

# St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

## TRINITY SUNDAY



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*Served by the Rosminians*

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# NEWSLETTER

## The Blessed Trinity Revealed

Today is **Trinity Sunday** which the Church always celebrates on the Sunday after Pentecost. The doctrine of the Most Blessed Trinity is the central mystery of our faith (Catechism of the Catholic Church #234). **There is one God, and in that one God, there are divine three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** This is not something invented by theologians. It comes directly from Scripture and from the mouth of Our Lord Himself.

The Bible reveals the Trinity gradually. **It is hinted at in the Old Testament, and in the New Testament; Our Lord makes it explicit.** From the beginning in the book of Genesis, God says, *“Let us make man in our own image and likeness”* (1:26). The language is in the plural. The Fathers of the Church saw in these words a glimpse of the Trinity, and **St Augustine** wrote that in passages like this, **God was preparing us to receive the revelation of the Blessed Trinity.** Then in Genesis 18:1-15, **Abraham is visited by three heavenly figures**, and yet Scripture speaks of them as **one Lord.** Strangely, the text alternates between singular and plural – three visitors, yet one Lord.

But the most explicit revelation comes in the life of Our Lord. At His **Baptism** in the River Jordan by John the Baptist, all three Divine Persons are present. The **Son** is there in the water, the **Holy Spirit** descends like a dove, and the voice of the **Father** is heard from Heaven: *“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”* (Matthew 3:17). And then before ascending into Heaven, Our Lord gives the Apostles the Great Commission: *“Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”* (Matthew 28:19). And we should note Our Lord says “name” in the singular – and not “names” in the plural. One God – three Persons.

St John in his Gospel speaks especially clearly about this mystery. In the Prologue to his Gospel, he writes, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”* (1:1). In other words,

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*St Justin Martyr*

## MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

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**Sat 30th**     **Vigil Mass**  
6.00pm     Keith Newton (RIP, Anniversary)

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**Sun 31st**     **Trinity Sunday (Solemnity)**  
9.00am     Stephen Bowmer and Margot & Stan Trojan (RIP)  
11.15am     For the Parish  
4.00pm     Italian Mass

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**Mon 1st**     **St Justin, Martyr**  
9.15am     Wyn Stuttard (RIP)

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**Tues 2nd**    **Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs**  
9.15am     John Eastgate (RIP)

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**Weds 3rd**    **Feria**  
6.30pm     Linda Stafford (RIP) (Latin)

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**Thurs 4th**   **Feria**  
9.15am     Margaret Evans (RIP)  
6.30pm     Sung Latin Mass of Corpus Christi: Bill York (RIP)

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**Fri 5th**     **St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr**     *First Friday*  
2.30pm     *Convalidation*  
6.00-6.25pm     *Confessions*  
6.30pm     For our Deceased Relatives and Friends  
*Followed by Benediction*

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**Sat 6th**     **Saturday Mass of the BVM**     *First Saturday*  
10.00am     Teresa Bova & Antonio Canu (RIP)  
10.30am     *Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*  
-12.30pm     *with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm*  
2.30pm     *Baptism*  
6.00pm     **Vigil Mass:** Antonietta Acierno (RIP, Anniversary)

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**Sun 7th**     **Corpus Christi (Solemnity)**  
9.00am     For the Parish  
11.15am     Michael Abbott (RIP)  
4.00pm     *Corpus Christi Procession*

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**Rosary**     *Mon, Tues, Thurs after 9.15am Mass; Wed, Fri at 6.00pm; First Saturday of each month after 10.00am Mass*

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### THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

**Mon 1st**     SPUC - 7.00pm in the parish hall  
**Tues 2nd**    Bible Study - 7.00pm in the parish library

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**Please pray for those who are sick**

**for those who have recently died:**

Bill York

Gerard Devlin

*May they rest in peace*

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

Eva Eremiowicz

Peter Lallo

George Harris

Gwen Wilkinson

Frank Kozimor

Eddie Hamilton

#### 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.

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JESUS Christ is truly God and equal to the Father and has existed from all eternity. He is uncreated. Later on, JESUS says, *“The Father and I are one”* (10:30). And throughout John’s Gospel, JESUS promises **to send the Holy Spirit**, the Sanctifier, **Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

Of course, **we can never fully understand the Trinity**, but the Church doesn’t ask us to abandon reason. Rather she asks us **to kneel in adoration where reason reaches its limit.** The doctrine of the Trinity is not contrary to reason, but it is above it. The world today suffers from great intellectual arrogance. Modern man thinks he can understand everything, which, of course, he cannot. But as Catholics, **we kneel with humility before the mystery**, because God is greater than us. If God were so small that we could comprehend Him fully, He wouldn’t be God.

