

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

32nd SUNDAY IN OT  
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



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*Served by the Rosminians*

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# NEWSLETTER

## A Precious Gift

While it is generally well-known among Catholics that the best way to help the Holy Souls in Purgatory is to have Masses offered for them, what is little known is that we can also help relieve their sufferings through **sprinkling holy water**.

Holy water has been used in the Church since Apostolic times. It is mentioned in the **'Apostolic Constitutions'**. **Pope Alexander** who died in the year 130, in a decree confirming this tradition said, "We bless salt and water for the people, that all who may be sprinkled therewith may be cleansed and sanctified." Holy water is mixed with exorcised and blessed salt. **St Justin Martyr** who died in 163 also tells us that the faithful in his time were sprinkled with holy water every Sunday.

When a priest blesses holy water and makes the sign of the Cross over it, he does so **in the name of the Church**, which renders it more powerful than our ordinary individual prayers. He prays that God may preserve those sprinkled with it from the snares of the devil, grant them health of body and purity of soul. Thus whoever takes holy water and confidently sprinkles it on himself or on objects, or sprinkles it in the room with the intention of bringing blessings on those who are absent, he can be assured that every time the prayer of the Church reaches Heaven, it will bring down graces and blessings on his soul and body, and on all the objects touched by the holy water. **Exorcists** famously use holy water to send the devil on his way because it is recognised by the Church as being powerful over him and it burns him. The devil can't bear to stay in a place or be near a person that is frequently sprinkled with holy water.

**Holy water is especially beneficial to the Holy Souls in Purgatory and they long for it.** A drop of holy water can be far more beneficial to them than a long prayer. Our prayers can often be distracted and lukewarm, but the prayer of the Church attached to the holy water is always pleasing to God. Hence the souls in Purgatory long for holy water and we should assist them by sprinkling it for them.

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*Mass on the battlefield, WWII*

**Please pray for those  
who are sick**

**for those who have  
recently died**

Francesca Carmela Sepede  
Barbara Morrison  
Stephen Bowmer  
May Sweetman  
*May they rest in peace*

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

Danny Borzacchiello  
Stan Borkowski  
Raymond Tebbutt  
Miroslaw Popowicz  
Angela Brienza  
Philip Bowler  
Roger Galvin  
Everard Hurt

### 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 11th** **Vigil Mass**  
6.00pm *Giuseppina Giorgio (RIP)*

**Sun 12th** **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am *Domenico Romano (RIP, Anniversary)*  
11.15am *Requiem for the Fallen*  
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

**Mon 13th** **Feria**  
9.15am *Constance Mavis Stanford (RIP)*

**Tues 14th** **Feria**  
9.15am *Holy Souls*

**Weds 15th** **St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor**  
6.00-6.25pm *Parish Rosary*  
6.30pm *Gileny Teresa Rivas de Linero (RIP) (Latin)*

**Thurs 16th** **St Gertrude (Memoria)**  
9.15am *For the Parish*

**Fri 17th** **St Hugh of Lincoln (Feast)**  
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*  
6.30pm *Intention for the living*

**Sat 18th** **Ded'n of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul (Mem)**  
10.00am *Roger Galvin (RIP, Anniversary) 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:** *Dec'd of Giorgio & Mancini Families*

**Sun 19th** **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.00am *For the Parish*  
11.15am *Gino Romano (RIP, Anniversary)*  
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

### This week at St Mary's

**Tues 14th** *Bible Study - 7.00pm in the library*

We welcome this weekend **Fr Marco Tanghetti**, the Father General of the Rosminians, who is making a short visit to the Province.

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One day **Venerable Dominic of Jesus-Mary** (1559-1630) who was a Carmelite, and it was customary at the time for Carmelites to have a skull on their desk, one day he sprinkled this skull with holy water, when he heard a voice imploring him, "More holy water, more holy water." The sprinkling no doubt relieved its pains in Purgatory. Also very effective is to **sprinkle the graves** of our beloved dead with holy water. A deceased sister once appeared to **Venerable Sister Francis of the Blessed Sacrament** begging that her grave be sprinkled with holy water because it relieved her sufferings.

