

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

CHRIST THE KING

NEWSLETTER

St John Paul II on life issues



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Pope St John Paul II (1920-2005) is often referred to as **“the Pope of life”**. Throughout his Pontificate of nearly twenty-eight years, he spoke clearly and consistently defending life at all stages, from conception until death. As the **Assisted Suicide Bill** will have its second reading in Parliament next **Friday 29th November**, it is well worth looking over some of the things he said on euthanasia, assisted suicide and human suffering. Here are some quotes from his writings and sermons:

“Even when not motivated by a selfish refusal to be burdened with the life of someone who is suffering, euthanasia must be called a false mercy, and indeed a disturbing “perversion” of mercy. True “compassion” leads to sharing another’s pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear.”

“Euthanasia is a grave violation of the law of God, since it is the deliberate and morally unacceptable killing of a human person.”

“Your sufferings, accepted and borne with unshakable faith, when joined to those of Christ take on extraordinary value for the life of the Church and the good of humanity.”

“In the light of Christ’s death and resurrection, illness no longer appears as an exclusively negative event ... Rather, it is seen ... as an opportunity ‘to release love ..., to transform the whole of human civilisation into a civilisation of love’.”

“As believers, how can we fail to see that abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are a terrible rejection of God’s gift of life and love? And as believers, how can we fail to feel the duty to surround the sick and those in distress with the warmth of our affection and the support that will help them always to embrace life?”

“A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and amongst the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying.”

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Christ the King

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

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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 23rd Vigil Mass
6.00pm Giuseppina Giorgio (RIP)

Sun 24th Christ the King (Solemnity)
9.00am Antonio & Giulia Palmieri (RIP)
11.15am Aislabie Harrison (RIP, Anniversary)
4.00pm Italian Mass

Mon 25th St Catherine of Alexandria (Memoria)
9.15am Keith Bowles (RIP)

Tues 26th Feria
9.15am Holy Souls
6.30pm Mass for the Bereaved

Weds 27th Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
6.30pm Ray Wainwright (RIP) (Latin)

Thurs 28th Feria
9.15am Mario Sepede (RIP, Anniversary)

Fri 29th Feria
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Fr John Whelton, IC (RIP, Anniversary)

Sat 30th St Andrew, Patron of Scotland (Feast)
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:** Charles Connolly (RIP)

Sun 1st First Sunday of Advent
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Andy Newbold (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*

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Tues 26th Bible Study - 7.00pm in the library

Weds 27th UCM - 2.00pm in the hall

Today is World Youth Day and we welcome pupils from St Mary's School and De Lisle College who will be doing the readings at the Sunday Masses.

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“The legal toleration of abortion or of euthanasia can in no way claim to be based on respect for the conscience of others, precisely because society has the right and the duty to protect itself against the abuses which can occur in the name of conscience and under the pretext of freedom.”

“Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never acceptable acts of mercy. They always gravely exploit the suffering and desperate, extinguishing life in the name of the ‘quality of life’ itself.”

“Never tire of firmly speaking out in defence of life from its conception, and do not be deterred from the commitment to the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: do not be afraid!”

Finally, St John Paul II always sought the **help of Our Lady**, especially for the sick and dying. He wrote on 12th February 2004, the **World Day of the Sick**: “I entrust all of you to the Most Holy Virgin ... may she help every Christian to witness that the only authentic answer to pain, suffering and death, is Christ our Lord, Who died and rose for us.”

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Young adults are invited to Sacred Heart Church, Leicester, on Thursday 28th November, starting from 6.00pm with a holy hour, followed by a talk at 7.00pm from Father Dave Cain, finishing with social time and compline.

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception class) - children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. The deadline for submitting applications for a school place is **15th January 2025**. Application forms are available on ‘home’ Local Authority websites. For every Catholic school application where a child is to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion there should also be a supplementary information form, completed and returned to the school by the deadline; these forms are available from the LA and the school. Applicants must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable; contact the parish of baptism for a copy if needed, in good time). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean the child is ranked in a lower criterion, which may affect the chances of a place.

The Christmas Food Bank/Your Store collection will be on Saturday 7th December in the church park from 10.30 to 11.00am.

Requested are biscuits, chocolate treats of any kind, Christmas crackers, hot chocolate sachets, sweets. There’s a full list is on the church door as you enter the building. Thank you very much for your support of this venture over the past year; the staff greatly appreciate St Mary’s donations. We continue to be one of the greatest contributors. *Jane Monaghan*

Our Advent Carol Service will be on Sunday 8th December at 6pm

and will be sung by the 11.15am Mass choir. There is a lot of great music composed for Advent and this is distinct to our usual **Christmas Carol Service** which will be on **Sunday 22nd December at 4.00pm**. I hope both will be well supported as a lot of work goes into preparation. *Fr Paul*

The next Catch up Cafe will be **Tuesday 3rd December**. We are having a Christmas Celebration with a shared table. All welcome to come and join in the fun.

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.

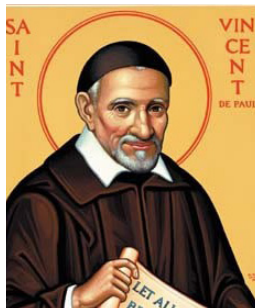
New Sunday Missals: Pre-ordered copies of the CTS Sunday Missal, with the new translation of the readings, are now available for collection from the Repository; there are also a limited number of copies available for sale.

The second collection next weekend will be for Exaireo, a local Christian charity whose mission is to support homeless people through providing accommodation, work, training and rehabilitation. Your donations will help to pay for a Christmas lunch for the charity's residents; for some of them this may be their only festive meal. For more information ring Exaireo on 01509 266422. Bank details: 40-52-40/00017334. Thank you.

From the Saints

"If we only knew the precious treasure hidden in infirmities, we would receive them with the same joy with which we receive the greatest benefits, and we would bear them without ever complaining or showing signs of weariness."

St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660)



Today is the Feast of Christ the King and the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Next weekend we begin the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent when we will light the first candle on the Advent wreath.

'Walk with me' booklets for Advent are available. Suggested donation: £1.

A reminder that the new Lectionary, with the new translation of the Mass readings, comes into effect next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent. They will be blessed at Mass next **Friday 29th November**.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £719 (£80 gift-aided)

Standing orders: £829 @ 31/10 (£688 gift-aided)

Attendance: 657

Thank you

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