St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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The Sin of Doing Nothing

In today's Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30), Our Lord tells the **Parable of the Talents**. A man going on a long journey entrusts his servants with his property. Two of them put what he has given them to good use and **increase their master's wealth**, whereas the third simply digs a hole and **buries his master's money**. When the master returns, he severely reprimands the servant because he has done **nothing** with what was entrusted to him.

There is an important lesson to learn here. **We tend to think of sin as doing something wrong**, such as breaking one of the Commandments, hurting somebody or doing something we know God would not approve of. These certainly are sins, but there is **another type of sin** that can do us just as much harm: **the sin of doing nothing**. In the parable, the servant hadn't stolen his master's money, or been dishonest or squandered it. He simply didn't do anything with it. And this was enough for his master to condemn him. The point here is that **it is quite possible to avoid any serious wrongdoing, and yet fail seriously in our duties as a Christian**. We can easily tell ourselves, "I'm not doing anyone any harm, so I'm ok." But is that really enough?

At the end of every Mass, the priest says, **"Go, and announce the Gospel of the Lord"** or **"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."** In other words, we are being sent out to **live** our Catholic Faith. And God gives us plenty of opportunities to do so. He has given **priests** the responsibility of celebrating the Sacraments, preaching and instructing the faithful in the truth and leading them to Heaven. To **parents** He has given the responsibility to bring up their children in the Faith, to form their consciences, to teach them to pray and protect them from sin. To **teachers** He has given the responsibility to form our young people in both knowledge and virtue, teaching them the truths of the Faith, and helping to prepare them for eternal life. To **nurses and healthcare workers**, He has given opportunities to defend human life, care for the sick, comfort

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St Hugh of Lincoln

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died:
Eleanor Ruth Hayman
Christina Mortell
Pasquale Di Lena
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Angela Brienza
Roger Galvin
Everard Hurt
Carmela Giancola
Norah McKeown

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 14th	**Vigil Mass**
6.00pm	For the Parish
Sun 15th	**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am	Domenico Romano (RIP, Anniversary)
11.15am	Michelina & Giovanni Picciano (RIP, Anniversary)
4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon 16th	**St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop**
9.15am	Holy Souls
Tues 17th	**St Hugh of Lincoln, Patron of our Diocese (Feast)**
9.15am	Mary Merwick (RIP)
Weds 18th	**Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul**
12 noon	*Requiem Mass: Pasquale Di Lena RIP*
6.30pm	All deceased Rosminians (Ordinariate)
Thurs 19th	**St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**
9.15am	Mathew Abraham (RIP, Anniversary)
Fri 20th	**Feria**
6.00-6.25pm	*Confessions*
6.30pm	Vincenzo Caruso (RIP)
Sat 21st	**The Presentation of the BVM**
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:** Gino Romano (RIP)
Sun 22nd	**Christ the King (Solemnity)**
9.00am	Phyllis & Aislabie Harrison (RIP)
11.15am	Natalie Gillham (RIP)
2.30pm	*Baptism*
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

Mon 16th	SPUC - 7.00pm in the parish hall
Tues 17th	Bible Study - 7.00pm in the parish library
Thurs 19th	RCIA - 7.00pm in the parish library

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the dying and practise Christian charity. He has given **all of us** opportunities to encourage and help those in need, to forgive those who have offended us, and to sacrifice for the good of our families and neighbours and to defend Catholic truth. But what do we do with these gifts and opportunities?

God doesn't expect us to do extraordinary things, but He does expect us to be faithful. A parent who patiently teaches their child to pray, a person who visits or speaks to someone who is lonely, a person struggling to overcome a fault, a Catholic who faithfully attends Mass and goes to Confession, a Catholic who brings to Mass someone seeking God; all these things are using the gifts and opportunities God has given us. **Never underestimate what God can accomplish through even the smallest effort made out of love for Him.**

Therefore, **let us not bury the gifts and opportunities God has given us**, but put our talents to good use. Strive to serve God generously in whatever circumstances He has placed us. Then at our judgment, we can look forward to hearing from Our Lord's lips the words of today's Gospel: ***"Well done, good and faithful servant ... enter into the joy of your Master."***

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

The Mass for the Bereaved will be on Friday 27th November at 6.30pm. All are invited to come and pray for our departed loved ones and light a candle for them, even if they died a long time ago.

November Book of Remembrance: If you would like the names of any deceased relatives or friends to be included in our November Book of Remembrance, please complete one of the forms at the back of the church. The First Friday Mass will be offered for all those whose names are entered in the book. If you have submitted a name in previous years, there is no need to do so again.

Organ Recital: Colin Walsh, an international recitalist and Organist Emeritus of Lincoln Cathedral, will return to give a recital at St Mary's on **Tuesday 8th December**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7pm. Mass will be celebrated before at 6pm. Admission to the recital is free, but a collection will be taken to cover expenses. Attendance last year was excellent. Please support it again this year.

New Christmas stock is now available from the repository, including beautiful nativity scenes, cards, calendars and lots more.

Knights of St Columba charity quiz night, Saturday 28th November, 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall. All profits will to to The Carpenter's Arms, the Loughborough based Christian charity that helps men with addiction problems. Cost: £7 for adults, £3 for children and students, to include a cheese supper, wine and soft drinks. To help with the catering, please call Will Holland on 07811 353 248 if you would like to attend.

Join Young Adults across the Diocese of Nottingham to share in prayer, community, and a deeper understanding of Advent with the Young Adult Advent Sycamore Course. Meeting at 7.45pm, online, on the four Mondays of Advent (**30th November, 7th, 14th, and 21st December**: for more details contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk and to book https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/6RcRkJKHtP

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.

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 visit last Tuesday of Fr Royston Price with the relics of St Gerard Majella was a great success. Thank you to all who were able to be present for this special occasion. I am delighted to tell you that Fr Royston will be returning next year, accompanied by another Redemptorist priest, to preach a Parish Mission from 10th to 15th October. Judging by the very positive response to his preaching, this promises to be a wonderful week for our parish. It is now some sixteen years since we last had a Parish Mission, partly because it's so difficult these days to find a priest to do it. So this will be a particularly welcome opportunity for us all to deepen our faith and renew our spiritual lives. Please make a note of the dates and try to keep this week free. You will not be disappointed! *Fr Paul*

The Well, an evening of beauty, reflection and Eucharistic revival, Tuesday 19th January, 6.45pm at St Teresa's Church, Aspley, Nottingham. See the notice board for more information or visit www.madevisible.uk/nottingham.

From the Saints

"Let us begin, brothers, to serve the Lord God, for up to now we have done little or nothing."

St Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226)



The Parish Carol Service will be on Sunday 13th December at 5pm

We are reviewing the sick list: As there may be people who no longer need to be on the list, if you would like someone to remain on it please let us know their name by phone or email by **Friday 4th December**. Any names we have not been notified about by that date will be removed from the list with effect from Sunday 6th December. Thank you.

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £588.17 of which £39 was G/A

Diocesan Hospices: £399.19

Standing orders: £933 @ 31/10 (of which £742 was G/A)

Attendance: 586

Thank you

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