

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

28th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

Catholics and Our Lady

As you know, last Sunday was **Rosary Sunday**, and after Mass I was asked by a couple of students how to respond when we Catholics get accused of worshipping Mary.

Firstly, it's not the Catholic Church that made Mary important. **God made her important!** From all eternity, He had chosen her to be the Mother of His Divine Son, JESUS Christ. But we do not worship Mary. We worship only God, Who is a Trinity of Persons; **Father, Son and Holy Spirit**. And the special Greek word for this worship is '**latría**', which means divine worship. There is another word, '**dulia**', which means **veneration or respect**, such as we give to our parents, to the Pope and the bishops, to the monarch, to civil leaders, people in authority, and also to the saints who are now in Heaven. But to Mary, we never give her 'latría' because that is due to God alone. We give Mary the **highest form of veneration and respect**, and the word for this is '**hyperdulia**'. This is similar to 'dulia' but to a higher degree.

Did JESUS **honour** His Mother on earth? Of course He did. The fourth commandment is to "**honour your father and mother**" (Deuteronomy 5:16). Can you imagine Our Lord disrespecting His Mother? The answer is obviously no. Being God He was perfect and kept all the Commandments perfectly. So if He honoured His Mother and we are His followers, we should honour her too. In fact we read in the New Testament that when Mary conceived the Child JESUS in her womb, straight away she visited her cousin Elisabeth, and prophesied in the Magnificat, "**for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed**" (Luke 1:48).

Then think of the **Rosary**. Are we worshipping Mary when we say it? We are not. We say the **Our Father**, the prayer that **JESUS** taught us. The first part of the Hail Mary comes from St Luke's Gospel (1:28), and these words were first spoken by the **Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation**, and in the middle of it we say, "**blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, [JESUS]**" (1:42). While reciting those Hail Mary's we meditate on the mysteries of the Incarnation, Passion and Resurrection of **JESUS**. Then every decade ends with

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St Teresa of Avila

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Fr Brian Cuddihy IC
Tony Wilkinson
Peter Faulks
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Brian Dzudzewicz
Anne Moore
Allen Junio
Gisela Rodgers
Terry Gilbert
Maria Houghton
Frank Mazzotti

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 12th Vigil Mass
6.00pm Greg Baker (RIP)

Sun 13th Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Criselda Castillo (RIP, Anniversary)
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 14th St Callistus I (Memoria)
9.15am Eladia Indans (RIP)

Tues 15th St Teresa of Avila (Memoria)
9.15am Piotr Abucewicz (RIP, Anniversary)

Weds 16th St Margaret Mary Alacoque (Memoria)
6.30pm Priests in Purgatory (Ordinariate rite)

Thurs 17th St Ignatius of Antioch (Memoria)
9.15am Vittorio Giorgio (RIP)

Fri 18th St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Francine Naomi Umutoni (RIP)

Sat 19th Saturday Mass of the BVM
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 20th Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Holy Souls
11.15am Annamma Abraham (RIP, Anniversary)
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*

Thank you from CAFOD: Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in our parish collection or online and your prayers are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family. Learn more at cafod.org.uk/harvest

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the ‘**Glory be**’ which is the worship of the **Trinity**, followed by the Fatima prayer, “*O my JESUS, forgive us our sins ...*” And at the beginning we say the **Apostle’s Creed** which lays out the entire life of **JESUS** for us and tells us Who He is. The Rosary is not the worship of Mary. It’s all about **JESUS**, and the Rosary leads us to Him.

To conclude, there is another thing we Catholics are often criticised for, and that is calling Mary “**Mother of God**”. It is said this title makes her appear superior to JESUS. It doesn’t. It actually protects the truth of **Who JESUS is**. It asserts that JESUS Christ is **true man**, otherwise Mary could not be His Mother. It also asserts that JESUS Christ is **true God**, because otherwise Mary could not be the Mother of God. If you deny Mary is the Mother of God and say she’s only the mother of the man JESUS, you will more often than not deny that JESUS is divine, or you create two persons in JESUS Christ. Both are heresies. JESUS Christ is **one Person** with a **human nature** and a **divine nature**. This is one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, and calling Mary Mother of God safeguards this divinely revealed truth.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Are you a catechist? Have you thought about being one? The Diocese offers three courses. Encounter Catechesis provides the foundations of catechesis; Discipleship Catechesis explores a good knowledge of key points of Catholic Theology; and Missionary Catechesis is focused on going beyond sacramental preparation to help form disciples of all ages. To enquire please follow this link bit.ly/formation2425 or email: formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Assisted Suicide - a threat to the vulnerable: a talk being given on **Tuesday 15th October** at 7.00pm in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AE by Professor David Jones, explaining why legalising assisted suicide would be a mistake. MPs will soon be voting on a bill to legalise assisted suicide. The danger of the legalisation of assisted suicide within the British Isles has never been greater. At the same time, there is more and more evidence from abroad about the harms that follow if the law is changed. Please join us if you are able, or the talk will be livestreamed www.facebook.com/dioceseofnottingham For more information, contact John of Nottingham SPUC on 077578 15625 or spucnottingham@gmail.com. **There is a Novena from the Bishops available at the back of the church.**

First Holy Communion

2025: Application forms are available from Fr Paul. The closing date is **Sunday 3rd November**.

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*

Nottingham Cathedral Choir sings Requiescant in Pace,

the sublime Requiem Masses of both Fauré and Durufé on **Friday 15th November** at 7.30pm, accompanied by David Grealy and Soloist Will Burn. See the poster at the back of the church.

Next weekend there will be a Missionary Appeal on behalf of the Holy Family Sisters of the Needy by Sr Dymphna.

St Mary’s News: The next edition of the Parish News is now available. The suggested donation is £1 to help cover print costs.

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.

Food Bank/Your Store: The next collection will be on **Saturday 19th October**, 10.30-11.00am, in the car park. Items requested are toiletries, washing detergents, small jars of coffee, tea bags, longlife milk, biscuits. There will be further collections on **9th November** and **7th December**. Thank you for your continued support. *Jane Monaghan*

The next Knights of St Columba Quiz will be on on **Saturday 26th October** in Sacred Heart Parish Hall starting at 7.30pm. All profits from the evening will go to the Knight's youth activities, especially here in Loughborough where they will be holding their usual Epiphany and Palm Sunday events. The cost remains just £7 a head, £3 for children and students, to include a cheese supper, wine and soft drinks. If you would like to go, please call Will Holland on 07811 353 248. This helps with the catering.



From the Saints

"I have been amazed that some are utterly in doubt as to whether the Holy Virgin is able to be called the Mother of God. For if our Lord JESUS Christ is God, how should the Holy Virgin who bore Him not be the Mother of God?"

St Cyril of Alexandria (ca. 376-444)

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

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £861 (£200 gift-aided)

CAFOD Family Fast Day: £469 (1st receipts)

Standing orders: £851 @ 31/08 (£752 gift-aided)

Attendance: 622

Thank you

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

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

Alternatively, scan this QR code to donate securely from your phone

