

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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NEWSLETTER

Under the mantle of Our Lady

On 13th October 1917 in **Fatima, Portugal**, there took place probably **the greatest miracle since Biblical times**. Our Lady had been appearing to six shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, with a message of **repentance, prayer and conversion for the world**. This was the sixth and final apparition. To confirm that the message was truly from Heaven, she promised that on 13th October she would perform a miracle for all to see. An estimated **70,000** people gathered in the pouring rain. Journalists, believers, sceptics and atheists were all present. Not long after midday, the rain stopped and the sun broke through the clouds. Suddenly the sun began to spin in the sky, changing colours. Some even said it danced, and after ten minutes, it started to plunge towards the earth. People screamed, fell to their knees and begged God for mercy. Moments later the sun returned to its normal place, and everything – the ground and their clothes, were bone dry. Their clothes, previously covered in mud from the bad weather, were now pristine clean. There were also miraculous cures, both spiritual and physical. The following day, the Communist newspaper “*O seculo*” admitted that something extraordinary and inexplicable had happened, and the event also made its way into the “*The New York Times*” and “*Time*” magazine.

This “**Miracle of the Sun**” wasn’t just for spectacle. It was a **warning**. The First World War was still in progress, and Heaven was speaking to a world that had abandoned God and was on the path to destruction. The Mother of God came to remind us of the reality of sin and the danger of souls being lost for eternity, the urgency of conversion and prayer – especially the **Rosary**, and above all that **devotion to her Immaculate Heart should be established throughout the world**, because through it, God intends to bring about the triumph of grace over sin, and light over darkness.

Through the Blessed Virgin Mary the world will be led back to JESUS.

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St Teresa of Avila

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:

Frank Mills

Brian Dzudzewicz

Anne Moore

Allen Junio

Terry Gilbert

Maria Houghton

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 11th Vigil Mass

6.00pm For the Parish

Sun 12th Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Catherine Fields (RIP, Anniversary)

11.15am Antonino Lanza (RIP, Anniversary)

4.00pm Italian Mass

Mon 13th Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

6.30pm Criselda Castillo (RIP, Anniversary)

Tues 14th St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

9.15am Elizabeth (Louise) Johnson (RIP)

Weds 15th St Teresa of Avila, Virgin

6.30pm Piotr Abucewicz (RIP) (Latin)

Thurs 16th St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

9.15am Jerzy Kowalski (RIP)

Fri 17th St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

6.00-6.25pm Confessions

6.30pm In thanksgiving to San Marcos de Leon

Sat 18th St Luke, Evangelist (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: Allen Junio (RIP, Anniversary)

Sun 19th Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Intention for the living

11.15am For the Parish

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

Please note: Mass on Monday this week will be at 6.30pm.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Tues 14th Bible Study - 7.00pm in the library

Thurs 16th RCIA - 7.00pm in the library

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We live, just as the world did in 1917, in troubled times. **The need for Our Lady's protection now is perhaps even greater.** On 13th October 2017, the centenary year of the Fatima apparitions and Miracle of the Sun, and a month after becoming Parish Priest, I consecrated our Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It seems fitting that in this, the centenary year of our present and extended church, this Consecration should be renewed. As attacks on faith, family and truth continue, Our Lady's promise remains: **"My Immaculate Heart will triumph."** We need her protection on our parish, our families, our children and young people, the elderly, the sick and on our future. A parish consecrated to Our Lady means she watches over it, intercedes for it, and brings it unfailingly to her Son.

So I invite you all for the Holy Mass **this Monday evening at 6.30pm** which will be a Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the renewal of our Consecration to her Immaculate Heart. Let us come together in gratitude for the past 100 years of faith here in this church, and may Our Lady of Fatima continue to watch over our parish, our families, and all who enter through these doors. In the words of St Louis de Montfort: **"To JESUS through Mary."**

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

First Holy Communion 2026: Application forms are now available from Fr Paul and the closing date is **Sunday 2nd November**. Candidates should be in at least Year 3.

School admissions to Catholic Secondary Academies (Year 7): Children born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08 2015. The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **31st October 2025**. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for, if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting evidence* as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

*If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

Loughborough Food bank/Your Store:

The next collection will be on **Saturday 18th October**, 10.30-11.00am, in the car park. Canned foods, long life milk, small cartons of fruit juices, tea bags and small jars of coffee are requested. Details of the November and December collections to follow shortly. Thank you

Jane Monaghan

Stratford-upon-Avon Christmas Market Day

Trip: All are warmly welcome to join us for a festive day out to the Stratford-upon-Avon Christmas Market on **Saturday 6th December!**

With over 200 stalls, delicious food and drink, and plenty of seasonal entertainment, it's the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit. The full details are on the noticeboard.

The sign-up sheet is at the repository; seats are limited, so please add your name as soon as possible to avoid missing out! Cost: £20 per person (£10 cash deposit secures your seat, balance due by **1st November**).

For further information, contact Samantha Edwards, UCM: 07936 928 370

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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Renewal of Parish Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

On 13th October 2017, the Centenary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, I consecrated our Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This Monday, **13th October**, in the centenary year of our present church, we will renew that Consecration at a special Mass beginning at 6.30pm. All parishioners are encouraged to come and join in this special celebration as we once again place our parish under the loving care and protection of Our Lady. **Please note there will be no 9.15am Mass that day.**

Fr Paul

Looking for a place for your child in a reception class for the 26/27 Academic year?

St Mary's school welcomes you to our open days: **Wednesday 15 October and Friday 14 November** (any time between 9am-3pm). Alternatively, we invite you to come at a time that works for you and experience our wonderful school. Just call us on 01509 212 621.

St Mary's Primary School are currently seeking expressions of interest from practising Catholics to serve as a Foundation Governor on our Governing body. No prior experience is necessary, and training and support will be provided throughout your term of service. If you are interested in this important and fulfilling role, please contact the school office for further information. School office@stmarys-rc.leics.sch.uk or call 01509 212621.



From the Saints

"Never be afraid of loving Mary too much. You can never love her more than JESUS did."

St Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941)

Parish breakfast this

Sunday: Breakfast will be served after the 9.00am and 11.15am Masses this Sunday to help support the eight young people joining the Parish pilgrimage to Rome this month. Do please support if you can.

Next Sunday (19th October) is World

Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission. To donate, please use a Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift or set up a Direct Debit. Please Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £727 (of which £124 was G/A)

Standing orders: £841 @ 31/08 (of which £724 was G/A)

Attendance: 611

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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