

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

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NEWSLETTER

Jubilee Year Indulgences and St Mary's



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On Christmas Eve last year Pope Francis inaugurated the **Holy Year** or **Jubilee Year** when he opened the **Holy Door** in **St Peter's Basilica**. This is a very ancient tradition which dates back to 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed a Holy Year to mark the beginning of the century, when slaves and prisoners were freed, debts forgiven and the great mercies of God made particularly manifest. A Holy Year is also a special year of the **forgiveness of sins** and when we try to grow closer to God through **prayer, pilgrimages and acts of charity**. If you have been carrying a serious sin around with you for many years, this is a special time of grace to unburden yourself. The Holy Year will end on 6th January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

One of the great spiritual gifts of a Jubilee Year is the **Plenary Indulgence**. When we confess our sins with real sorrow and receive absolution from a priest, if we have committed mortal sin, God removes the **eternal punishment** due (ie. Hell) and restores our relationship with Him. But even after sins are forgiven, there may still be **temporal punishment** due to those sins, meaning we have to be purified, either on earth or in Purgatory, because even after sins have been forgiven, their **effects** remain. So the Church, through the authority given her by Christ, grants Indulgences to help us be purified in this life rather than in **Purgatory**. The **Jubilee Indulgence** may be gained in any of the following ways.

1. The traditional way is to make a **pilgrimage to Rome** and visit one or all of the four major basilicas there, which are St Peter's, St John Lateran, St Paul's outside the Walls and St Mary Major. You may also make a pilgrimage to the **Holy Land** and gain the Indulgence by visiting one or all of the basilicas of the Holy Sepulchre, the Nativity and the Annunciation.
2. Not everyone is able to go to Rome or the Holy Land, so you may also gain the Jubilee Indulgence by visiting one of the **nine Jubilee Churches in Nottingham Diocese of which St Mary's**

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Our Lady of Lourdes

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

- Biasina Sepede
- Olive Chapman
- Pat Newby
- Teresa Frankow
- Emily Heath
- Maria Richardson
- Czeslaw Zurawski
- Peter Rose

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 8th **Vigil Mass**
6.00pm Anna Chmielowiec (RIP)

Sun 9th **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Teresa & Joe Frankow (RIP)
11.15am For the Parish
2.30pm *Baptism*
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 10th **St Scholastica (Memoria)**
9.15am John Raj (RIP)

Tues 11th **Our Lady of Lourdes (Memoria)**
9.15am Triumph of the Immaculate Heart & in honour of St Philomena

Weds 12th **The Seven Founders of the Servite Order**
6.30pm Sheila McFerran (RIP) (Latin)

Thurs 13th **Feria**
9.15am Terence Foister (RIP, Anniversary)

Fri 14th **Ss Cyril & Methodius (Feast)**
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Czeslaw Zurawski (RIP, Anniversary)

Sat 15th **Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
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 16th **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Cliff Brookes (RIP, Anniversary)
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

Mon 10th First Confession Class - 4.15pm in the Hall
Weds 12th UCM - 2.00pm in the Hall
Thurs 13th RCIA - 7.00pm in the Library

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is one. How convenient is that! In all these churches, one must intend to make a pilgrimage and spend time in prayer. You may attend Mass or Eucharistic Adoration or Stations of the Cross there, and conclude with the Our Father, the Creed and any prayer to Our Lady.

- 3. Perform an extraordinary work of mercy.** This could be visiting prisoners, the sick, the lonely or elderly. It can be helping those in need or giving a generous gift of your time or money to those in need. In this way we participate in God's mercy and love.
- 4. Fasting for at least one day a week from futile distractions:** for example, social media, video games, apps or the television, giving us more time for prayer and works of mercy.

In addition to performing one of the above acts, you need to make a **sacramental confession** twenty days before or after the prescribed work and be in a state of grace at the time of performing the indulgenced act. One confession will suffice for several Indulgences. You must receive **Holy Communion in a state of grace preferably on the same day as the prescribed act**, and be **free from all attachment to sin**. Then pray an **Our Father and Creed** for the Pope's intentions.

The **sick, the elderly and housebound**, or those who for any reason are unable to leave their homes, may gain the Indulgence by reciting the Our Father, the Creed and prayers for the Holy Year, and by offering their hardships and sufferings in union with Christ. A Plenary Indulgence may be gained only once a day. However, if you perform an additional act and receive Holy Communion again at a separate Mass, you may obtain a second Indulgence on the same day, but this can only be applied to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

This Tuesday 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day for the Sick. Mass that day will be celebrated at the Lady Altar.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 27th March, 7.00pm: Station Mass for the Holy Year at St Mary's with Bishop Patrick. Remember we are a Jubilee Year church.

Tuesday 1st May, 7.00pm: Consecration of St Mary's Church by Bishop Patrick.

Enhanced DBS holders:

Those due for a 3 year check will receive an email from gov.uk. To continue to make your subscription valid you will need to click onto the site highlighted in blue and follow the instructions. If you have missed this email then you will need to apply for a new DBS check which I will action for you. Please get in touch with me via office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk. Thank you for your support and volunteering

Jane Monaghan

New People's Missals, with the new translation of the readings:

The CTS Sunday Missal (£19.95) can be ordered through the Repository now. The Daily Missal (£69.99) with both Sunday and Weekday Masses, and The Weekday Missal (£55) with weekday Masses only, will be available on **30th April**. Pre-order now through the Repository.

De Lisle College is looking to employ exam invigilators at a rate of £12.26-12.45 ph. Closing date for applications: **12th February**. Call 01509 268739 or apply online at <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/138298/EDV-2025-DLCLL-63211>

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.

White Flower Appeal 2025: The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Children (SPUC) will hold its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC's mission is to see abortion abolished and this year's appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the rights of the child. Please help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers. And please note that **only cash donations can be accepted.**

The life and teachings of Edith Stein: Father Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend (**Friday 14th – Sunday 16th March**) exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith. For more information and to book, visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>



From the Saints

"I would go, my heart broken with sorrow, and throw myself into JESUS' arms, for I know how much He loves the prodigal child who returns to Him."

St Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897)

**The next Food bank/
Your Store collection
will be on Saturday 22nd
February** from 10.30 to 11.00am in the car park. Once again the following are requested: household cleaning products, shower gels, shampoo, canned goods, tea, coffee, drinking chocolate. Thank you for your continued support.

Jane Monaghan

Last Rites does not mean Last Minute!

As soon as a person begins to be in danger of death because of illness, injury or old age, the time for anointing has surely already come.

Fr Paul

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £864 (£103 gift-aided)

Standing orders: £837 @ 31/12 (£692 gift-aided)

Attendance: 612

Thank you

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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