

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

17th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

# NEWSLETTER

## The Saints are there to help us, so...



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*Served by the Rosminians*

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Arm yourselves with these wonderful **holy helpers** to make your summer a little more **sane and safe!** As the summer school holidays continue and your patience may start to wear thin, you might be longing for the return to school and cooler days, especially if mosquitos, soaring temperatures, thunderstorms and other common summer woes are making life a little **stressed!**

However, as these weeks away from the usual daily routine are precious to embrace, look to these **holy helpers** to make the most of your summer, so you can really enjoy it with family and friends.

**Bugs & Mosquito bites:** **St Rita** is known for her ability to help with seemingly impossible situations and is the go-to saint for those relentless mosquito and midge invasions. Think of her as your celestial bug spray, keeping those pesky pests at bay.

**Sunburn:** For those whose skin burns at the slightest exposure to the sun, they'll appreciate just how much it can impact your summer.

**St Bartholomew**, associated with skin healing, is your spiritual **aloe vera**, ready to soothe and protect your sun-kissed skin. Alternatively, you could seek out help from **St Lawrence**, who was grilled to death for his beliefs. (He was the saint who declared that his executors could turn him over as he was cooked on that side!)

**Keeping kids busy:** Summer breaks can mean restless kids. **St John Bosco**, known for his dedication to youth and education, is a great saint to call on for inspiration in keeping the kids entertained and engaged. Think of him as your divine camp counsellor with lots of support and ideas.

**Extra loads of washing:** Between pool parties, BBQs, trips out and sleepovers, summer fun often leads to more laundry. **St Clare**, the patron saint of laundry workers, can help make those extra loads a bit more bearable. Consider invoking your holy laundry assistant when those piles of dirty clothes are mounting up.

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Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Melanie de Castro  
Dennis Webb  
Sarah Gallagher  
Guy Nash  
*May they rest in peace*

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Gerrard Nicholson  
Bernie Wyatt  
Issa Salem  
Len Sepede  
Norman Boyce  
Andy Tchorzewski  
John Wilbram  
Pina Stanyard  
Brian Mortell  
Ruby Campbell  
Bertie Byrne

**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 27th **Vigil Mass**  
6.00pm Sylvia James (RIP)

Sun 28th **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4.00pm Italian Mass  
6.00pm Deceased of the Galvin & Thurland families

Mon 29th **Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus (Memoria)**  
9.15am Estrella Marti (RIP, Anniversary)

Tues 30th **St Peter Chrysologus (Memoria)**  
9.15am May Bissett (RIP)

Weds 31st **St Ignatius of Loyola, Confessor**  
4.30pm *Reception of Sarah Gallagher RIP*  
6.30pm Margaret Murray (RIP) (Latin)

Thurs 1st **St Alphonsus Liguori (Memoria)**  
9.15am Constance Mavis Stanford (RIP)  
11.30am *Requiem Mass: Sarah Gallagher RIP*

Fri 2nd **St Peter Julian Eymard (Memoria)** *First Friday*  
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*  
6.30pm For our deceased relatives & friends

Sat 3rd **Saturday Mass of the BVM** *Five First Saturdays Devotion*  
10.00am Michele Calabrese (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:** Heather Saunders (RIP, Anniversary)

Sun 4th **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9.15am For the Parish  
11.15am Pietro Lallo (RIP)  
4.00pm Italian Mass

**Rosary** *Mon, Tues, Thurs after 9.15am Mass*  
*Wed, Fri at 6.00pm*  
*First Saturday of each month after 10.00am Mass*

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**Travel issues:** With the recent **CrowdStrike IT outage** millions of people saw their travel plans go up in smoke, with many flights cancelled. It reminded us just how hard it is to rely on different means of transport. Therefore, whether you're planning a road trip or flying to a far-off spot, **St Christopher** is your trusty intercessor to call on. Invoke his help for safe and smooth journeys and consider him your celestial GPS.

Let's keep calm and invoke the saints, our celestial helpers and have a great summer.

