

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

The Pallium – an ancient sign of unity

Last Monday 29th June, the traditional date of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the recently appointed **Archbishop of Westminster, Richard Moth**, together with 34 other **Metropolitan Archbishops**, received the **pallium** from Pope Leo XIV during a Papal Mass in St Peter's Basilica in Rome. In the Catholic Church, several dioceses are grouped together to form a **Province**, and the Metropolitan, is the senior bishop among them. Our Diocese of Nottingham is in the **Province of Westminster**, and so Archbishop Moth is our Metropolitan. Metropolitan Archbishops are always given the pallium.

The pallium is a **narrow band of white wool marked with six black crosses** (see photo on the left). It is woven from **lamb's wool** blessed by the Pope each year on the feast of **St Agnes** (from the Latin "Agnus" meaning lamb). It is a very ancient vestment, and is worn over the shoulders of the Archbishop, which reminds him that he is first of all a shepherd. The Fathers of the Church loved to picture the **Good Shepherd carrying the lost sheep home**. The shepherd knows his sheep, goes before them, searches for them when they go astray, and if necessary, lays down his life for them. Authority in the Church is never separated from sacrifice.

The pallium has been bestowed by the Pope for over fourteen centuries, and it signifies **visible communion with the Successor of St Peter**. We heard in the Gospel last weekend how Our Lord gave to St Peter the **Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven** (Matthew 16:13-19). Peter and his successors as Bishop of Rome would be the **sign of unity** that would endure in the Church until the end of time. **The pallium is a symbol of that unity**, and it is for this reason it is bestowed by the Pope, and how fitting it is that this should take place annually on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

For us here in England, there is a **historical curiosity** concerning the pallium. The ancient coat of arms of the **Anglican Archbishops of**



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St Maria Goretti

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died:

James John Wilson
Roy Arthur Anthony
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Doreen Dilkes
Donato Buttarazzi
Irena Malinowska
Derek Whymark
Joan Hunt
Barbara Watkins

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 **Vigil Mass**
6.00pm For the Parish

Sun 5th **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Carmela & Francesco Devivo and
 Michelina & Antonio Benincasa (RIP)
11.15am Linda Stafford (RIP)
4.00pm *Italian Mass*

Mon 6th **St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr**
9.15am Irena Malinowska (RIP, Anniversary)

Tues 7th **Feria**
9.15am Derek Whymark (RIP, Anniversary)
6.00pm *Reception of James John Wilson RIP*

Weds 8th **St Elizabeth, Queen & Widow**
11.30am *Requiem Mass: James John Wilson RIP*
6.30pm Linda Helm (Latin)

Thurs 9th **St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions**
9.15am Judy Grace Reganot (RIP)

Fri 10th **Feria**
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm Sr Theophilamma (RIP, Anniversary)

Sat 11th **St Benedict, Abbot & Patron of Europe**
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:** 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*

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

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Weds 8th UCM - 2.00pm in the parish hall

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Canterbury still bears the image of the pallium. Before the tragic break of the Church in England with Rome in the sixteenth century, the Archbishops of Canterbury would have travelled to Rome or received from Rome that very sign of communion with the Apostolic See. We think immediately of **St Augustine** (died 605), who landed in Kent in 595, having been sent to this island by **Pope St Gregory the Great**. We think of **St Anselm** (ca 1033-1109), defending the rights and liberty of the Church, and **St Thomas Beckett** (ca 1119-1170), murdered in his cathedral because he would not surrender the rights of God to human powers. All these Archbishops of Canterbury wore the pallium. The pallium has long disappeared from the vesture of any Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, and yet the **heraldic pallium** has remained. This quietly witnesses to a thousand years when England was Catholic and looked to Rome, not as a foreign power, but as the centre of Catholic unity.

The pallium reminds us that the Church is meant to be one, and that true unity is to be in communion with the Successor of St Peter. Faith in these times seems weaker, and Christianity remains divided, but we must never give up hope. Christ promised that there would be *“one flock and one shepherd”* (John 10:16), and God can still bring about what may seem impossible to us. Let us pray, therefore, that England may one day return to **full visible unity in the Catholic Church**. This won't come about by human effort alone, but **by God's grace**, quietly at work over time, healing divisions and restoring what has been lost. In the words of **St Ambrose of Milan** (ca 339-397), **“Ubi Petrus, ibi ecclesia.” “Where Peter is, there is the Church.”**

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

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.

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*

The Mature Adults group will meet on Monday 6th July at 2pm in Sacred Heart Church Hall. All Welcome. The church is next to Tesco on Park Road and the hall is next to the church. There is a £1 charge to cover tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes, and this month there will be a talk on “How to identify, recognise, reject and report fraud and scams”. The group meets for about one and a half hours every month throughout the year and is very welcoming. For any further information please talk with Emily after Mass.

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.

An elderly parishioner is looking for someone to do small repair/maintenance jobs inside and outside her property on a paid basis. Please contact Fr Paul if you, or someone you know, can help.

Prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

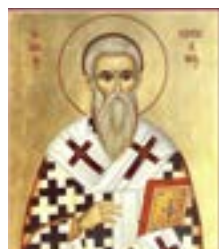
- Leader:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.
- All:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives 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.

St Mary's School: As we approach the end of the school year we say goodbye to our Year 6 children and their families and give them our good wishes as they move to secondary school. Also leaving are members of staff Miss Fonseca, who is moving to teach in Leicester, and Helen Myatt who is moving to a new position. A special mention to Mrs. D'Arcy as she retires after 43 years at the school. We thank her for her service, commitment and dedication to the school community and wish her a well-earned rest. A big thank you also to Fr Paul and Fr David for their reassuring presence in school throughout the year and the whole staff team for promoting the Catholic Life of the school. Happy Holidays to all. *Jane Monaghan*

79th UCM Walsingham Pilgrimage, 7th July 2026: Details for the pilgrimage are now at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha on 07936 928370.



From the Saints

"If someone does not hold fast to the unity of Peter, can he imagine that he still holds the Faith? If he deserts the Chair of Peter upon whom the Church was built, can he still be confident that he is in the Church?"

St Cyprian of Carthage (ca 200-258)

Brother Lawrence, Ochieng Okoth, a Rosminian from Kenya is now with us. He is a student for the priesthood at the Beda College in Rome, and will spend the summer in England, mostly in Loughborough, although he will be visiting other communities. I'm sure you'll make him very welcome.

Fr Paul

The second collection next Sunday (Sea Sunday)

will be for Stella Maris, the maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Its chaplains and ship visitors provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers around the world.

Last Week's Finance

1st collection: £668.58 (of which £115 was G/A)

St Peter's Pence: £226.30

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

Attendance: 511

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