

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEWSLETTER

Our week to celebrate the Angels

The Bible mentions only three archangels, **Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**. Each angel had a specific mission in salvation history, but they continue their protective help in the world, even though we may not see their invisible spiritual work. Michael, the captain of the Heavenly Host, Gabriel, the messenger of God, Raphael, the bringer of healing. Pope St John Paul II encouraged us all to pray to St Michael, after each Mass, for the protection of the Church.

Belief in archangels is an essential part of our Catholic faith, as the work of these archangels can be seen throughout the Bible. Our Roman Rite of the Catholic Church has assigned **29th September**, this Monday, to be the **feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael**. For many centuries this day was only reserved for St Michael alone, something recorded in the 7th century Gelasian Sacramentary. But after the Second Vatican Council, the Church wanted to further highlight all **three archangels** and grouped them all together on **29th September**. Previously St Gabriel and St Raphael had separate feasts during different parts of the year. Now they are celebrated on a single day, connecting them to the neighbouring feast day of the **Guardian Angels on 2nd October**.

The Catechism tells us, *"Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading them to life."* Here are a few quick ways to connect with yours.

When we stop to think about our guardian angels, it's natural to feel a sense of wonder and awe. God has given **each of us** an invisible and powerful spirit to protect us... **What a gift!** These angels watch over the whole Church and **each of us individually**. The Catechism goes on to tell us:

"The whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels... From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession."

So, each of us has our own special **companion angel**. St Basil wrote, **"Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading them to life."**

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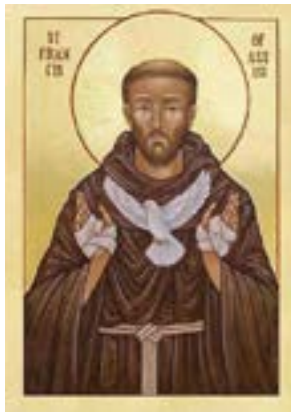
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St Francis of Assisi

Please pray for those who are sick:

for those who have recently died:

Francis Anyamene
May he rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Donald Folkes
Maria Sparano
Joan Slevin
Patrick Lynch
June Upton
Arthur Spencer
Ian Yeomans
Pauline Davey
Tony Wilkinson
Sr Mary Angela Bennett
George Gowers

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 27th Vigil Mass
6.00pm For the Parish

Sun 28th Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Paul Lallo (RIP)
11.15am Ken Gillham (RIP)
2.30pm *Baptism*
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 29th Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Feast)
9.15am Holy Souls
11.30am *Requiem Mass: Jerzy Kowalski RIP*

Tues 30th St Jerome, Priest & Doctor
9.15am Intention for the living

Weds 1st St Thérèse of Lisieux, Virgin & Doctor
6.30pm The Faulks & Sherlock Families (RIP) (Latin)

Thurs 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels
9.15am Tony Wilkinson (RIP, Anniversary)

Fri 3rd Feria (Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart) *First Friday*
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm For our Deceased Relatives & Friends
Followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 4th St Francis of Assisi, Confessor *Fine First Saturdays Dev'n*
10.00 Antonia Padalino (RIP)
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:** For the Parish

Sun 5th Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT (Rosary Sunday)
9.00am Deceased of the Galvin & Thurland Families
11.15am Amanda Giorgio (RIP, Anniversary)

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 30th Bible Study - 7.00pm in the library

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If you'd like to grow closer to your angel, you can start with **friendship**: A greeting during our morning prayers or when we go to Mass. And don't hesitate to ask more often for their help. Here are a few ideas. One of my friends **asks his angel to make sure he wakes up on time when he has to get up extra early**, perhaps for travel. **"He never failed me,"** he said.

Before beginning a work project, why not ask your guardian angel to send inspiration to help you write something that will be for God's glory. In St Thomas Aquinas' *Summa*, in a section on the holy angels - I'm paraphrasing it - but in essence he says that **if a work of art is to glorify God and advance the Kingdom, he will send an angel of inspiration to help with the creation of the work**. But **we must ask God** for this. He will force nothing upon us.

You might also ask for **help with fortitude and perseverance when entering a tricky situation** when you know you might experience temptation. **Angels are great at giving that extra spiritual boost!** And don't forget to check out our latest **Millenium Saint, St Carlo Acutis' tips on the web**, to befriend your angel and deepen your relationship with him. (Just remember **not to name** your angel — God already gave them a name!)

Fr David Jones, OLV

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? The new RCIA group has just begun. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 9th October** at 7.00pm in the parish library. We meet on alternate Thursdays. The classes are also suitable for adult Catholics wanting to be confirmed or for those simply wanting to know more about the Faith. Please see Fr Paul for an application form.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Fatima Relics to visit St Barnabas Cathedral: St Barnabas Cathedral will host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco from **12th-13th October 2025**, in commemoration of the Centenary of the Five First Saturdays devotion. The Visitation will include a procession and enthronement of the Fatima statue, followed by Mass and opportunities to venerate the saints' relics. Participants will pray the Rosary for world peace and attend informative talks and videos about the Fatima messages. A book table with devotional materials will be available, and attendees can enrol in the Brown Scapular devotion. For further details about Fatima, visit: worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk or email: membership@waf-ew.org.uk

First Friday Benediction:

On First Fridays, there will now be a short Benediction after the 6.30pm Mass, with prayers of reparation to the Sacred Heart, lasting approximately 15 minutes.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

Next Sunday (5th October) is Rosary Sunday and the 11.15am Mass will be of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The work on overhauling the organ and moving the console to the choir gallery is almost complete.

The organ needs tuning, and having been taken completely to pieces, this will take longer than usual. We hope it will be functional by next weekend.

Fr Paul

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest:

The envelopes will be given out this weekend. Alternatively, you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10, or use the QR code to go to a virtual envelope to make an offering.

Fast Day is
Friday
3rd October



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.
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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.

Choir news: The choir are beginning rehearsals for the Advent season and there is a warm welcome for anyone wishing to join them. Rehearsals take place on Thursdays at 6.00pm, Saturdays at 6.00pm and Sundays after the 11.15am Mass.

Day of Healing: You are invited to join Bishop Patrick for a day of Freedom and Inner Healing led by 'Unbound UK'. The day will be held at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on **Saturday 25th October**. There will be talks on freedom and healing, Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, Confession and Intercessory Prayer, and an Evening Healing Service with music from One Hope Project. You can come from the full day or for any of the sessions. It is open to all ages at no cost, but donations are welcome. More information: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk



From the Saints

"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Therefore, do all that you do with love."

St Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897)

Fr Simon Giles:

Unfortunately Fr Simon has been taken back into hospital so please continue to pray for him. We will keep you posted on his progress.

Repository: A new selection of books is now available, including praying the rosary, novenas and prayers to the saints.

Christmas Fayre: It has now been confirmed that this will take place on **Saturday 29th November**.

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £771 (of which £140 was Gift-Aided)

Evangelii Gaudium Day: £270

Standing orders: £841 @ 31/08 (of which £724 was Gift-Aided)

Attendance: 603

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