

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

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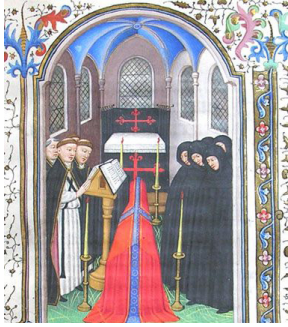
NEWSLETTER

Praying for our dead

The month of **November** in which we remember our dead is almost upon us. But we don't just remember them – we **pray** for them because they may well be in need of our prayers if they are undergoing purification in **Purgatory**.

The belief in the necessity of **praying and offering Masses for the dead** goes right back to the Apostles and the beginnings of Christianity. It is frequently referred to in the writings of the early Fathers of the Church. **Tertullian** (160-240) speaks of **anniversary Masses**: *“The faithful widow prays for the soul of her husband, and begs for him in the interim repose ... and offers prayers on the anniversary of his death.”* In the **catacombs in Rome** where the bodies of the early Christians lie, there are a number of touching epitaphs. In one a husband declares that he has placed an inscription for his departed wife Lucifera, *“in order that all who read it may pray for her, that she may reach God.”* The early Christians wanted prayers and Masses offered for them after death, and they had learned this from the Old Testament, where in the **second book of Maccabees** (12:43-46), prayers and sacrifices are offered for the dead *“that they may be loosed from their sins”*.

If someone dies in a state of **mortal sin** having **refused to repent**, their only destination is Hell. *“If a tree falls to the south or the north, in what place so ever it shall fall, there it shall be”* (Ecclesiasticus 11:3). If someone dies in a **state of grace** but not yet perfectly purified, Purgatory is the **completion of their sanctification** where they pay the **debt of their sins**. Our actions have consequences and affect other people. If my neighbour lends me their lawnmower and I break it, they may well forgive me, but I still have to get it fixed or buy him a new one. So while JESUS paid the **price** of our sins, we still have to make **reparation** for them. Our Lord never used the word ‘Purgatory’ but He certainly alluded to its existence. For example, in Luke 12:58-59, He speaks a parable about a judge throwing someone into prison to settle a debt. And He concludes by saying, *“You will never get out until you have paid the very last penny”*. Since you cannot get out of Hell because it is eternal (Luke 16:26), the prison Our Lord is referring to here is clearly Purgatory. God is so merciful, that He allows us to make this reparation even after death.



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All Saints

Please pray for those
who are sick

for those who have
recently died

May they rest in peace

and for those whose
anniversaries occur at
this time

Liza Veiga

Vince Guarsci

Mario Sepede

Eileen Hatley

Fr Ted Cody IC

May Sweetman

Mary Hudson

Stephen Bowmer

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 26th **Vigil Mass**
6.00pm Stephen Bowmer (RIP, Anniversary)

Sun 27th **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Intention for the living
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 28th **Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast)**
9.15am Lucy D'Costa (RIP)

Tues 29th **Feria**
9.15am Linah Rubvukwa (RIP)

Weds 30th **Feria**
6.30pm Antonino Lanza (RIP) (Latin)

Thurs 31st **Feria**
9.15am Maria Katarzyna Paluch (RIP)
6.30pm **Vigil Mass:** Jose Evaristo Rivas Diaz (RIP) (Latin)

Fri 1st **All Saints (Holyday of Obligation)** *First Friday*
9.15am Deceased Members of the Castillo Family
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm For our Deceased Relatives and Friends

Sat 2nd **All Souls** *First Saturday*
10.00am Vito Caruso (RIP)
10.45am *Confessions*
12 noon Pope's Intention (Latin)
6.00pm **Vigil Mass:** Giuseppina Giorgio (RIP)

Sun 3rd **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Norah Lillian Hutchings (RIP)
3.00pm *Blessing of Graves, Loughborough Cemetery*

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

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Tues 29th Bible Study - 7.00pm in the library

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We may try hard to live a life growing in virtue and sanctity, but when we die we might only be 75% a saint. The other 25% is our greediness, our selfishness and our attachment to things of this world. Since nothing impure or tainted can enter Heaven, (Apocalypse 21:27) we have to be purified or **purged** of those sinful tendencies. This purification takes place in Purgatory. When we pray for the souls in Purgatory and have Masses offered for them, we help to speed up this process of purification and sanctification.

God sometimes allows souls in Purgatory to appear and ask for our prayers. **Maria Simma** (1915-2004), an Austrian mystic, 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 it was then she realised he was a poor soul.

In this month of November, let us do our very best to help the poor souls, by praying for them, by attending Mass on their behalf and by applying Indulgences to them. You will find details of the November Indulgences below.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

All Saints falls on Friday 1st November and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 9.15am and 6.30pm. There will also be a Latin Vigil Mass on Thursday 31st October at 6.30pm which also fulfils the obligation. **Saturday 2nd November is All Souls Day.** Masses will be at 10am, 12 noon (Latin) and 6pm Mass. There will be no Exposition that day but there will be Confessions after 10am Mass. The 6pm Saturday Mass will be of All Souls and not of the Sunday, but it will still fulfil the Sunday obligation.

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, 3rd November, meeting in the car park just before 3pm.**

Parish Christmas Fayre Saturday 23rd November We need your help

Prizes for the raffle and bottles for the bottle stall can be placed in the box by the Repository after each weekend Mass.

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

90% of us will need Palliative Care: Marie Curie, the leading UK end of life charity, estimates that 90% of us will need palliative care at some point in our lives. In countries which have allowed assisted suicide, hospices have been forced to close. Please ask your MP not to allow assisted suicide to be part of our NHS, using this tool: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/assistedsuicideuk>

Nottingham Cathedral Choir sings Requiescant in Pace, the sublime Requiem Masses of both Fauré and Duruflé on **Friday 15th November** at 7.30pm, accompanied by David Grealy and Soloist Will Burn. See the poster at the back of the church.

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.

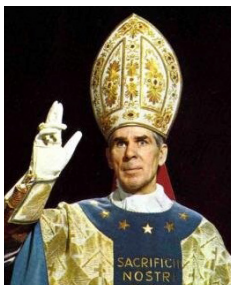
World Mission Sunday (20th October): Last weekend we should have had the annual obligatory collection for Missio. However, it **had to be postponed until this weekend** to allow Sr Dymphna to make her appeal on behalf of the Holy Family Sisters. Your prayers and support for Missio will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. To make a donation, please use the Missio envelope or visit mission.org.uk to give online.

This weekend there is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Patrick on assisted dying which will be read at all Masses.

From the Saints

“As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are and they will say, ‘A poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory’.”

Venerable Fulton Sheen (1895-1979)



The annual Mass for the Bereaved will be on Tuesday 26th November at 6.30pm.

St Mary's School: There is an open invitation from the children to join them in weekly prayer at 12.40 in the Chaplaincy area in the Library. This month they are praying the Rosary; all welcome. *Jane Monaghan*

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £722 (£162 gift-aided)

2nd Collection: £703

Standing orders: £855 @ 30/09 (£726 gift-aided)

Attendance: 576

Thank you

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