**So where do you get holy water?** There is a big stone urn full of holy water by the **Altar of the Sacred Heart**. Bring a bottle, fill it, and sprinkle it frequently in your homes, on yourselves, on your children and **for the Holy Souls**. In the not so distant past, it was common practice for Catholics to have **a small holy water stoup by the front door or in the bedroom**. Among the Holy Souls, please remember the deceased priests who ministered to you, who baptised you, who absolved you in Confession and administered the Sacraments to you. In gratitude sprinkle them every day with holy water to relieve their sufferings in Purgatory saying the simple prayer, *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen"*. How many blessings and helps to salvation you would obtain for yourselves and your families by this simple act of charity which is basically no effort. A drop of holy water is so effective, and are we going to be so lazy as to back away from giving this priceless gift?

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

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**Holy Hour for the Holy Souls in Purgatory:** Please note that there will be special Holy Hour on **Monday 20th November at 6.30pm** during which we will pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. There are also prayer sheets at the back of the church for the Holy Souls which you are encouraged to pray especially during the month of November.

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**Next KSC Quiz:** The Knights of St Columba are holding their next quiz in Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 7.30pm on **Saturday 25th November 2023**, with all profits from the evening going to The Carpenters Arms, the local Loughborough based Christian charity for men with addiction problems. 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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## **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Saturday 25th November**

The UCM are collecting donations for their stalls. We would be grateful for new **tombola prizes, bottles, toys and books in good condition**. Please give your donations to any UCM member or leave at the Repository labelled 'Christmas Fair'. Donations of **sweets, lollies and chocolate** are also being requested. Please leave these at the Repository labelled 'Rebecca Offiler-Russell'. Thank you.

All donations needed by **Tues 21st November** please

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## **Jubilee/Holy Year 2025**

In preparation for this special year, Nottingham Deanery is hosting a series of talks. The following two are being held this month:

**Dr Mary McCaughey, Monday 20th November,**

7.20pm, at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish hall, Eastwood NG16 2AQ, speaking about *Gaudium et Spes*, the constitution about the Church in the world

**Bishop Patrick, Thursday 30th November, 7.00pm** at Our Lady and Saint Patrick in the Meadows' parish hall, The Meadows NG2 1JQ, speaking about *Lumen Gentium*, the constitution about the Church.

**All welcome to attend.**

## 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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**Statue of St Michael:** A parishioner has kindly donated a beautiful statue of St Michael the Archangel which will remain at the front of the church during November. Tradition tells us that St Michael is the ‘Guardian of Purgatory’ and that he holds ‘The Keys of Purgatory’. In the life of mystics St Michael is often seen sending his angels to console souls in Purgatory by sprinkling them with the Precious Blood of JESUS. St Michael is also seen escorting souls from Purgatory into Heaven.

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## Retreat-Pilgrimage to Italy in the footsteps of Blessed Antonio Rosmini, 13-23 May 2024, with Fr David Tobin IC.

Visiting Roverto, Verona, Bergamo, Domodossola, Stresa and Lake Maggiore. £1,645.00. See leaflet at the back of the church for more information. For any further details, contact the retreat organiser, Fr Anthony Weaver: 0207 379 7273 - retreatsdover@gmail.com.

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## From the Saints

*“From long experience I have learned that there is nothing like holy water to put devils to flight and prevent them from coming back.”*

(St Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582)

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**Today is Remembrance Sunday,** and the 11.15 am Mass will be a Requiem Mass for the fallen.

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**St Mary's Catholic Primary School Open Days: 14th November and 15th December:** Tours around the school. If you are looking for a place for your child in the Reception Class September 24, please come and visit.

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**Catholic Schools Carol Concert:** A festive Concert in aid of Menphys. **Friday 1st December** at 7.15pm. Tickets sold by De Montfort Hall. A coach will be going from St Mary's school; please contact the school office if you would like a seat.

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**CAFOD** have written to thank you for your latest generous donation of £643 from Family Fast Day. “We are incredibly grateful to you for thinking of us and helping. We have friends who are there for us when we need it most.”

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## Last Week's Finance

**Collection:** £714 of which £132 was gift-aided

**Standing orders:** £717 @ 31/10, of which £650 was gift-aided

**Attendance:** 544

*Thank you*

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