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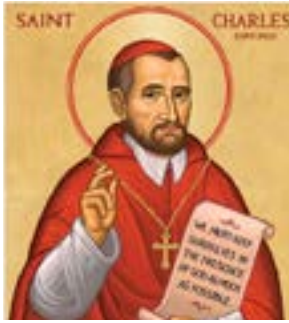
St Carlo Acutis and the Communion of Saints

Every year at the beginning of November, the Church gives us **All Saints Day** and **All Souls Day** to remind us that the Church is far greater than our Parish of St Mary's and even the entire Catholic Church in England and Wales! They remind us that **we belong to a family** that stretches from Heaven to Earth, and even to **Purgatory**. It's what we call the "**Communion of Saints**" – a marvellous reality which means the Church is not divided by death. The **Church Triumphant** consists of all those in Heaven; the **Church Suffering** are the Souls in Purgatory; and the **Church Militant** are us here on earth battling through life. It is wonderful to know we are never alone: those in Heaven are cheering us on, those in Purgatory are pleading for our prayers, and we on earth are striving to join the souls in Heaven.

Today, the **Solemnity of All Saints**, we rejoice with the countless men and women who have won the battle and reached their heavenly home. Some of them we know well: St Peter and St Paul, St Joseph, St John Bosco, St Bernadette, St Thérèse of Lisieux, St Padre Pio to name but a few. But there are countless unknown souls, many of our relatives among them, who cooperated with God's grace in this life, and now also share in His glory and are saints. They're members of our family and they want us to be there with them.

Tomorrow (Monday) is **All Souls Day** when the Church turns her gaze towards the **Souls in Purgatory**. These are our brothers and sisters in Christ, who **died in a state of grace and are saved, but are not yet perfect enough to enter Heaven**. Purgatory is God's mercy in action, where souls are purified of every attachment to sin and every imperfection. **But they can't help themselves**. They rely on our prayers, our sacrifices, on the Masses we have offered for them, and the Indulgences gained on their behalf. When we pray for them, **we are doing one of the greatest acts of mercy possible**. **St Padre Pio** (1887-1968) said that if we only knew of the power of our prayers for the Souls in Purgatory, we would pray for them continuously.

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St Charles Borromeo

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died:

Concetta O'Rourke
Ranjith Esperiar
Fr Frank Quinn, IC
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Stephen Bowmer
Carmela Sepede
Teresa Brewin
Andrew Slevin
Parny Tinker
Barbara Morrison
Alice Hoggan
Tony Daly

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 1st <i>6.00pm</i>	Vigil Mass Stephen Bowmer (RIP)
Sun 2nd <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>3.00pm</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	All Saints (Solemnity) For the Parish Deceased members of the Giorgio & Mancini families <i>Blessing of Graves, Loughborough Cemetery</i> Italian Mass
Mon 3rd <i>9.15am</i> <i>12 noon</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	All Souls Pope's Intentions Norah Lillian Hutchings (RIP) (Sung Latin) All the Faithful Departed
Tues 4th <i>9.15am</i>	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop Constance Mavis Stanford (RIP)
Weds 5th <i>12 noon</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	Feria <i>Requiem Mass: Kyran Connolly RIP</i> Barbara Morrison (RIP, Anniversary)
Thurs 6th <i>9.15am</i>	Feria Holy Souls
Fri 7th <i>6.00-6.25pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	Feria: Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart <i>First Friday</i> <i>Confessions</i> For our Deceased Relatives and Friends <i>Followed by Benediction</i>
Sat 8th <i>10.30am</i> <i>-12.30pm</i> <i>6.00pm</i>	Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm</i> Vigil Mass: Michele Giorgio (RIP, 10th Anniversary)
Sun 9th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Dedication of the Lateran - Remembrance Sunday For the Parish Requiem Mass for the Fallen Italian Mass
Rosary	<i>Mon, Tues, Thurs after 9.15am Mass; Wed, Fri at 6.00pm; First Saturday of each month after 10.00am Mass</i>

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Mon 3rd	SPUC - 7.30pm in the hall. AGM followed by normal meeting All welcome
Tues 4th	Catch Up Café - 2.00-4.00pm in the hall
Tues 4th	Bible Study - 7pm in the library

