St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

NEWSLETTER

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
(32nd in Ordinary Time)



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The Hour We Know Not

People today are so concerned with the things of the world, that they often forget the **reality of eternity**. We worry about our plans for tomorrow, next week and next year, our health and our financial situation, and yet we forget the one thing that none of us can avoid: **the moment of our death**. The Church, as we approach the end of the liturgical year, invites us to meditate on this fact. Our Lord warns us in this Sunday's Gospel in the **Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins** (Matthew 2:1): ***"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*** The five **wise** virgins were ready when the Bridegroom arrived, but the **foolish** virgins had neglected to bring sufficient oil for their lamps, and when the Bridegroom came, it was too late, and the door was shut. There is a **serious lesson** here for all of us. We should never assume we will have time to get our lives in order, to give up sin and go to Confession. How many intend to be a better Catholic 'one day', but continually put it off? And yet death can come ***"like a thief in the night"*** (1 Thessalonians 5:2). We should never delay our conversion.

The Church, at this time of year, encourages us to meditate on the **Four Last Things**: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. **Death** is the end of our earthly life when the soul separates from the body. We don't know when that will be, so we should always strive to be pleasing to God and never knowingly remain in a state of mortal sin. **Judgment** follows immediately after death. We will have to stand before Our Lord and give an account of our life. We won't be judged by earthly standards of how successful or popular we were, but whether we loved God and our neighbour and kept the Commandments. Did we make use of the graces He offered us? **Heaven** is the place for which we were created. We cannot begin to imagine the glories of Heaven. ***"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him"*** (1 Corinthians 2:9). Those who die in God's grace but still in need of purification will spend time in **Purgatory** before entering Heaven, and we pray in earnest for the souls there during this month of

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Fr Willie Doyle

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died:

Christina Mortell
Barbara Heath
Pasquale Di Lena
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Tony Daly
Peggy Hicks
Domenico Romano
Tom Metson

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 7th	**Vigil Mass**
6.00pm	Anna Maria & Salvatore & Gino Romano (RIP)
Sun 8th	**Remembrance Sunday (32nd in Ordinary Time)**
9.00am	For the Parish
11.15am	Requiem Mass For the Fallen
Mon 9th	**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)**
9.15am	For the Pope
11.30am	*Requiem Mass: Barbara Heath RIP*
Tues 10th	**Votive Mass of St Gerard Majella, Religious**
9.15am	**No Mass**
5.30pm	*Confessions*
6.30pm	Holy Souls (Mass with Relics of St Gerard Majella)
Weds 11th	**St Martin of Tours, Bishop**
6.30pm	For those buried under St Mary's Church (Latin)
Thurs 12th	**St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**
9.15am	Michele Giorgio (RIP)
Fri 13th	**Feria**
6.00-6.25pm	*Confessions*
6.30pm	The Deceased Clergy of St Mary's
Sat 14th	**Saturday Mass 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:** 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*
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 11th UCM - 2.00-4.00pm in the parish hall

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November. **Hell** is the awful reality of eternal separation from God. Our Lord warns many times in the Gospel of the reality of Hell and of the consequences of rejecting Him and dying in a state of unrepented mortal sin. Let us never presume upon our salvation.

This Sunday is also **Remembrance Sunday**, when we **remember with gratitude** all those who have given their lives in the service of their country, particularly during the two World Wars, but also in subsequent conflicts. Many of these men and women died suddenly and violently in battle. Some would have died with the Sacraments and with a priest to minister to them, while others would have died without warning, with no opportunity for Confession or the Last Rites. Let us remember our Christian duty to pray for them and commend their souls to the mercy of God. In our own **Chapel of St George**, on the right aisle of the church, we have lists of our own parishioners who lost their lives in service during the two World Wars. Let us remember to pray for them this weekend.

Finally, I'd like to mention the great importance of the **Last Rites of the Church**. When a Catholic is seriously ill or death seems near, **family and friends should ensure that a priest is called to anoint the person in good time**. Don't wait until the person is unconscious. The anointing can strengthen the soul, and also forgive sins, even mortal sins, if the person is unable to confess and has sorrow. And if it be God's Will, it may also bring physical healing. There is Holy Communion or **Viaticum** – food for the final journey, and the **Apostolic Pardon**. This is a **Plenary Indulgence** at death, provided the person has the right dispositions, granting them complete remission of punishment due to sin. This would mean the person would not have to pass through Purgatory. These are tremendous spiritual gifts. We wouldn't hesitate to call a doctor when someone is in danger of death. How much more important it is to call a priest when a person's **eternal destiny** is at stake.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Relics of St Gerard Majella at St Mary's this Tuesday 10th November: Fr Royston Price will be bringing the relics of St Gerard Majella, a Redemptorist saint, to St Mary's. There will be Mass at 6.30pm, with the church open from 5.30pm for private prayer before the relics. There will be an opportunity for individual or family blessings with the relics after Mass. St Gerard is known as the patron saint of mothers, couples trying to conceive and childbirth. Several priests will be available for confessions from 5.30pm. This is an important event. Please do your best to attend. *Fr Paul*

First Holy Communion 2027: There will be a parents' meeting on **Monday 9th November** in the parish hall, starting at 7pm, during which Mass attendance cards will be distributed.

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.

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.

Last Rites does not mean Last Minute! As soon as a person begins to be in danger of death because of illness, injury or old age, the time for anointing has surely already come. *Fr Paul*

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.

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. The 11.15am Mass will be a Requiem for the fallen service men and women in the First and Second World Wars, and all subsequent military conflicts.

Blessing of Graves: There was a very good attendance of over 50 people for the Blessing of Graves and the Rosary last Sunday at Loughborough Cemetery. Thank you to everyone who came **to pray** for our deceased relatives and friends. I also blessed the graves at the new Nanpantan Cemetery on Tuesday. There are a number of parishioners buried there. May they rest in peace. *Fr Paul*

Servant of God, Fr Willie Doyle (see picture on page 2) was an Irish Jesuit priest educated at Ratcliffe College by the Rosminians. During the First World War, he served as a heroic British Army chaplain on the Western Front before being killed by shellfire on August 16, 1917, while attempting to rescue a wounded soldier. His cause for beatification has now gone to Rome. There are prayer cards at the back of the church.

From the Saints

"Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing you have received, only what you have given: a heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage."

St Francis of Assisi (ca 1181-1226)



The next SPUC meeting will be on Monday 16th November at 7pm in the hall. All Welcome.

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: £687.56 of which £64.03 was G/A

Diocesan Hospices: £399.19

Standing orders: £926 @ 30/09 (of which £741 was G/A)

Attendance: 599

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