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29th SUNDAY IN
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NEWSLETTER

“I am the Lord, and there is no other.”

In today's First reading (Isaiah 45:1-6), God reminds us through the **Prophet Isaiah** that He is not merely the Lord of our private prayers, but the sovereign **Lord of all creation**. There is no earthly king or ruler, government or ideology that can take His place. He is Lord of all history and of every nation, regardless or not of whether mankind acknowledges it. He wants all peoples to know, *“that there is none besides Me.”*

Religion today is so often treated as a private matter. **“It's fine at home or at church, but keep it out of public life,”** as if God has nothing to say about public life. The truth is God's Law is not a matter of personal preference. **His Law is the very foundation of a just society.** In 1925, **Pope Pius XI** in his Encyclical Letter *“Quas Primas”* taught that Christ's Kingship extends not only over individuals, but also over civil society. It's what we call the **Social Kingship of JESUS Christ**. This means that all nations, governments, institutions and individuals are subject to God's moral law. This doesn't mean the Church should take over the ordinary functions of the State, or that the Catholic Faith must be forced upon people. It means that the Church and State each have their proper sphere of authority, but neither can claim independence from the Law of God. **So governments cannot make right what God forbids, or forbid what He commands.** In fact, all political authority, legitimately constituted, comes from God, and must be respected as a reflection of the Divine Authority, provided it accords with His Law. But when human laws contradict Divine Law, *“we must obey God rather than men”* (Acts 5:29). **St Thomas More** (1478-1535) is an excellent example of this, and before being executed he said, **“I die the King's good servant, but God's first.”**

Pope Benedict XVI, during his historic speech in **Westminster Hall** in **2010** expressed this with great clarity. **“Religion is not a problem for legislators to solve, but a vital contributor to the national conversation.”** Pope Benedict was warning against the

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Pope Pius XI

Please pray for those who are sick:

for those who have recently died:

Karoly Spanyol,
Andrew Faiers

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maria Houghton,
Frank Mazzotti,
Andrew Carr,
Annie Owens,
Concetta O'Rourke,
Dolores Cunningham.

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 17th <i>6.00pm</i>	Vigil Mass Zuzanna Kowalska (RIP)
Sun 18th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Intention for the living For the Parish <i>Italian Mass</i>
Mon 19th <i>9.15am</i>	Feria Joseph Manickathan (RIP, Anniversary)
Tues 20th <i>9.15am</i>	Feria Annamma Abraham (RIP, Anniversary)
Weds 21st <i>6.30pm</i>	Feria Piotr Abucewicz (RIP) Requiem (Latin)
Thurs 22nd <i>9.15am</i>	Saint John Paul II, Pope Mary Merwick (RIP)
Fri 23rd <i>6.00-6.25pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	Saint John of Capistrano, Priest & Bishop <i>Confessions</i> Marilyn Fisher (RIP)
Sat 24th <i>10.30am</i> <i>-12.30pm</i> <i>6.00pm</i>	Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop <i>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm</i> Vigil Mass: For the Parish
Sun 25th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Giovanni Di Niro (RIP) Pat Balintine (RIP) <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>

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Thurs 22nd RCIA - 7.00pm in the parish library

First Holy Communion application forms are available after Mass. The closing date is **Sunday 1st November**. Classes will begin in the New Year.

Holy Souls: The November Blessing of Graves and Rosary at Loughborough Cemetery will be on **Sunday 1st November at 3pm**, meeting in the car park just before.

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marginalisation of Christianity and the attempt of the State to relegate religion to mere private opinion. **The Catholic Faith has something essential to contribute to public life, because She alone proclaims the full truth about God**, the dignity of the human person, and the moral principles upon which a just society must be built.

The Gospel today (Matthew 22:1-21) focuses us on the same topic. When asked about paying taxes to Caesar, Our Lord answered, **“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”** In other words, we have to fulfil our duties towards the State, and also pray for those who govern us. But there is something we should ask ourselves. If, as in the Gospel, the coin bears the image of Caesar, whose image do we bear? As we know, **we are created in the image and likeness of God** (Genesis 1:27). He created us and we owe Him everything, and He holds us in being. It’s not enough to give Him just one hour on a Sunday or Saturday evening while keeping everything else for ourselves. **The Social Kingship of Christ has to begin in our own hearts**, guiding our family life, our work, and the way we treat others. We ought also to pray to have leaders and rulers who will uphold God’s Laws, and for our country to rediscover its Christian foundations. This is surely for the good of our own souls.

So the message in today’s readings is clear. **God alone is the Supreme Lord, and JESUS Christ, His Divine Son, is the King.** So let us render to earthly authority what is due to it, but give to God what belongs to Him – our hearts, our obedience, and our lives.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Relics of St Gerard Majella: On **Tuesday 10th November**, Fr Royston Price, a Redemptorist missionary from Clapham, London, will be bringing the relics of St Gerard Majella, a Redemptorist saint, to St Mary’s. This will consist of an evening Mass at 6.30pm, with the church open for private prayer before the relics an hour beforehand, and an opportunity for individual or family blessings with the relics afterwards. St Gerard is known as the patron saint of mother’s, couples trying to conceive and childbirth. Several priests will be available for confessions from 5.30pm. We need a full church for this. Please put the date it in your diary.

Fr Paul

Thank you for your continued support of the Your Store Food Bank. The next collections from the car park (10.30-11am) will be on: **7th November and 12th December**

Sunday 18 October – Today is World Mission Sunday. Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope’s charity for world mission – we stand united as God’s global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme ‘One in Christ, united in mission’ to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God’s love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Safeguarding - Enhanced DBS holders: A number of these are up for renewal and over the next few weeks I’ll be distributing the relevant forms to you. Kindly note that once the Diocese has your completed forms you will automatically be sent a further link to be completed and there is just a two week window to do this. Thank you for volunteering in our parish and completing the process of DBS screening.

Jane Monaghan PSR

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.

Parenting course: a new online course run by the parish for families or expectant families. Next session: Weds 21st Oct, 8 to 9pm.

Course topics include: making time for your children; meals and celebrations; living your faith as a family; praying as a family; dealing with difficulties in family life; moral values and family life; smartphones, screentime and social media; education, school, and special needs. To receive the link to join via Teams, email: rita.hicklinPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

Flame is the national Catholic youth gathering, run by CYMFed (the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation). Every two years Catholic young people from across England and Wales fill Wembley Arena for a day of music, speakers and prayer. For many young people it's the first time they see how big the Church they belong to actually is and how alive it feels. The Diocesan Youth Service has 400 passes for school and parish groups, with ticket-only or coach packages available. To book email bookings@ndcys.com or visit www.ndcys.com/flame/

From the Saints

"There is no greater encouragement to sin than to allow that the laws of men may transgress the laws of God."

(St John Chrysostom, ca 347-407)



Catechist Formation: The Diocese of Nottingham is offering three courses about being a catechist: if you are interested in being a catechist, or are just starting out, or if you have been a Catechist for a long time, there is a course for you. All courses are on Zoom on Thursday evenings, with the first course, Encounter Catechesis, exploring four big questions about the foundations of catechesis, from Thursday 5th November. Speak to your parish priest, or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Job Vacancy: Exaireo are looking for a Support Worker, please see the noticeboard for details.

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £583.44 of which £73 was G/A

CAFOD Family Fast Day: £769

Standing orders: £879 @ 31/08 (of which £725 was G/A)

Attendance: 607

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