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Even the most modern saints understood this. **St Carlo Acutis** (1991-2006), the fifteen year old Italian who died of leukaemia, and canonised by the Holy Father on 7th September this year, **saw a vision of his grandfather in Purgatory** who had died unexpectedly at the age of 57. Carlo, who was only five at the time, told his mother, **"I saw Grandpa. He's in Purgatory and he needs prayers to be freed."** His mother, who had fallen away from the Faith, was deeply shaken, but she knew her son could never have heard of Purgatory. The details he gave were so precise, it caused her to think deeply about the afterlife and she began praying in earnest for her father, and eventually she returned to the Faith. Her young son became her teacher in things divine. Carlo himself turned this vision into a daily mission, and offered many prayers, every sacrifice and act of self-denial for the Holy Souls. At just five years old, Carlo was living out one of the Church's most ancient teachings, **"pray[ing] for the dead that they may be loosed from sins"** (2 Maccabees 12:46). He was putting into practice the doctrine of the **Communion of Saints** – that the Church is not divided between Heaven, Earth and Purgatory, but is **one single body united in charity**. He regarded praying for the Holy Souls as one of the best investments he could ever make. He would explain to his friends how helping the Holy Souls enter Heaven would gain you **powerful intercessors**, because once they're in Heaven, they will never forget those who helped them arrive there.

So let's make this November a time of spiritual renewal. Make an effort to go to Mass in the week for the Holy Souls. Pray the Rosary for them. Gain Indulgences for them. Visit a cemetery and pray there for all the dead, (see back page). One day you and I will need those prayers, and when we stand before God, how grateful we will be for every act of mercy someone offers us.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Our parish is currently undertaking the Enabling Our Mission Campaign which aims to support our mission of becoming more outward looking, while also striving to ensure that the fewer priests now available for active ministry across the Diocese are best able to serve our communities. We will be hosting some small gatherings in the Church to explain this initiative to members of the laity and hope you are able to make one of the following dates:

Friday 7th November: 5.00pm | Monday 10th November: 10.15am

In order to confirm your attendance, please email office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk or call the parish office on 01509 262123. I appreciate you considering my invitation and look forward to speaking with you soon.

Fr Paul

Remembrance

Sunday: Next Sunday

9th November is

Remembrance Sunday and the 11.15am Mass will be a Requiem for the Fallen.

UCM Stratford Trip:

Please ensure you have paid in full by this Sunday to secure your place. Thank you.

Samantha Edwards

Food Bank: Thank you for your continued support of the Loughborough Your Store/Food Bank. The Christmas appeal dates are **Saturday 8th November** and **Saturday 6th December** from 10.30 to 11.00 am in the car park. Please see the notice on the doors as you enter the church for suggested items and treats. Thank you sincerely.

Jane Monaghan

Stand up for religious freedom! Consider signing Aid to the Church in Needs' global petition supporting persecuted Christians. By signing this petition, you can help urge world leaders to act on behalf of those who suffer simply for practising their faith. Click the link or use the QR code below. acnuk.org/article-18-petition-religious-freedom-human-right-not-privilege



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.

Tomorrow, Monday 3rd November, is All Souls Day and there will be three Masses; at 9.15am (attended by St Mary's School), 12 noon (Sung Latin) and 6.30pm.

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 this Sunday afternoon, 2nd November, meeting in the car park just before 3pm.**

Prayers for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the church, including a Novena to St Nicholas of Tolentino, the Patron Saint of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Please take a copy and pray them during the month of November.

Fr Paul

From the Saints

*"Our friends in Purgatory are counting on us.
Let us not fail them."*

St Josemaria Escrivá (1902-1975)

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First Holy Communion

2026: The closing date for applications is today, **Sunday 2nd November.** Candidates should be in at least Year 3.

The next edition of the Parish News is now available. The suggested donation is £1 to help cover print costs. The magazine features the Consecration of the Church, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and lots more. Thank you for your support.

Rosary: The weekday Rosaries during November will be recited for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Fr Paul

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £863 (of which £92 was G/A)

Standing orders: £879 @ 30/09 (of which £822 was G/A)

Attendance: 668

Thank you

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