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NEWSLETTER

Under the Protection of Mary

This Thursday 16th July, we celebrate the Feast of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. Particularly associated with this feast is the **Brown Scapular** which is one of the great 'sacramentals' of the Church and is often called "**Our Lady's uniform**." The Brown Scapular consists of two pieces of brown wool tied together with a cord which is worn over the shoulders. Our Lady gave the Brown Scapular to **St Simon Stock** in 1251, a Carmelite Friar at **Aylesford in Kent**, who at the time was the Superior of the Carmelites in England. He complained to Our Lady that his order was being persecuted and falling apart and so he begged for her protection. She appeared to him on 16th July 1251 and presented him with the Brown Scapular saying, "**Son, receive this Scapular as a sign of the privilege which I have obtained for you and the children of Mount Carmel. Whosoever shall die clothed with this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.**" The Church has long encouraged devotion to the Brown Scapular, extending its use beyond the Carmelite Order to the faithful who are properly enrolled and who wear it with devotion.

The Scapular has been encouraged by numerous popes, and was encouraged still further at **Fatima in 1917**. At the final apparition on 13th October, the occasion of the famous **Miracle of the Sun**, Our Lady appeared to the three seers Jacinta, Francesco and Lucia as Our Lady of Mount Carmel and held out the Brown Scapular to them. Lucia some years later when asked why, she replied that **Our Lady wants everyone to wear it**. Once a person is enrolled, it ought to be worn all the time in order to obtain the spiritual benefits. It reminds us to ask our Heavenly Mother's help to keep us out of sin throughout the day, and by wearing it we tell her we love her and trust her.

Our Lady also promised St Simon Stock that those who fulfil certain conditions and wear the Scapular, **she will free from Purgatory shortly after their death and particularly on Saturdays**, which is

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St Camillus de Lellis

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Christopher Pacynko
 Dora Belcher
 Giuseppe Romano

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 11th Vigil Mass
 6.00pm Brian de Silva (RIP)

Sun 12th Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9.00am For the Parish
 11.15am Mathai Mathai Choonattu (RIP)
 4.00pm *Italian Mass*

Mon 13th Feria
 9.15am Barbara Jones (RIP)

Tues 14th St Camillus de Lellis, Priest
 9.15am Abraham Pukkurayil (RIP, Anniversary)

Weds 15th St Henry, Emperor
 6.30pm Giovanni Lallo (RIP) (Latin)

Thurs 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 6.30pm* Intention for the living *Please note time change
Enrolment in the Brown Scapular

Fri 17th Feria
 2.30pm *Baptism*
 6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
 6.30pm Phyllis & Aislabie Harrison (RIP)

Sat 18th Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 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:** For the Parish

Sun 19th Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9.00am Victims of the earthquake in Venezuela
 11.15am Giovanni Lallo (RIP)
 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*

Newsletter notices: Please note that items for the newsletter must be received by the office by 9.00am on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's issue.

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Our Lady's day. This is known as the **'Sabbatine Privilege'**. The conditions are: **to wear the Brown Scapular faithfully, to observe chastity according to one's state in life, and to recite five decades of the Rosary every day.**

This is not asking much when one considers the privileges. There are many wonderful stories of miracles of salvation brought about by the Scapular. On the same day Our Lady gave St Simon the Scapular, he was called to the bedside of a dying and unrepentant man. He placed his own large Scapular over the dying man and immediately the man repented and died as a friend of God. Later that day the man appeared to his family and told them he had been saved by **"the most powerful Queen and by the Brown Scapular of that man as a shield of protection."**

Pope St John Paul II (1920-2005), often spoke of how he had worn the Scapular all his life. When he was shot in St Peter's Square by a Turkish assassin on 13th May 1981, as he was being taken for emergency surgery he specifically asked that his Scapular not be removed.

Although miracles are attributed to it, it is not a lucky charm. We have to wear it with devotion and strive to lead a good Christian life. We should not presume to be saved just because we wear it. As the priest enrolls you he says, **"Receive this blessed Scapular and ask the Most Holy Virgin that, by her merits, it may be worn with no stain of sin and may protect you from all harm and bring you into everlasting life."**

If you have never been enrolled in the Brown Scapular, I would encourage you to consider it. I have a good supply available and would be delighted to enrol people on this Feast at Mass on Thursday. While there is no sin in ceasing to wear the Scapular after enrolment, you would lose the spiritual encouragement and graces associated with this beautiful devotion. May Our Lady of Mount Carmel one day bring us all safely to the joy of Heaven.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Enrolment in the Brown Scapular: This Thursday, 16th July, is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Anyone who wishes to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular of Carmel is welcome to do so during Mass that evening, but please let me know in advance. Many of you are already enrolled. To enable as many people as possible to attend, Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm instead of the usual 9.15am.

Fr Paul

Calling Parish Musicians or those who would like to be: The Diocese of Nottingham is partnering with One Hope Project to offer both spiritual and musical formation for parish musicians (or those who would like to be). The course will begin in September but there is an information meeting on **Monday 20th July at 7.00pm on Zoom** to explore what the programme is and how it can help you. To access the link please email team@onehopeproject.co.uk or visit: <https://bit.ly/OHPNotts26>

Defibrillator: Following a First Aid course held at the presbytery earlier this year, we have purchased a defibrillator which is now operational. All our first aiders are trained in how to use it.

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.

RCIA: The new RCIA programme will begin in September for adults (over 18) who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is also suitable for adult Catholics who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as for those who would simply like to know more about the Catholic faith. Classes will take place in the parish library at 7pm on alternate Thursdays, beginning on **Thursday 24th September**. For further information or to request an application form, please contact the parish office, or speak to one of the priests.

Fr Paul

Confirmation 2027: Those wishing to be confirmed next year should be in at least Year 7 by September 2026. This is advance notice that anyone intending to apply for the course should be attending weekly Mass now. Those who have not already been attending weekly Mass by the time the application forms become available will be asked to postpone their application until such a time as they are.

Fr Paul

From the Saints

"Our Lady wants all to wear the Scapular. The Scapular and the Rosary are inseparable."

Venerable Sister Lucia of Fatima (1907-2005)



The second collection this Sunday will be for Stella Maris, the maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Over the past year, Stella Maris has supported more than 100,000 seafarers in UK ports, and many more worldwide. Its chaplains and ship visitors provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers on ships, in ports, and in hospitals. They also offer friendship and hope to people who would otherwise be alone. Every donation helps them carry out this vital role.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £698.09 (of which £138 was G/A)

Standing orders: £942 @ 30/06 (of which £736 was G/A)

Attendance: 586

Thank you

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