

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER

27th SUNDAY IN
OT (Rosary Sunday)



Take up your Rosary today!

It is October again, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and today on **Rosary Sunday**, we are reminded of how important the Rosary is. The Rosary is not a human invention. **It comes from Heaven, because it was given by Our Lady to St Dominic** in the early 13th century as a weapon against the **Albigensian heresy**. The Albigensians denied the goodness of creation and the material world and that God had become man in JESUS Christ. Our Lady told St Dominic the Rosary would be the antidote, because it is **a meditation on the mysteries of Christ**, the very things the Albigensian heretics were attacking. And once St Dominic started to preach the Rosary, souls were converted, error was refuted and the truth of the Gospel triumphed. So the Rosary is *the weapon* from Heaven in times of crisis.

We complain a lot today about the state of our country and the world. Many believe we are on the brink of a Third World War. There is corruption in politics, dishonesty in the media, violence on the streets, children being corrupted and confusion in the Church. Sin is promoted and truth silenced. Evil is now so brazen, it parades itself openly in public. **But complaining won't fix anything or save a single soul.** Our Lady, however, has given us the solution: **the Rosary.**

At the **Battle of Lepanto** in 1571, Christendom was facing complete destruction. **Pope St Pius V** (1504-1572) ordered the whole of Christendom to start praying the Rosary for victory over the Turkish fleet. The odds were hopeless, and yet through Our Lady's powerful intercession, the Christian fleet was victorious. But that victory wasn't won by ships and cannons. It was won by beads and prayer!

In 1917, Our Lady came to **Fatima in Portugal**. She warned of wars, persecutions of the Church and the loss of countless souls. And she gave the same instruction: **"Pray the Rosary every day."** She didn't say pray it once in a while or when you feel like it. She said pray it every day. If people didn't heed her call, she prophesied catastrophic things for the world and for the Church, many of which have already come to pass. She said we can prevent or lessen the severity of what is still to come if we are faithful to the Rosary and the Devotion of

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St John Henry Newman

**Please pray for those who
are sick**

**for those who have
recently died:**

Br Brian Butler IC
Francis Anyamene
May they rest in peace

**and for those whose
anniversaries occur at
this time:**

Pawel Topoloveanu
Vincenzo Sozzo
Joe Elsner
Phyllis Wood

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 4th <i>6.00pm</i>	Vigil Mass For the Parish
Sun 5th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT (Rosary Sunday) Deceased of the Galvin & Thurland Families Amanda Giorgio (RIP, Anniversary) Italian Mass
Mon 6th <i>9.15am</i>	St Bruno, Priest Sheila Mary Monaghan (RIP)
Tues 7th <i>9.15am</i>	Our Lady of the Rosary John McEnergy (RIP)
Weds 8th <i>6.30pm</i>	St Bridget of Sweden, Widow John McEnergy (RIP, Anniversary) (Latin)
Thurs 9th <i>9.15am</i>	St John Henry Newman, Priest (Feast) Deceased members of the Vu Family
Fri 10th <i>6.00-6.25pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	St Paulinus of York, Bishop <i>Confessions</i> Br Brian Butler, IC (RIP)
Sat 11th <i>10.30am</i> <i>-12.30pm</i> <i>6.00pm</i>	The Motherhood of Our Lady <i>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm</i> Vigil Mass: For the Parish
Sun 12th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Catherine Fields (RIP, Anniversary) Antonino Lanza (RIP, Anniversary) 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 6th	SPUC - 7.00-8.00pm in the hall
Tues 7th	Catch-Up Cafe - 2.00-4.00pm in the hall
Tues 7th	Bible Study - 7.00pm in the library
Weds 8th	UCM - 2.00pm in the hall
Thurs 9th	RCIA - 7.00pm in the library

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the Five First Saturdays. **The Mother of God has given us the solution to the world's problems!**

People often say, **"I find the Rosary hard and I get distracted."** If that's the case, don't be discouraged. Even the greatest saints struggled with prayer. **What matters is that we are faithful and that we stick at it.** It doesn't have to be perfect. Distractions will always come, but every time you refocus and carry on praying, **you are proving your love for JESUS and Mary.** And if an entire Rosary seems overwhelming, start with a single decade and pray it well. You can even pray it while you're driving, walking or on the train. **Carry your Rosary with you and use it throughout the day,** and you'll soon find it becomes a very natural thing to do. Families should pray the Rosary together. Children love it. Many years ago **Fr Patrick Peyton** (1909-1992), also known as the **"Rosary Priest"** coined the phrase, **"The family that prays together stays together"** and he was meaning especially the Rosary.

And remember this: **the devil hates the Rosary because it is so powerful.** If you feel tempted to give up, that's a sign you're holding a weapon that really threatens him. Even when you're tired and distracted, every Hail Mary is a rose placed in Our Lady's crown and a hammer blow to the head of the devil. Our Lady told St Dominic that the Rosary was the **"battering ram."** In other words, it takes many faithful Catholics praying all those Hail Marys to knock down the gates of Hell. So take courage! Pray as you can, not as you can't. The important thing is to begin, to keep going, and then trust Our Lady to do the rest.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

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 to explore, twinkling lights, carols, delicious food and drink, and plenty of seasonal entertainment, it's the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit. Posters with full details are on the noticeboard, along with the sign-up sheet. Seats are limited, so please add your name soon to avoid missing out! Cost: £20 per person (£10 cash deposit secures your seat, balance due by **1st November**). Contact Samantha Edwards, UCM on 07936 928 370

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.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. This is Rosary Sunday and the 11.15am Mass will be of Our Lady of the Rosary.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Appeal: Please donate to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours seeking lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers 'signs hope' in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use your CAFOD envelope, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030

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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Feast of Our Lady of Fatima: This year, 2025, marks the Centenary of our present church of St Mary of the Annunciation, which Bishop Patrick consecrated on 1st May. It is also the Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima's request for the Five First Saturdays Devotion. On **13th October 2017**, the Centenary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, I consecrated our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It would be most fitting to renew that consecration this year. I will make the Consecration at Mass on **Monday 13th October**, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, at 6.30pm, to enable more parishioners to attend. Please note, no 9.15am Mass that day.

Fr Paul

Crafty Catch-Up Café: Our monthly Catch-Up Café now has a creative twist! Bring your knitting, crocheting, sewing, card-making or any craft you enjoy. Join in with group projects like decorating stockings for the food bank or making poppies. Not crafty? No problem! Come along anyway for a cuppa and a friendly chat. Everyone welcome. Next date **7th October** at 2pm in the parish hall

Dorothy Hutchings

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



From the Saints

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."

Blessed Pope Pius IX (1792-1878).

SPUC: The next meeting of the local SPUC Branch will be on **Monday 6th October**, 7-8pm, in the hall. All welcome.

The Mary Potter Heritage Centre Nottingham is seeking to appoint an Engagement and Admin Assistant (12 hrs pw, Weds and Thurs). The role will include supporting guided tours, assisting with the promotion of the Mary Potter Heritage Centre and its vision, mission, and providing high-quality administrative support to ensure the effective running of the Centre. For further details contact the Centre Manager: lcmheritage@gmail.com

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £839 (of which £174 was G/A)

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

Attendance: 583

Thank you

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