

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

27th SUNDAY IN
OT (Rosary Sunday)

NEWSLETTER

The Power of the Holy Rosary



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Once again we are in October, the month dedicated to the **Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. The Rosary is one of the most universal and loved devotions in the Catholic Church, and its popular use is always attributed to **St Dominic** (1170-1221), the Founder of the Dominican Order. When the **Albigensian heresy** was spreading throughout France in the 13th Century, Dominic, because he was a great orator, was told by the Pope to preach against it, but his efforts bore no fruit, and he realised he needed some stronger spiritual power to overcome it. So in 1208, he retreated to a forest near the town of Fanjeaux in France, and prayed hard and did acts of penance. After three days Our Lady appeared to him and gave him the Rosary as we know it today, with the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries, and told him to use it as a **“weapon”** against the Albigensian heretics. Our Lady also told him that in the fight against evil, the Rosary would be the **“battering ram”** against theological error.

Before Our Lady appeared to St Dominic, the custom had been to simply recite the Our Father and the ten Hail Marys. There were no mysteries to meditate upon. And Our Lady told St Dominic to combine the recitation of the Our Father and the ten Hail Marys with meditating on the various mysteries which focused on the Incarnation, Passion and glorious triumph of Our Lord. Dominic was to preach this, and it would in turn lead people to Christ and convert them. The devotion of the Rosary then spread rapidly, and in a short space of time the Albigensian heretics began to be converted – over a hundred thousand of them.

In succeeding centuries, **when Christendom was under attack**, the Rosary was again taken up as the weapon. The Rosary clearly delivered Europe from the Turks at the **Battle of Lepanto** on 7th October 1571, resulting in the saving of Christian civilization. The anniversary of this victory eventually became the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary** which we celebrate tomorrow (Monday). In more recent times the deliverance of Austria, Brazil and Portugal from communist regimes has been brought about by millions saying the Rosary. And **Our Lady of Fatima** in 1917 told the three seers, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco that she has given a new efficacy to the Rosary in these last times, to

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St John Henry Newman

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Tony Wilkinson
Bernard Lynch
Peter Faulks

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Margaret Cunningham
Vera Sparks
Fr Tim Maloney IC
Pavel Topoloveavu
Ted Betts
Barbara Arden-Rowe
John McEnergy
Vincenzo Sozzo
Sheila Edmundson
Kathleen Leakey
Joe Elsner
Phyllis Wood
Tony Lanza
Frank Mills

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 5th <i>6.00pm</i>	Vigil Mass For the Parish
Sun 6th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT (Rosary Sunday) Arnold De Rijk (RIP, Anniversary) Holy Souls (Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary) Italian Mass
Mon 7th <i>9.15am</i>	Our Lady of the Rosary (Memoria) John McEnergy (RIP)
Tues 8th <i>9.15am</i>	Feria John McEnergy (RIP, Anniversary)
Weds 9th <i>6.30pm</i>	St John Henry Newman, Confessor Tony & Arlinda Pinto (RIP) (Latin)
Thurs 10th <i>9.15am</i>	St Paulinus (Memoria) Sarah Gallagher (RIP)
Fri 11th <i>6.00-6.25pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	St John Leonardi (Memoria) <i>Confessions</i> Catherine Fields (RIP, Anniversary)
Sat 12th <i>10.30am</i> <i>-12.30pm</i> <i>2.30pm</i> <i>6.00pm</i>	Saturday Mass of the BVM <i>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm</i> <i>Baptisms</i> Vigil Mass: Greg Baker (RIP)
Sun 13th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parish Criselda Castillo (RIP, Anniversary) Italian Mass
Rosary	<i>Mon, Tues, Thurs after 9.15am Mass; Wed, Fri at 6.00pm; First Saturday of each month after 10.00am Mass</i>

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Mon 7th	Christmas Fair meeting - 7.00pm in the hall
Tues 8th	Bible Study - 7.00pm in the library Volunteer training - 7.00pm in the school hall
Weds 9th	UCM - 2.00pm in the hall
Thurs 10th	RCIA - 7.00pm in the library

CAFOD's Family Fast Day, Friday 4th October: Envelopes will be collected this weekend. To donate online, go to cafod.org.uk/envelope

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such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult, whether temporal, or above all spiritual, that cannot be solved by the Rosary.

