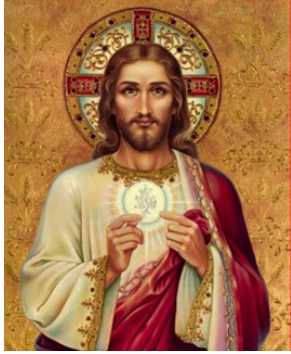


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NEWSLETTER

Food for the Journey



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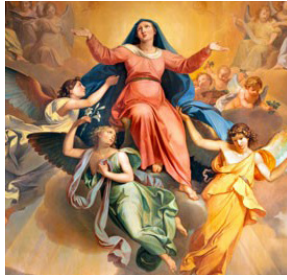
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As a child my mother used to tell me the fascinating story of the German mystic, **Therese Neumann** (1898-1962) who had many heavenly visions and saw many scenes from the life of Our Lord. Like St Padre Pio and St Francis of Assisi she bore the **stigmata** – the wounds of Christ on her body. Although bedridden for many years due to an accident, she physically relived the Passion of Christ every Friday and would clinically die at 3pm (the traditional hour of Our Lord's death), meaning that all the vital signs of life would disappear from her only to return a short time later. Countless bishops, priests and laity would visit her each year and witness all this first hand, including the fact that for twenty years she took no food or drink and lived only on Holy Communion. Many doctors and even some priests thought it a hoax, and so on one occasion she was closely examined for fifteen days, never being left alone for an instant, during which time she took no nourishment except for Holy Communion. But her health and weight remained the same as before. When asked how this could be, Therese replied, *"The Saviour can do all things. Did He not say that, "My Flesh is real food, and My Blood is real drink?"*

God sometimes allows miracles like this to verify the fact that His Son truly is the Bread from Heaven and that we really receive Him in Holy Communion. When Our Lord says in today's Gospel that He is the living bread come down from Heaven and whoever who eats this bread will live forever, this is the **Holy Eucharist** (John 6:41-51). Just as the prophet Elijah in the First Reading (1 Kings 19:4-8) couldn't complete his journey without the nourishment miraculously provided by God, similarly we cannot complete our earthly journey without the supernatural food given us by Christ. This is why He instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, because He knew we would need it for our journey towards eternal life in Heaven.

We have a great privilege as Catholics to be able to receive JESUS in the Holy Eucharist, so we must thank Our Lord profoundly for this great gift and strive for great purity of soul in order to receive Him worthily. **St Padre Pio** once said with great trepidation, *"God sees*

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Assumption of the BVM

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Luong Duc Tinh

Tracey Allen

Rob Whitehouse

Guy Nash

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Antonietta Albiniano

Erroll Starbuck

John Colardo

John Marples

Alf Cooper

Elizabeth Mallon

Anna Madge

Norah Fay

Maria Camara

Colum Fox

David Taylor

Joan Van Ristell-Brown

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 10th Vigil Mass
6.00pm For the Parish

Sun 11th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am John & Andrew Marples (RIP)
11.15am Fr Jan Bloch (RIP, Anniversary)
4.00pm **No Italian Mass**

Mon 12th St Jane Frances de Chantal (Memoria)
9.15am John Marples (RIP, Anniversary)

Tues 13th Ss Pontian & Hippolytus (Memoria)
9.15am Intention for the living

Weds 14th Vigil of the Assumption of the BVM
6.30pm Marian Kotarba (RIP) (Latin)

Thurs 15th The Assumption of the BVM (Solemnity)
9.15am Costantino Lallo (RIP)
6.30pm Holy Souls

Fri 16th St Stephen of Hungary (Memoria)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Flora, Diosdado & Rolando Limikid

Sat 17th Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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:** Intention for the living

Sun 18th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Stephen Bowmer (RIP)
4.00pm **No Italian Mass**

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

Holy Hour of Reparation: There was a wonderful turnout of 80 people for the Holy Hour in reparation for the Olympics opening ceremony last Tuesday evening. Thank you to all who were able to attend.
Fr Paul

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stains even in the angels. What must He see in me?" Therefore he was very diligent in going to Confession frequently. **St Thérèse of Lisieux**, if she was aware of the slightest venial sin on her soul, would refrain from receiving Holy Communion until she had been to Confession. This was one of the main reasons **Pope St Pius X** lowered the age of First Holy Communion from twelve years of age to seven to allow JESUS to enter the innocent hearts of children. So we should not receive if we are aware of any unconfessed mortal sin, because otherwise as St Ambrose said, *"We enter church with a few sins and leave it burdened with many"*.

One of the most consoling things for a Catholic has to be our final Holy Communion or **'Viaticum'** which means **'food for the journey'** when death is approaching. It's a great grace when this happens. When our earthly life is failing we look to JESUS, the life of our immortal souls and remember His promise, *"He who eats this Bread shall live forever"* (John 6:59).

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

This weekend we bid a sad farewell to Noel Henry, one of our organists, who is moving to Wales. I am most grateful to Noel who has made such a great contribution to the music at St Mary's, particularly the 11.15am Mass over the past ten years, and he has been superb in encouraging our up and coming musical talent. We will miss him very much, but wish him well in his new life in Wales. **There will be a reception in the hall after the 11.15am Mass this Sunday**, at which you will all be welcome. *Fr Paul*

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady falls on Thursday 15th August and is a Holyday of Obligation.

Masses will be at 9.15am and 6.30pm. The 6.30pm Latin Mass on **Wednesday 14th August** will be of the Vigil of the Assumption and also fulfils the obligation.

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.

VACANCIES

The Diocesan Youth Service has vacancies for two roles based at The Briars, 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/

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

March for Life UK will take place in London on **Saturday 7th September**. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk. Unfortunately transport from St Mary's will not now be possible.

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.

The next Food Bank collection will be on Saturday 7th September between 10.30 and 11.00am in the car park. Items requested: small cans of fruit, tea bags, small jars of coffee and sachets of drinking chocolate, washing machine products, shampoo, shower gel, long life milk and small tubes/bottles of factor 30/50 sun cream. Thank you for your continued support. *Jane Monaghan*

Pilgrimage in honour of Blessed Cyprian Tansi, Mount St Bernard Abbey, Saturday 31st August, 10.30am: This annual event is resuming for the first time since the pandemic. Last year marked 25 years since Blessed Cyprian's beatification and this year it is 60 years since he died in Leicester Royal Infirmary. All welcome to experience a day of great blessings.

From the Saints

"If the angels could envy, they would envy us for Holy Communion"

(Pope St Pius X, 1835-1914)



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

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Last Week's Finance

Collection: £668 (£152 gift-aided)

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

Attendance: 430

Thank you

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