

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

22nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

Catholic and Apostolic

In the Creed each week we say, *"I believe in one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church."* What does it mean to say the Church is Catholic and Apostolic?

The word '**catholic**' means universal. **The Church is universal in time, in place and in doctrine.** It is **universal in time** because from the day Our Lord commissioned the Apostles to preach to the whole world (Matthew 28:19), it has existed and taught in every age. But what about other Christian denominations now in existence? The fact is that none of them go back to Christ. There was a gap of at least one thousand years between the founding of them and the founding of the Catholic Church by Christ. For one thousand years the Catholic Church was the only Christian denomination. There were a few heretical sects which lasted some years but then disappeared. The other major Christian denominations came centuries later. Protestants base everything upon their individual private interpretation of the Bible, but we only have the Bible because of the Catholic Church, who preserved and determined which books make up the Bible. So the Bible is a Catholic book which only she has the authority given by Christ to interpret.

The Catholic Church is **universal in place** in the sense that it is not confined to any one part of the world, but teaches everywhere. It is **universal in doctrine** since it teaches the same doctrines and administers the same Sacraments everywhere. The Church may have different Rites, but these Rites confer the same Sacraments.

The Church is also '**Apostolic**'. This means that any Church claiming to be Christ's must go back to the Apostles for its origin and authenticity in an unbroken line, and its teachings must be identical with that of the Apostles. Therefore it must teach unequivocally that JESUS Christ is fully God and fully man, that Christ founded a hierarchical Church, that JESUS is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, that the Church has the power to forgive sins, that the Pope is the successor of St Peter and is the visible head of the Church on earth, the necessity of both faith and good works,

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St Teresa of Calcutta

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Zuzanna Kowalska
May she rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Christine Fornara
Donna Bellucci
Violet Bowler

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 29th <i>6.00pm</i>	Vigil Mass Declan Macdaid (RIP, Anniversary)
Sun 30th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Cresilda Castillo (RIP) For the Parish <i>Italian Mass</i>
Mon 31st <i>10.30am</i>	St Aidan, Bishop, & Saints of Lindisfarne Intention for the living
Tues 1st <i>9.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Feria Intention for the living <i>Wedding</i>
Weds 2nd <i>6.30pm</i>	St Stephen, King & Confessor In thanksgiving
Thurs 3rd <i>9.15am</i>	St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor (Feast) Intention for the living
Fri 4th <i>6.00-6.25pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	St Cuthbert, Bishop <i>First Friday</i> <i>Confessions</i> For our Deceased Relatives & Friends
Sat 5th <i>10.00am</i> <i>10.30am</i> <i>-12.30pm</i> <i>6.00pm</i>	St Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin <i>Five First Saturdays</i> Intention for the living <i>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm</i> Vigil Mass: David King (RIP)
Sun 6th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>2.30pm</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parish 50th Wedding Anniversary <i>Baptism</i> <i>Italian Mass</i>
Rosary	<i>Mon, Tues, Thurs after 9.15am Mass; Wed, Fri at 6.00pm; First Saturday of each month after 10.00am Mass</i>
Please note that Mass on Bank Holiday Monday (31st) will be at 10.30am	

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that divorce is forbidden, that marriage is between one man and one woman, and the necessity of praying for the dead, to name a few. **That Church is the Catholic Church.** It also means that each and every ordained minister of the Church, every true priest and every true bishop, can trace his ordination back to one of the twelve Apostles. Since the time of St Peter there have been 267 popes. You can trace the line back from Pope Leo XIV to St Peter the Apostle who was the first pope and Bishop of Rome. So the Apostles appointed successors, who in turn appointed further successors. These successors continue all the way to the present day within the Catholic Church. It is what we call the **Apostolic Succession.**

It is often claimed that the churches formed at the Reformation aren't new at all, but are simply the Church Christ founded purified from errors that had built up in the Catholic Church over the centuries. This fails the test of history. We know from the writings of the Apostles and the early Fathers of the Church what was taught from the beginning. When we compare the teachings of Protestant denominations with the teachings of the Apostles, we find that they are not the same. **Only the Catholic Church teaches the same doctrines as Christ and the Apostles.**

However, this is not to denigrate non-Catholic communities in any way. There are many fine people among them who may be far holier than some of us! But we must hold fast to the faith that has been handed down to us, all of it, because it comes from God. And we pray that by God's grace, there may once again be *"one flock and one shepherd"* (John 10:16), united under the visible Head of the Church on earth, the Pope, who is the Successor of St Peter, the rock, on whom Christ built His Church (Matthew 16:18).

Fr Paul Gillbam, IC

First Saturday children's catechism class, Saturday 5th

September at 9.00am: The children will learn the Salve Regina then meet with Brother Lawrence to learn about the objects used during the Mass before joining the parish for Mass at 10.00am. You are welcome to stay with your children and join us for Mass or collect them at 10.30am.

UCM: Please note that the meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 2nd September** has been cancelled, so the next meeting will be on **Wednesday 16th September** (2.00-4.00pm)

Join March for Life UK on Saturday 5th September in London:

Unite with thousands of others at this annual family-friendly event, where we recognise the value of life from conception and help all people understand why abortion is a tragedy and harms the family to its very core. To find out more go to <https://marchforlife.co.uk>. There will be a coach going to the march from Nottingham. Tickets are £30 for adults, £10 for under 16s, and £15 for students / unwaged. To reserve places contact Marie: 07948 151264 or marielangford@live.co.uk

Mature Adults

**group: Sacred Heart
Church, Park Road,**

Loughborough: The next monthly meeting will be on **Monday 7th September**, starting at 2.00 pm (and ending at approximately 3.45 pm) when the group will be entertained by the ukulele players band. There will be the normal charge of £1. Park Road Tesco is located nearby and has a car park. All warmly welcome. For further information please speak to Emily after Mass; she has experience of attending the group and can answer any questions you may have.

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.

The second collection next weekend will be for Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda, a charity that provides a future, through education, for some of the poorest children in the world. Children are supported through primary and secondary education and vocational training or university. Further information can be found on their website: <https://www.evcuganda.org>

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

From the Saints

"Ubi Petrus, ibi Ecclesia." "Where Peter is, there is the Church."

St Ambrose (died 397)



Ride+Stride, 12th

September 2026: Cycle, walk, jog, run, or drive your mobility scooter round some of the 225+ Leicestershire historic churches, including St Mary's, registered for this event. You will be helping raise funds for their repair and improvement. Sponsorship forms available from Elvira.

For more information, see the poster at the back of the church, or visit <https://lhct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £811.34 of which £132.05 was G/A

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

Attendance: 564

Thank you

St Mary's bank account details for online donations

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