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NEWSLETTER



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The Devil and all his Angels

Come next weekend we'll be assailed by **Ghouls and Ghosts**, **Skeletons** and pumpkin lanterns, **trick and treaters** and all the secular paraphernalia of **Halloween**. A world of fun and laughter that mocks the truth of **Evil**, and the forces of Darkness at work in the world. Be careful! We Christians know that Evil and Satan are not fantasies but very real and dangerous.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that Satan's primary mission is to lead us away from God and His goodness and to laugh at evil, so that we fail to take it him seriously.

Christian author C.S. Lewis wrote a fascinating book called *The Screwtape Letters*. (You can follow it on the *Horizon* webpage) It is a religious satire written from the viewpoint of a "senior devil" instructing his "junior devil" on how to tempt humans.

The book centres on the concept that while God assigns a **Guardian Angel** to each individual person, Satan must similarly assign a particular demon to counteract the angel's guidance. It is an interesting idea, and one that has some truth behind it. You may have heard him whispering in your left ear at times: "No one will see. No one will know, go on it won't do any harm, it's only a small sin, etc.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that Satan was not alone in his rebellion against God: "*Satan or the devil and the other demons are fallen angels who have freely refused to serve God and his plan. Their choice against God is definitive. They try to associate man in their revolt against God*" (CCC 414).

Satan's fall is further described in the book of **Revelation**, where St John writes, "*he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him*" (12:9).

Beyond that, **little is definitively known about the devil**. It is a truth of faith that Satan and his demons **exist**. Let's be alert and aware.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus performs an exorcism of a possessed man and discovers a "**legion**" of demons (see Mark 5:9). A Roman legion at the time of Jesus was between 3,000 and 5,000 soldiers. This means that at the very least 3,000 demons were tormenting a single individual. Wow!

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Ss Simon & Jude

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died:

Jill Brennan

May she rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Margaret Stanford

Vince Guarasci

Mario Sepede

Fr Ted Cody IC

May Sweetman

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 25th **Vigil Mass**
6.00pm For the Parish

Sun 26th **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Paul Lallo (RIP)
11.15am Intention for the living
4.00pm **Italian Mass**

Mon 27th **Feria**
6.30pm Intention for the living

Tues 28th **Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast)**
6.30pm Bridget Scott (RIP) (Latin)

Weds 29th **Feria**
6.30pm Intention for the living

Thurs 30th **Feria**
6.30pm Michele Giorgio (RIP)

Fri 31st **Feria**
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Jenny Ruane (RIP)

Sat 1st **Saturday Mass of the BVM** *Five First Saturdays Devotion*
10.00am Deceased members of the Castillo family
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:** Stephen Bowmer (RIP, Anniversary)

Sun 2nd **All Saints (Solemnity)**
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Deceased members of the Giorgio & Mancini families
3.00am *Blessing of Graves, Loughborough Cemetery*
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 that the Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday will be at 6.30pm this week (see next page)

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Tues 28th Bible Study - 7.00pm in the library

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Jesus also **cast out seven demons from Mary Magdalene in an episode that is briefly mentioned in Mark 16:9.**

This seems to correspond with the very nature of evil, which has a tendency to act like a pack of wolves surrounding its prey.

But the good news is that God is more powerful than any legion of demons, ghouls, ghosts and the like. For example, Jesus mentioned the vast number of good angels at His command when he said, *“Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?”* (Matthew 26:53) Jesus is saying that the Father can send down as many as 60,000 angels to help Him!

Now remember we always have our **Guardian Angel** at our side, but God can always send down more angels to us if we call out to Him in our time of need. **Don’t forget you have friends in high places!**

So even if a particular demon were “assigned” to tempt and torment us, especially in these dark nights of the Season of the Saints, **we have no cause to fear demons, ghouls, ghosts or devils when we are living in close union with God.**

As St Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, *“If God is for us, who can be against us?”* (8:31) **Let’s stick close to Our Lady and Our Lord! Beware the Devil prowls about seeking whom he may devour!**

Fr David Jones, OLV

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

UCM Stratford Trip – Payment Reminder: Payments for the Stratford trip (£20 pp) are due by **Sunday 2nd November** at the latest. Limited seats still available so don’t delay. If you’ve already paid your deposit, the remaining balance is £10. Please make sure your payment is in by then to confirm your place. Contact Samantha Edwards on 07936 928 370 for more information.

Playground parking:

The school playground was resurfaced during half term which means we won’t be able to use it for parking this weekend or next **(1st/2nd November)** as the surface has to be allowed to settle. Sorry for the inconvenience. *Fr Paul*

Masses this week: Due to lighting work in the church, all Masses this week will be celebrated at 6.30pm to allow the workmen to carry out their work without interruption. Please note that the **Latin Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 28th**, and Wednesday’s Mass will be in English. Normal service times will resume next week.

Food Bank: Thank you for your continued support of the Loughborough Your Store/Food Bank. St Mary’s continues to be one of the constant and generous supporters of this venture. 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*

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.

All Saints Day this year is transferred to Sunday 2nd November, which means All Souls Day will be on **Monday 3rd**. There will be three Masses on All Souls Day 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 next Sunday afternoon, 2nd November, meeting in the car park just before 3pm.**

From the Saints

"He became what we are so that He could make us what He is."

St Athanasius (370 AD)



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.

Organ recital: To celebrate the Centenary of the present church and the restoration of the organ, Colin Walsh, organist emeritus at Lincoln Cathedral, will be giving a recital here on **Monday 8th December** at 6.45pm, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It will be preceded by Mass at 6.00pm.

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £802 (of which £192 was G/A)

World Mission Sunday: £378 (of which £10 was G/A)

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

Attendance: 548

Thank you

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