

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER

16th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



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It's not either/or, it's both/and

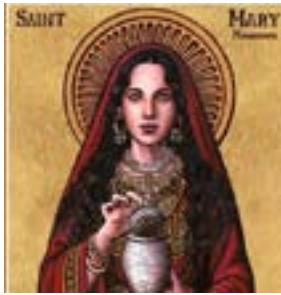
In this Sunday's Gospel, we are given the well-known story of the two sisters, **Martha and Mary** (Luke 10:38-42). Our Lord knew the family well and was visiting their home. And there was Martha, understandably very busy getting things ready and serving their Divine Guest, while Mary was at His feet listening. And Martha was rather upset and complained to Our Lord that her sister was leaving her to do all the work. And Our Lord replied, "*Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.*"

We would be mistaken here if we thought Our Lord was dismissing Martha's efforts. After all, she was doing a great job serving Him. But she was missing the thing that matters most – **being with Him**. In other words, the presence of JESUS Christ requires not just action, but adoration too.

There's a well-known story from the life of **St John Vianney** (1786-1859). He noticed a poor man who would come into church each day and sit for long periods of time in front of the tabernacle. One day Fr Vianney finally asked him, "What are you doing all the time?" And the man replied simply, "**I look at Him, and He looks at me.**" And that's what Mary was doing. She wasn't neglecting her duties. She was choosing the essential thing of **being with Him**.

The point is we need Marthas as well as Marys. The Church couldn't function without Marthas. The saints were often both. **St Teresa of Calcutta** (1910-1997) springs to mind – adoration in the morning and then off to her ministry in the streets – Mary at His feet and then Martha in the world. There are a lot of people doing things here in our parish whether it be tea rotas, flower arrangers, altar servers, musicians, readers, food banks, cleaners, counters and so on. These are all very **necessary** things, but we mustn't forget to sit at the feet of JESUS too, listening and praying quietly. In other words, **it's not a case of either/or, but both/and**. In the end both

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St Mary Magdalene

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died:

Fr James McAteer, IC
Rowena Orton
Irena Malinowska
Brenda Rooney
Lucia Lallo
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Domenica Coviello
Margaret Armstead
Veronica McWilliam

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 19th Vigil Mass
6.00pm For the Parish

Sun 20th Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Deceased members of the Parish
11.15am Vittorio Giorgio (RIP)
4.00pm Italian Mass

Mon 21st St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
9.15am Triumph of the Immaculate Heart and in honour of St Philomena

Tues 22nd St Mary Magdalene (Feast)
9.15am Reginald Hutchings (RIP)

Weds 23rd St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
11.00am *Requiem Mass: Lucia Lallo RIP*
6.30pm Fr Paul Gillham (GE) (Latin)

Thurs 24th St Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
9.15am Fr Anselm Stark (RIP)

Fri 25th St James the Greater, Apostle (Feast)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Intention for the living

Sat 26th Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM
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:** Gonzalo Sanchez (RIP)

Sun 27th Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Aislabie & Phyllis Harrison (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*

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Martha and Mary are saints, but Martha had to learn what all of us must: before we can give Christ to others, we must receive Him ourselves.

So the question is, **do I make time to look at Him so as He can look at me?** Do I sit at His feet in prayer – which could be in Adoration, or coming early before Mass, by saying the Rosary, or spiritual reading in a quiet corner at home? Therefore, don't choose between Martha and Mary. Be both! Pray like Mary and then serve like Martha, and that's how you will become a saint.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Petitions for Lourdes: Joan Baxter and Molly will be going to Lourdes on 13th August and will be taking with them written petitions to Our Lady, which they will place on the Grotto. If you would like them to take a petition from you, please put it in the box labelled 'Lourdes Petitions' at the back of the church **before the end of the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 10th August.**

SPUC Fightback Against the Culture of Death: A short address by a SPUC representative after Masses this weekend will ask you to join the fightback against the lack of respect for the frail and vulnerable in our society, which the Assisted Dying Bill and the proposed decriminalisation of abortion up to birth threaten to bring about. Please complete a postcard from SPUC today to receive information about what you can do to help oppose the culture of death.

Moving the organ console: We plan to move the organ console back to the original choir gallery. For some months now, the choir has been singing from the gallery during the well-attended 11.15am Mass. This change has freed up five or six rows of seating in the main body of the church, allowing more parishioners to be comfortably seated. Relocating the console will also enable us to make full use of the Lady Chapel once again. Importantly, it will enable the organist and choir to be together in the same space, which is musically and practically much better for both. After 25 years of service, the organ will also undergo a much-needed overhaul. The work is expected to take approximately two months, and we're pleased to report that the cost has been largely covered by two generous donors. The work has been approved by the diocese and we hope it will be started very soon.

Fr Paul

Parishioner database:

Please keep us posted of any changes to the contact details we hold for you on our parishioner database. You can do this by emailing the information to office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk or posting it (in a sealed envelope) through the presbytery door. There are forms at the back of the church for anyone who has not registered as a parishioner and would like to. The information provided will be held securely on our database and only accessed by Fr Paul, Fr David and authorised staff/volunteers. It can be removed from the database at any time.

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



St James the Greater

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.

March for Life 2025: On **Saturday 6th September** the annual UK March for Life will take place in London. Join with thousands of others from all over the UK as we march through the streets of London to the Houses of Parliament. There will be a coach from Nottingham, picking up from Good Shepherd Arnold and Cathedral Derby Road, costing adults £30, unwaged including students £15, under 16s £10. To book on the coach or for more information contact Marie (marielangford@live.co.uk, 07948 151264)

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace are seeking to appoint a Director of Finance, based in Nottingham. More details can be found at: www.csjp.org/news/2024/2/15/job-posting-financedirectoruk and the deadline for applications is **Thursday 31st July**.



From the Saints

"In prayer, more is accomplished by listening than by talking."

St Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641)

If you would like to learn more about the **priesthood** and reflect on a possible vocation, please email vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk for the zoom link for the next discernment meeting on **Wednesday 23rd July** at 7.00pm.

Brown Scapular: I enrolled a further 19 parishioners into the Brown Scapular last Wednesday evening. If anyone else would like to be enrolled, please speak to me. *Fr Paul*

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £552 (of which £93 was Gift-Aided)

Stella Maris: £461 (of which £50 was Gift-Aided)

Standing orders: £879 @ 30/06 (of which £732 was Gift-Aided)

Attendance: 500

Thank you

St Mary's bank account details for online donations

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