It's not unusual for people to tell me they find saying the Rosary challenging because they become easily distracted. Well, you are in good company, because the great Carmelite saint and Doctor of the Church, **St Thérèse of Lisieux** (1873-1897) whose feast we celebrated last Tuesday, had the same problem. She wrote in her autobiography '**Story of a Soul**', *"When I am alone (I am ashamed to admit it), the recitation of the Rosary is more difficult for me than the wearing of an instrument of penance. I feel I have said this so poorly. I force myself in vain to meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary; I don't succeed in fixing my mind on them. For a long time I was desolate about this lack of devotion that astonished me, for I love the Blessed Virgin so much that it should be easy for me to recite in her honour prayers which are so pleasing to her. Now I am less desolate; I think that the Queen of Heaven, since she is my Mother, must see my good will and she is satisfied with it."*

So although St Thérèse struggled to concentrate while saying the Rosary, she persevered with it. She didn't give up. She put her trust in Our Lady, knowing that in spite of her wandering mind, Our Lady would know her intentions and be pleased by them. Struggling is part of the journey. So never give up, **because we need the Rosary today more than ever before.**

Fr Paul Gillbam, IC

Fr Pedro Santos who has been with us for the past three weeks will be returning home to Brazil on Tuesday. I would like to thank him for his help in the parish during this time. However, following a meeting with Bishop Patrick, he will be returning to work in Nottingham Diocese early next year in a parish to be decided by the Bishop. As you are well aware, the need for priests here is now very great. Please keep Fr Pedro in your prayers.

Fr Paul

Holy Year: St Mary's has been nominated as one of the nine Jubilee Churches in Nottingham Diocese for the Holy Year which begins on Christmas Eve (see newsletter of 22nd September). At this moment in time, I'm not sure what being a Jubilee Church will mean, but the Diocese will be letting us know in due course. I do know that we will not be having a Holy Door as Rome has decreed these will be limited to the four Papal Basilicas in Rome.

Fr Paul

Meeting of the Rosminian Ascribed: Sunday 13th October, starting with Mass at 11am in the chapel at the Rosmini Centre. Lunch included.

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

Rosary during October:

A reminder that we recite the Rosary after the 9.15am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 6pm on Wednesdays and Fridays before the 6.30pm Mass, and on the First Saturday of the month after the 10.00am Mass.

Safeguarding: Training for all volunteers with enhanced DBS clearance will take place in the school hall on **Tuesday 8th October** at 7.00pm.

St Mary's Christmas Fair will be on **Saturday 23rd November** in the church hall. There will be a Christmas Fair meeting this **Monday 7th October** at 7pm. All welcome.

Tiny Feet coffee event after all Masses 5th/6th October: Drinks served as usual and there will also be information available about the work of SPUC.

40 Days for Life: Check the website www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester to see if you can help with the Leicester branch campaign to run a vigil for 40 days in support of life.

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.

The second RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) class for adults interested in becoming Catholic will be on **Thursday 10th October** at 7.00pm in the library. If anyone wishes to join, please speak to Fr Paul or email the parish office for an application form.

The Requiem Mass for the late Bernard Lynch will take place at Sacred Heart, Rothley on **Friday 11th October** at 11am. Bernard will be brought into church the evening before at 6pm.

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**. Lists for these dates will be posted nearer the time. Thank you for your continued support.

Jane Monaghan

From the Saints

"It is mainly to expand the kingdom of Christ that we look to the Rosary for the most effective help."

Pope Leo XIII, 1810-1903



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: £309 (£53 gift-aided)

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

Attendance: 580

Thank you

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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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