*Fr David Jones OLV*

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**Interested in becoming Catholic?** If you are and you're over 18, you can join the RCIA course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) which will begin towards the end of September. We meet alternate Thursdays at 7pm and study the Catholic faith. If you enrol on the course there is no obligation to become a Catholic at the end of it. The course is also suitable for already Catholic adults who would like to be confirmed. Please contact Fr Paul or email the parish office.

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**This year's Dowry Pilgrimage to Walsingham, on Sunday 1st September**, will be led by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP. More information is available at [www.walsingham.org.uk/event/dowry-of-mary-pilgrimage-3/](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/event/dowry-of-mary-pilgrimage-3/)

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**March for Life UK** will take place in London on **Saturday 7th September**. There will be a coach from St Mary's if enough people would like to go. Please sign up on the SPUC noticeboard at the back of the church. The theme for this year's march is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Find out more at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk).

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**A date for your diaries from Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth:**

After last year's success "The Big Sing" will be here again on **6th October 2024** at 4.00pm. At The Immaculate Conception Church, Oadby. We are inviting all young people, families, friends and parishes with their own music groups and choirs, to come along and be involved in the liturgy with their voices and instruments. Our posters and full information will come out to you all at the end of August but **SAVE THE DATE TO YOUR DIARIES!** Contact information: Pauline Payne 07885 187374 [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com) or Jo Shearer – [joshearer@hotmail.com](mailto:joshearer@hotmail.com).

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## VACANCY

**The Diocesan Education Service** is seeking to appoint a highly professional, motivated Governance Manager to join their small and friendly team. This is a part-time / term-time permanent appointment. The post will start on **1st September**, at a FTE salary of between £38k and £42k. Applications should be received by noon, **Monday 29th July**. More details can be found at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers)

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### Confirmation 2025:

Those wishing to be confirmed in 2025 should be in at least Year 7 by September 2024. This is advance notice that anyone applying should be attending weekly Mass now. Those not already attending weekly Mass for a considerable time by the time the application forms are available will be asked to postpone their application until such a time as they are.

*Fr Paul*

### PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 9.00am or 11.15am Mass this Sunday (28th July)

## 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

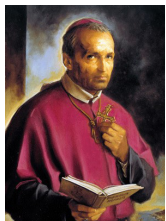
Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the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

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**Grub Club** is open at the United Reformed Church on Frederick Street every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from **11.00am to 2.00pm until Tuesday 13th August**. The children enjoy a range of activities and everyone is served a 3-course lunch. The target audience is those families who may be struggling, financially, especially during this lengthy summer break. If you know of any families who you think would benefit from this provision, please give them the details. There's no need to book; they can just turn up.

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**The Diocesan Youth Service has vacancies for two roles based at The Briers, Crich: Centre Manager** (37.5 hours per week; £35-45k) and **Programme Director** (40 hours per week, some evenings and weekends; £28-34k). Application deadline: **Friday 16th August**. Full details and application forms are available at [ndcys.com/job-vacancies/](http://ndcys.com/job-vacancies/)



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## From the Saints

*'Let us thank God for having called us to His Holy Faith. It is a gift and the number of those who thank God for it is small.'*

**St Ignace of Loyola (1543-1622)**

## Our Parish now has Contactless Giving

Your donations will maintain our beautiful church building and support the work, mission, and ministry of our parish.

### Contactless giving is simple:

Select your amount and hold your card against the card reader. For donations of £100 or over, Chip & Pin can be used

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## Last Week's Finance

**Collection:** £889.24 (£92 gift-aided)

**Standing orders:** £832 @ 30/06 (£705 gift-aided)

**Attendance:** 432

*Thank you*

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**Please consider switching your weekly offering to Standing Order and adding Gift Aid if possible**

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## St Mary's bank account details for online donations

*Bank:* Lloyds

*A/c name:* St Mary of Annun Lough RCP

*Sort code:* 30-95-21

*A/c no:* 00481028



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