

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER

DEDICATION OF
THE LATERAN
BASILICA
Remembrance Sunday



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Remembrance and Consecration

This Sunday is **Remembrance Sunday**, when we pause as a nation and as a Church to remember all who died in war, particularly on the battlefield. We always observe it on the Sunday nearest 11th November, the anniversary of the end of the **First World War in 1918**, during which 20 million died. It is a day marked by gratitude and silence: **gratitude** for their bravery and sacrifice, and **silence** before the mystery of life and death. The Church allows us on this day to celebrate one **Requiem Mass** for the repose of their souls which we will do at the 11.15am Mass. This is a profound **act of charity and mercy**, because while governments and memorials can honour them in time, only the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and our prayers and penances can assist them in eternity.

Many of them will already be in Heaven, while others may have died with little or no preparation. We trust that in their final moments, some spark of contrition, or some unspoken prayer may have opened their souls to grace. Some would have been blessed to be ministered to in their dying moments by a priest, who prepared them for death and gave them **absolution**. But the mercy of God is not limited by time or circumstance. God, knowing all things, including the future, knows that we are going to pray for them now in 2025, and so even a century later, we can pray that they would have **“the grace of a happy death”**, and God can apply the grace of your prayer now back to them in 1918. A “happy death” doesn’t mean it is painless or peaceful in worldly terms. It means they died in a **state of grace**, thereby saving their soul. So it’s never too late to pray for someone, and the Holy Souls in Purgatory know that truth far better than we do. In our own church, in **St George’s Chapel**, on the right hand side, there are four brass plaques where the names of our own parishioners who gave their lives on the battlefields of the First and Second World Wars are listed. May it be a reminder to pray for them each time we pass by. *“Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends”* (John 15:13).

Remembrance Sunday this year coincides with the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**. The Lateran is the

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Lateran Basilica

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died:

Eleuterio Jesus, Concetta O'Rourke,
Ranjith Esperiar
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Michele Giorgio
Peggy Hicks
Marion Scrivens
Domenico Romano
Tom Metson
Stan Borkowski
Angela Brienza

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 8th <i>6.00pm</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 No Italian Mass
Mon 10th <i>9.15am</i>	St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor Vincente Lopez Lopez (RIP)
Tues 11th <i>9.15am</i>	St Martin of Tours, Bishop Deceased of the Richardson/McEnery families
Weds 12th <i>6.30pm</i>	St Martin I, Pope & Martyr Holy Souls (Latin)
Thurs 13th <i>9.15am</i>	Feria Special Intention
Fri 14th <i>6.00-6.25pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	Feria <i>Confessions</i> Holy Souls
Sat 15th <i>10.30am</i> <i>-12.30pm</i> <i>6.00pm</i>	St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor <i>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm</i> Vigil Mass: Deceased of the Giorgio & Corbo families
Sun 16th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Domenico Romano (RIP) For the Parish 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 10th	Meeting for the First Holy Communion candidates' parents - 7.00pm in the hall
Weds 12th	UCM - 2.00pm in the hall

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Mother Church of Christendom, and the Cathedral of the Pope as Bishop of Rome. It was the first church to be consecrated publicly in 324 AD after years of persecution. So it stands as a sign that the Church endures. Empires rise and fall, but the Church of JESUS Christ always remains, and will do so until the end of time.

The Feast of the Lateran has a **special meaning for us this year**, because our own Parish Church of St Mary of the Annunciation was **solemnly consecrated by Bishop Patrick on 1st May**. On that day, St Mary's was set apart for ever for the **worship of God**. The High Altar was anointed, and the relics of four saints sealed within it. The walls were consecrated and marked with twelve brass crosses – all signs that our church in Loughborough now belongs totally to God. It is here that **Heaven and earth meet in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**, and where the living and the dead are united in prayer, and where through the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice, **many souls are released from Purgatory**.

So as we remember with tremendous gratitude those who served, suffered and died to save our freedom, let us pray for their eternal rest. And may their sacrifice inspire us to a deeper love of God and neighbour, a longing for holiness, and a renewed commitment to pray for those who have gone before us.

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Holy Water: Maria Simma (1915-2004) the Austrian mystic, who for over 60 years had visions of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, said, *"Holy Water is an important means to help the Poor Souls, if we use it with faith and confidence ... It is best to frequently sprinkle a drop with a short prayer for the Poor Souls. It is very regrettable that in many homes one can no longer find a Holy Water font, as thus the Poor Souls have to miss this great help."* You can buy a bottle for Holy Water from the Repository or bring your own. Then fill it up from the urn by the Sacred Heart altar. *Fr Paul*

Enabling Our Mission Campaign: We will be hosting a small gathering in the Church on **Monday 10th November at 10.15am** to explain this initiative to members of the laity and hope you are able to make one of the following dates: 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*

Christmas Fayre donation appeal: In addition to the items requested in last week's flyer, sweets and teddy bears would also be appreciated. Thank you.

Bake Off Comes to St Mary's! Get your aprons ready – it's time for The Great Mince Pie Bake Off at this year's Christmas Fayre! Think your mince pies could be crowned the best in the parish? Entry forms are available at the back of the church – just £5 to enter. All entries will be anonymously judged by our Fathers, with a special prize for the winning pies. All details are on the entry forms (and yes, we'll be keeping an eye out for any soggy bottoms!).

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.

Grub Club: Thank you to everyone who donated to Grub Club's Cosy Coats appeal. We had plenty of coats to distribute from Sacred Heart Church, Sacred Heart School and De Lisle. The coats were on display at our sessions during half term and were then made available to the attendees at the English language lessons and the Warm Welcome Club held at the United Reformed Church. They were much appreciated by the families. As usual, Grub Club provided activities for the children and hot meals for everyone. We served around 85 hot dinners on the two days we were open. A big thank you to the volunteers, without whose support we couldn't function, and to the United Reformed Church for hosting the Club. *Eileen*

The Jesuit Institute is offering an Advent Online Retreat between Sunday 7th and Thursday 11th December, giving participants an opportunity to spend more time with God and listen to how God as at work in their lives in the lead up to Christmas. Details, and booking information, is at: www.jesuitinstitute.org/events/online-individually-guided-retreat---advent

From the Saints

"The soldier of Christ must stand firm in the battle of faith. Victory is not in the sword, but in the Cross."

St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)



Our annual Mass for the Bereaved will be on Thursday 27th November at 6.30pm. All parishioners are invited to attend.

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: £755 (of which £117 was G/A)

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

Attendance: 683

Thank you

St Mary's bank account details for online donations

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