So on this great Feast of the Blessed Trinity, let us recover a sense of awe. Make the Sign of the Cross **slowly**, and pray the Gloria Patri (Glory be) **reverently**. And let us remember that we are destined to share forever in the life of the Most Blessed Trinity.

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

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**Congratulations to all those in our RCIA group who were received into the Church last weekend.** The Bishop celebrated a beautiful Mass with us on Friday evening, during which there were 4 baptisms, 2 receptions into full communion with the Catholic Church, and 17 confirmations. A further 2 candidates were confirmed at Sunday morning Mass. This is a wonderful sign of the life and growth of the Church in our parish. Please keep all our newly initiated and confirmed members in your prayers as they continue in their journey of faith.

*Fr Paul*

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**First Holy Communion:** This weekend First Holy Communion will be celebrated at all Masses. Next Sunday, **7th June**, is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, and in addition to the usual Masses, there will be a **Corpus Christi Procession** at 4pm concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners are invited to attend. Certificates for the First Holy Communion children will be presented after Benediction.

*Fr Paul*

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**SPUC:** The next meeting will be on **Monday 1st June** at 7pm in the hall. All welcome. If you would like to join us but are not able to make it this time please email [spuclooughborough@gmail.com](mailto:spuclooughborough@gmail.com). This will be the last meeting before September.

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**The Church has for centuries dedicated the month of June to the Sacred Heart of JESUS.**

Let us begin this month with a spirit of reparation, deeper fidelity to prayer, penance and charity, and by being strong witnesses to the Kingship of Christ. This Friday is the First Friday of the month and there will be a short Benediction after the 6.30pm Mass.

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**79th Annual UCM Walsingham Pilgrimage – 7th July 2026:**

A reminder that the remaining balance of £25 per person is due **this Sunday (31st May)**. If you have any queries, **please speak to Samantha Edwards after Mass or contact her on: 07936 928 370**

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**Talk:** Everyone is warmly invited to an illustrated talk entitled “Priests, Plots, Pursuivants and Hiding Places: Catholics in the Reign of Elizabeth I”. **Wednesday 17th June** at 7:30 in the hall. Organised by the UCM

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**Last Rites does not mean Last Minute!** As soon as a person begins to be in danger of death because of illness, injury or old age, the time for anointing has surely already come. *Fr Paul*

## 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.

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**Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2026, 12th-19th July:** Are you 16 or over? Join the Nottingham Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. Travelling overland by coach with four nights in Lourdes and a stop in Paris on the way home, you'll serve assisted pilgrims, share in the life of the Sanctuary, and follow a programme of prayer, talks and time together. £1,050 all-in; bursaries available in confidence for any young person who needs one. To find out more or to register interest, email [director@ndcys.com](mailto:director@ndcys.com)

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**Gift Aid:** If you are a UK tax-payer and are making regular church donations by standing order, please complete a Gift Aid declaration form so that we will receive a further 25% in addition to this. The Gift Aid declaration forms are available from the repository at the back of the church. Please return your completed form to the office or email it to [office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysloughborough.org.uk). *Geoff Mercer*

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## From the Saints

*"If you can comprehend it, it is not God."*

St Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

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**The First Saturday children's catechism class** will take place on **Saturday 6th June** at 9.00am with Mass at 10.00am. Children will visit the Baptistry and learn about the children of Our Lady of Fatima. You are welcome to stay with your children and join us for Mass, or they may be collected at 10.30am.

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**This Thursday, 4th June, the Sunday after Trinity, the traditional Feast of Corpus Christi,** will be celebrated with an extra Sung Latin Mass at 6.30pm. In England and Wales, however, the Church officially observes this great Solemnity next weekend. So Thursday is not a day of Obligation.

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## Last Week's Finance

**Collection:** £772 (£110 G/A)

**Standing orders:** £929 @ 30/04 (£741 G/A)

**Attendance:** 646

*Thank you*

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