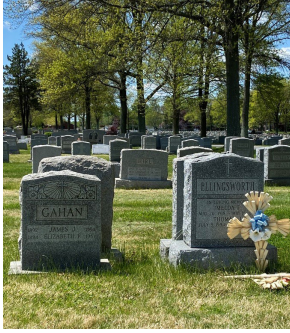


St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

31st SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

Indulgences and the Holy Souls



People regularly ask me about the topic of “**Indulgences**” and since we are in November and we can gain many Indulgences for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**, it seems opportune, once again, to give a brief explanation about this much misunderstood doctrine of the Church.

One of the great myths about Indulgences is that the Church has abolished them. This is totally false. You will find the teaching explained very carefully in the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** (#1471-1479) and Pope Francis grants Indulgences for various things regularly. The Catechism describes an Indulgence as the remission of **temporal punishment** due to sin whose guilt is already forgiven in Confession (CCC #1471). They can be obtained by carrying out certain pious or charitable acts specified by the Church. A **Partial Indulgence** removes part of the punishment or debt due to sin, whereas a **Plenary Indulgence** removes all of it. So if you manage to gain a Plenary Indulgence and apply it to a Poor Soul, you will have released them from Purgatory and enabled them to enter Heaven. How they will thank you and pray for you!

Every sin has two consequences: **guilt** and **debt**. In the sacrament of Penance we confess our sins, receive God’s forgiveness and perform a penance. So through a good **Confession** the **guilt** of our sins is removed, and if we have committed **mortal** or **grave** sin which cuts us off from God, we are restored to God’s grace and the penalty of Hell is removed. **But the debt still has to be paid**. As I wrote last week, 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. And it’s the same with sin – God forgives us when we repent, but we still have to pay the debt of our sins. That debt is paid either in this life or in **Purgatory**, where God heals us and undoes the damage we have done. This is where Indulgences help us, because we can pay the debt of sin in **this life**.

We can also apply any Indulgences we gain to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For example, the Church attaches a **Plenary Indulgence** to the recitation of **five decades of the Rosary** in a church or

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St Charles Borromeo

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Phyllis Ragg

May she rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Margaret Cramp

Bob Moore

Jerzy Stepowski

Francesca Sepede

Marion Uttley

Ron Lucas

Teresa Brewin

Barbara Morrison

Frances Ebong

Parny Tinker

Patricia Wilkinson

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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 2nd **All Souls (Third Mass)**
6.00pm For all the Faithful Departed

Sun 3rd **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Norah Lillian Hutchings (RIP)
3.00pm *Blessing of Graves & Rosary, Loughborough Cemetery*
4.00pm Italian Mass, Loughborough Mausoleum

Mon 4th **St Charles Borromeo (Memoria)**
9.15am Francesca Carmela Sepede (RIP, Anniversary)

Tues 5th **Feria**
9.15am Barbara Morrison (RIP, Anniversary)

Weds 6th **Feria**
6.30pm Holy Souls (Latin)

Thurs 7th **St Willibrord (Memoria)**
9.15am Rose McGrath (RIP, Anniversary)

Fri 8th **Feria**
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Salvatore Fele (RIP)

Sat 9th **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (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:** Michele Giorgio (RIP, Anniversary)

Sun 10th **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am For the Fallen
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

Mon 4th Talk on Assisted Suicide - 7.30pm in the hall (see p4)

Tues 5th Catch Up Cafe - 2.00pm in the hall

Thurs 7th RCIA - 7.00pm

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

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oratory, or when it is recited in the family. We have the Rosary in the church almost every day - an opportunity to gain a Plenary Indulgence! And in November, why not apply it to the Holy Souls? You may also obtain a Plenary Indulgence for the Holy Souls by visiting a cemetery between **1st and 8th November** and praying for the dead. (See below). We should use these great treasures of the Church to help the Poor Souls. In fact, it would be cruel not to. Can we really refuse to help our departed loved ones who are crying out to us in their hour of need? In addition to performing the prescribed act of devotion, one must be in a **state of grace**, have a **detachment from all sin**, even venial sin, make a **sacramental confession** within a week either before or after, **receive Holy Communion**, and pray for the **Pope's intention** (an Our Father and Hail Mary suffice). If one doesn't fulfil all these conditions, the Indulgence is partial, but one must be in a state of grace.

Finally, a very easy way to help the Poor Souls with a Partial Indulgence is by saying the prayer: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Fr Paul Gillbam, IC

GRUB CLUB: We had a good turnout on the Tuesday and Thursday of school half term break and wonderful help from the volunteers; many thanks to them all. We served a total of 132 meals to 25 adults and 47 children from 24 families, many of whom came both days. The children were from nine primary schools and some of them were joined by older siblings. Our next Grub Club will be on **Monday 30th December**.

Eileen Smith

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 help with:

New/unwanted gifts for the raffle and tombola
Bottles for the bottle stall
Teddy bears and books in good condition

Jewellery

Bags of sweets

Items can be placed in the box by the Repository after each weekend Mass.

Thank you

Raffle tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses from this weekend until the end of the Fayre.

Assisted Suicide Bill: On Monday 18th November

we will have a Holy Hour to pray that the Assisted Suicide Bill will be defeated in Parliament. I hope many of you will be able to attend. The Bill has its second reading in the House of Commons on **29th November**. *Fr Paul*

Today, Sunday 3rd November, is the closing date for First Holy Communion applications. There will be a short parents meeting in the hall on **Monday 4th November** at 7pm at which any questions will be answered and Mass Attendance Cards distributed.

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.

Prayers for the Holy Souls, which you are invited to pray particularly during this month of November, are available at the back of the church for you to take.

Book of Remembrance: The First Friday Mass is always celebrated for our deceased relatives and friends whose names are enrolled in our Book of Remembrance. If you wish to add any names, please fill in the sheet at the back of the church. If you have already added a name you don't need to do so again.

Mass Intentions: A reminder that if you want a Mass celebrated on a particular date, you are advised to book at least six months in advance. There is little point asking a week or two before as it will almost certainly already be taken.

Fr Paul

From the Saints

"If during life we have been kind to the suffering souls in Purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death."

St Paul of the Cross (1694-1775)



Assisted Suicide:

Perception versus Reality.
A Bill legalising Assisted Suicide is before Parliament with a free vote for MPs.
Come and listen to Professor David Paton speak on what this would mean for our culture and why we must oppose it. **Monday 4th November, 7:30 pm** in the parish hall

Sr Dymphna of the Holy Family Sisters of the Needy has written to thank you for the generous collection of £703

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £742 (£97 gift-aided)

World Mission Sunday: £254 (1st count)

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

Attendance: 629

Thank you

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