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27th SUNDAY IN
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NEWSLETTER

October: the month to take up the Rosary

October is traditionally the **month of the Holy Rosary**. And there could hardly be a better reminder than the example of **Pope Leo XIV in Lourdes last weekend**, when he joined thousands of pilgrims for the Rosary and candlelight procession, walking and praying with his own Rosary in hand. **Earlier that day, he had asked the whole Church to pray the Rosary throughout October, particularly for peace and an end to war.** We will do this at St Mary's throughout this month, and I would encourage you to do the same at home and in your families.

The Rosary is much more than a nice devotion of the pious and elderly. It is one of the great **spiritual weapons** of the Church. The **Battle of Lepanto in 1571** is a story every Catholic should know. **The Christian West was under attack**, and St Pius V called the faithful to pray the Rosary for victory. The Christian fleet, against all the odds, won, resulting in the saving of Christian civilization. The anniversary of this victory eventually became the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary** which we celebrate on 7th October. **The battle continues today.** We may not face an enemy fleet, but as I continually remind you, **we are engaged in a spiritual battle against sin, temptation and the powers of darkness.** Our families are under pressure; our children are exposed to evil influences, marriage and purity are attacked, and the Faith is abandoned by many. **The Rosary is our protection.** St Padre Pio called it **"the weapon."**

One of the most important places for the Rosary is the **family home**. There is something wonderfully Catholic about a family gathering each evening around a statue or picture of Our Lady and praying the Rosary together. All it needs is a bit of time and perseverance. Don't worry if children become restless or distracted. They are learning to pray. **The important thing for children to learn is that prayer is an important part of family life.** If five decades seems too long to begin with, start with one decade and establish the habit. You can gradually increase it to the full five decades. It will become the source of many graces in the home and family.

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St Gerard Majella

Please pray for those who are sick:

for those who have recently died:

Fr Andrew Henson OCSO,
Marilyn Fisher,
Pat Goodwin
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

George Gowers,
Pawel Topoloveanu,
Vincenzo Sozzo,
Joe Elsner,
Phyllis Wood.

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 3rd <i>6.00pm</i>	Vigil Mass For the Parish
Sun 4th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT (Rosary Sunday) Francis Edward Bate (RIP) Mary Merwick (RIP) <i>Italian Mass</i>
Mon 5th <i>9.15am</i>	St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin Vittorio Giorgio (RIP)
Tues 6th <i>9.15am</i>	St Bruno, Priest John McEnergy (RIP)
Weds 7th <i>6.30pm</i>	Our Lady of the Rosary Deceased Members of the Vu Family (Ordinatee)
Thurs 8th <i>9.15am</i>	Feria John McEnergy (RIP, Anniversary)
Fri 9th <i>6.00-6.25pm</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	St John Henry Newman, Priest & Doctor (Feast) <i>Confessions</i> Mary Merwick (RIP)
Sat 10th <i>10.30am</i> <i>-12.30pm</i> <i>2.00pm</i> <i>6.00pm</i>	Saturday Mass of the BVM <i>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm</i> <i>Wedding</i> Vigil Mass: Gregory Baker (RIP)
Sun 11th <i>9.00am</i> <i>11.15am</i> <i>4.00pm</i>	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parish Zuzanna Kowalska (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

Mon 5th	SPUC meeting - 7.00pm in the parish library.
Mon 5th	UCM talk on Blesseds and Venerables - Saints in Waiting: - 7.00pm in the parish hall.
Tues 6th	Bible Study - 7.00pm in the parish library
Thurs 8th	RCIA - 7.00pm in the parish library

The CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes will be collected this weekend.

SPUC will be holding a cake sale after both Masses next Sunday 11th October.

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Every Rosary contains a prayer for the moment of our death. **“Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.”** We are asking Our Lady to accompany us through life, and to be with us at the moment upon which **eternity** depends. **It is a prayer for a happy death.** There is an old story of a man who had lived a very sinful life and was dying without showing any sign of repentance. Those around him urged him to make his peace with God, but he refused. Then someone started to pray the Rosary by his bed, and when they reached the words, **“pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death,”** the dying man suddenly asked them to stop. He asked them to repeat the words. The Rosary continued, and after a while the man asked for a priest. He made his confession and received the Sacraments before he died.

We do not know when the hour of our death will come, which is why the Church teaches us to pray these words every day, **especially in the Rosary** – not only for ourselves, but for our loved ones, and indeed for all sinners. Then that prayer we have repeated thousands of times in the Holy Rosary will surely become a reality: **“Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.”**

Finally, the Rosary has been prayed by saints, popes, families, soldiers, the sick and the dying. It was prayed before the Battle of Lepanto. It has been prayed at Lourdes, Fatima, and Akita. And last weekend, the **Successor of St Peter** prayed it once again **publicly before Our Lady in Lourdes**. Let us do the same. Take up the Rosary. Pray it faithfully. Pray it with your family, and pray it for peace, for the Church, for the Pope, and for the salvation of souls.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Rosary Intention for October: As requested by the Holy Father, our particular intention for the Rosary during the month of October is to pray for peace in the world and an end to war.

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 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 also be available for confessions before the Mass. We need a full church for this. Please put the date it in your diary.

Fr Paul

First Holy Communion application forms are available from this weekend. The closing date for applications is Sunday 1st November.

Blesseds and Venerables - Saints in Waiting:

You are all invited to come along for a friendly evening where we welcome guest speaker, Louise George, to talk about the canonisation process and how we can get help to those in heaven, awaiting that final step to full Sainthood. It's on **Monday 5th October** at 7pm in the parish hall. Refreshments will be provided, and there will be opportunities to ask questions. Organised by the UCM.

Year 6 Parents: Don't miss the secondary school application deadline. If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 he or she will be starting Year 7 in September 2027. You must apply for a secondary school place through your home Local Authority by **Sunday 31st October**. Please see the notice at the back of the church or the parish website for important additional details.

Mature Adults Group Sacred Heart Church, Loughborough: There will be no October meeting; meetings will resume in November.

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.

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

ADVENTure 2026, Friday 27th to Sunday 29th November: a weekend at The Briars, Crich, for young people in school years 10-13. The diocesan youth service will open the centre for prayer, honest conversation, Mass, reconciliation and an Advent party! Young people can come alone, or with a friend, and first-timers are especially welcome. The cost is £50, covering accommodation, meals and the whole weekend. Book through the form at ndcys.com by **13th November**, or email events@ndcys.com with any questions. Bursaries are available.

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:
10th October, 7th November and 12th December

From the Saints

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."

Blessed Pope Pius IX (1792-1878)



Knights of St Columba quiz, Sunday 17th October at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Cost: £7 for adults, £3 for children and students, to include a cheese supper, wine and soft drinks. Please call Will Holland on 07811 353 248 to book (this helps with catering).

Missio Red Boxes: If you have a Missio Red Box at home, please could you collect one of the brown collection envelopes at the back of the church, fill in your details, empty the box into it and return the envelope to the repository. Any questions please contact Samantha on 07936 928 370. Thank you.

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £766.94 of which £95 was G/A

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

Attendance: 593

Thank you

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A/c name: St Mary of Annun Lough RCP

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