy Souls. In addition we can offer up Holy Communion for them, say prayers for them, especially the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross, and offer up our daily work and any acts of charity.

The Holy Souls sometimes appear asking for Masses. **St Padre Pio** (1887-1968) had many visits from the Holy Souls asking him to celebrate Mass for them. In 1922 he told the story of how one snowy winter's evening, he was sitting by the fireplace in the friary praying, when an old man came and sat down next to him. Padre Pio wondered how he had got in since the doors were locked and so asked him, *"Who are you and what do you want?"* The man said his name was Pietro di Mauro and that he had died in the friary on 18th September 1908 when it was a poorhouse. He had fallen asleep holding a lighted cigarette, which set the mattress on fire causing him to suffocate and die. *"I'm still in Purgatory"* he said *"and I need one Mass to be released. God has permitted me to come and ask for your help."* Padre Pio promised to celebrate Mass for him, and a few days

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St Martin de Porres

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**Please pray for those
who are sick**

**for those who have
recently died**

John McDermott
Alice Cahill
May they rest in peace

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

Fr Ted Cody IC
Eileen Hately
Mary Hudson
Margaret Cramp
Bob Moore
Jerzy Stepowski

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 28th **Vigil Mass**
6.00pm For the Parish

Sun 29th **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Family Intention (GE)
11.15am Colm Fox (RIP)
Silver Wedding Blessing: Indi & Ira Tristante
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 30th **Feria**
9.15am Hallam & Faulks Families (RIP)

Tues 31st **Feria**
9.15am Paul Lallo (RIP)
6.30pm **Vigil of All Saints:** Emily Houston (RIP) (Latin)

Weds 1st **All Saints (Solemnity) Holyday of Obligation**
9.15am Holy Souls
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*
6.30pm Deceased Members of the Castillo Family

Thurs 2nd **All Souls**
9.15am Deceased of the Abucewicz & Kasprzak Families
12 noon Latin Mass - Pope's Intention
6.30pm All the Faithful Departed

Fri 3rd **St Martin de Porres** (*First Friday*)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm For our Deceased Relatives and Friends

Sat 4th **St Charles Borromeo (Mem)** (*Five First Saturdays Dev'n*)
10.00am Norah Lillian Hutchings (RIP) **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:** Holy Souls

Sun 5th **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Colette McDermott RIP)
11.15am For the Parish
3.00pm *Blessing of Graves, Loughborough Cemetery*
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

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went with another friar to the Town Hall to look at the records for 1908. There they found that a man named Pietro di Mauro had indeed died on 18th September that year of suffocation and burns at the friary, which at that time was a poorhouse.

Maria Simma (1915-2004) was an Austrian mystic who received many visits from the souls in Purgatory. She first experienced a visit from Purgatory in 1940 when she was just twenty five years old. A man appeared to her and said, *"Please have three Holy Masses said for my intentions and then I will be delivered."* He immediately disappeared and Maria said that it was then she realised he was a poor soul. Very soon more souls would come to her asking for help, and over the years it turned into a great number. **Maria said that the greatest complaint of the Holy Souls is that family and loved ones almost completely forget them and give them almost no spiritual help.** Very few Masses and prayers are said for them and yet that is what they need the most. No longer possessing physical bodies, the Holy Souls cannot do penance or make sacrifices themselves, so they rely totally on our help.

Don't forget the Mass on the First Friday of each month is offered for our deceased relatives and friends whose names are recorded in the Book of Remembrance. If you wish to add names, please fill in one of the sheets at the back of the church. If we remember the dead now, they will one day be in a position to do the same for us. *"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy"* (Matthew 5:7).

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

NOVEMBER INDULGENCES FOR THE HOLY SOULS

You may gain a plenary indulgence for the Holy Souls in Purgatory by visiting a cemetery between **1st and 8th November** and praying there for the dead. In addition you should worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day), make a good sacramental confession within the week before or after, pray one Our Father and Hail Mary for the Pope's monthly intentions and be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin, otherwise the indulgence is partial. **We will be visiting Loughborough Cemetery for the Rosary and Blessing of Graves next Sunday afternoon, 5th November, meeting in the car park just before 3pm.**

You may gain a partial indulgence for the Holy Souls anytime by saying the prayer: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

All Saints and All

Souls: Wednesday

1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 9.15am and 6.30pm. Therefore no Latin Mass on Wednesday evening, but there will be a Latin Mass of the **Vigil of All Saints on Tuesday 31st October** at 6.30pm, and as last year will be celebrated by candlelight. **Thursday 2nd November** is All Souls Day. Masses will be at 9.15am, 12noon (Sung Latin Requiem) and 6.30pm.

Abortion Act 1967:

It is 56 years since the Abortion Act received the Royal Assent in 1967. Since then a staggering 10,256,050 unborn babies have lost their lives in England, Wales and Scotland. RightToLife have an excellent anniversary webpage which explains the negative impact abortion has had on the country. Here is the link: <https://righttolife.org.uk/56years>

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.

Catechist Formation and Training: Are you a Catechist? Or is God calling you to be one? It is such a rewarding ministry and the Diocese of Nottingham has put together a number of course for you to explore or grow further in this vocation. You will find something for you in these courses, from getting standard as a catechist, increasing your knowledge or taking your catechesis beyond sacramental preparation! All sessions are delivered online with the first course starting this November. For more information please speak to your parish priest or email: adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is offering a Pre-Advent Retreat 'Why God Became Man' from **Friday 24th to Sunday 26th November**. This weekend retreat will be preached by Father Armand de Malleray FSSP. Information and registration is available at www.ChristianHeritageCentre.com/events/why-God-became-man



From the Saints

"If during life we have been kind to the suffering souls in Purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death."

(St Paul of the Cross, 1694-1775)

Today is the closing date for applications for next year's First Holy Communion.

Our annual Mass for the Bereaved, will be on **Friday 10th November** at 6.30pm. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for all our departed loved ones. Votive lamps will be provided on which you may write the name of anyone you wish to remember. All are 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.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £842 of which £147 was gift-aided

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

Attendance: 551

Thank you
