

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

NEWSLETTER

We believe in the Resurrection of the body



In our Gospel reading this week the risen Jesus doesn't just meet odd individuals but the whole group of disciples in their refuge, the Upper Room. The **stress** is on their meeting a **REAL PERSON**, not a disembodied ghost or phantom, not 'a **spiritual experience**' but one to **touch** and who **eats** a piece of fish in front of them.

The important lesson of this is that in **our** resurrection to true life, it is the whole person that is raised, not just the soul. **Our bodies will be so real that we will be able to eat!** We work out our salvation with fingers and toes and other bodily members, and **all** will be raised to life. It is not just a matter of thoughts and intentions! The **whole body** is baptised into Christ and is the instrument of our salvation. Our body, like Christ's, will be changed and we shall be raised as whole persons, body and soul. **That is the promise. That is our faith!**

A very common misunderstanding is that your body is a shell and only your soul will live on forever. So, it can be tempting to view our body as only a vehicle for our soul, something that is a "**necessary evil.**" This false belief can be found throughout history and is still prevalent today.

Unfortunately, it can have a negative impact on the way we live our lives and is a philosophy, a false teaching, a heresy, that runs directly counter to the Catholic Church's revealed truth. The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states that both body and soul have great dignity and are meant to be united. It says:

'For this reason, man may not despise his bodily life. Rather he is obliged to regard his body as good and to hold it in honour since God has created it and will raise it up on the last day.' CCC 364

It is important to note that Catholics believe in the **resurrection of the body**, we state it each week in the creed. This means that after our death, we will eventually be **reunited with our body for all eternity.**

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Please pray for those
who are sick

for those who have
recently died

Rosalind Mottram
John Lawenceson,
Raymond McLaughlin
Annie McCloskey
Mario Mancini
May they rest in peace

and for those whose
anniversaries occur at
this time

John Hussey
Sharon Biddles
Genina Romano
Maurice Welband
Ann Checketts
Mary Walsh

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 13th Vigil Mass
6.00pm For the Parish

Sun 14th Third Sunday of Easter
9.00am Umberto Fabbicatore (RIP)
11.15am Ann Checketts (RIP, Anniv) & Muriel Lewin (RIP)
4.00pm Italian Mass

Mon 15th Easter Feria
9.15am Intention for the living (50th Wedding Anniversary)
6.30pm UCM Mass (Renewal Mass)

Tues 16th Easter Feria
9.15am Intention for the living

Weds 17th Easter Feria
9.15am Celebration Mass for Mrs Hunt
11.00am Requiem Mass: Annie McCloskey RIP
6.30pm Doreen Betty Faulks (RIP) (Latin)

Thurs 18th Easter Feria
9.15am Lena Cuff (RIP)

Fri 19th Easter Feria
6.00-6.25pm Confessions
6.30pm Barbara Morrison (RIP)

Sat 20th Easter Feria
10.00am Ann Folkes (RIP)
10.30am Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
with Confessions 10.30-11.30am & Benediction 12.20pm
2.30pm Baptism: Sebastian Moxom & Xavier Orme
6.00pm Vigil Mass: Giuseppina Giorgio (RIP)

Sun 21st Fourth Sunday of Easter
9.00am Deceased of the Monaghan & Kenyon Families
11.15am For the Parish
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

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In death, the separation of the soul from the body, the human body decays and the soul goes to meet God, while awaiting its reunion with its glorified body. God, in his almighty power, will definitively grant incorruptible life to our bodies by reuniting them with our souls, through the power of Jesus' Resurrection.' CCC 997

Death is something unnatural, as it separates what should be **united**. This is one of the reasons why **Jesus' resurrection** was called **"good news," Gospel**. It meant that no longer would our **souls** be isolated from our **bodies**, but that at the end of time they will be reunited for all eternity. If we think of our body as only a **shell**, then we can do whatever we want with it! Our health **does not** matter, **nor does** it matter if we sin with our body. However, Catholics believe that our body has **great dignity**, and that **what we do with our bodies also affects our soul**. **As St Paul teaches, our bodies our Temples of the Holy Spirit**. We are not mere animals, who are not bound by any **moral laws**. We are **children of God**, destined for **eternal bliss** with our Heavenly Father. We are to treasure our bodies and use them well.

May we live as children of a loving Father, treating our body with care, knowing that it will be with us (in a glorified state) for all eternity.

Fr David Jones OLV

Rethink Abortion Interactive Training Day, Saturday 11th May:

How can we discuss our views with others on this sensitive but important issue? This event will give you the chance to meet other like-minded people and help you to become confident in sharing your beliefs in the most effective way. Venue and time: Trinity School, Aspley (NG8 3EP), from 10.00am until 4.30pm. Cost: £25 per person, including a sandwich lunch and drinks. Bookings can be made at: <https://TimetoRethinkAbortionNottingham.eventbrite.com>

New evangelisation - 'how is it going for you?' A talk by Fr Jonathan in Hutton Hall at the Rosmini Centre (LE7 4SJ): 7.00pm on **Thursday 13th of June**.

This week at St Mary's

Mon 15th First Holy Communion Class - 4.15pm in the hall
Tues 16th Bible study - 7.00pm in the library
Thurs 18th RCIA - 7.00pm in the library

Congratulations to Megan, James, Hope, Meagan, Joseph, Tiffany and Elizabeth who have been either baptised or received into the Church these past couple of weeks. There are more to come. Please keep them all in your prayers. *Fr Paul*

De Lisle College Open Days - 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th May 2024:

There will be two sessions each day, at 9.00am & 10.00am. To book a place, call 01509 268739 or email enquiries@delisle.leics.sch.uk

Quiz Night: The Knights of St Columba are holding their next quiz in Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 7.30pm on **Saturday 27th April**, with all profits from the evening going to the Diocesan fund for sick and retired priests, and the training of new priests and deacons. The cost is still just £7 a head, £3 for children and students, to include a cheese supper, wine and soft drinks. If you would like to come please call Will Holland on 07811 353 248. This helps with the catering.

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.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Third Sunday of Easter:

The beauty and mystery of Creation create in the human heart the first impulse that evokes prayer (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2566). It is an experience that many of us have had. If life's events, with all their bitterness, sometimes risk choking the gift of prayer that is within us, it is enough to contemplate a starry sky, a sunset, a flower..., in order to rekindle a spark of thanksgiving. You can read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

The second collection next weekend will be for the Clergy Formation Fund.

From the Saints

"Do not let your troubles disturb your trust in God."

St Alphege Archbishop of Canterbury
(953-1012)



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Celebration Mass:

Wednesday 17th April

9.15am in church for Mrs Hunt who has been teaching at St Mary's School for 50 years. All parishioners are invited to attend and for refreshments in the parish hall afterwards.

UCM Evening Meetings

To accommodate women who are unable to attend afternoon meetings we plan to have monthly evening meetings which will depend on a positive response and therefore need. The inaugural meeting will be on **Wednesday 1st May** in the hall 7.30pm - 9pm. All women are welcome regardless of whether they are married, unmarried or mothers. Hope to see you there. *Dorothy Hutchings*



Scan to visit the parish website

Finance

Collection 31/31: £1906 (£147 gift-aided)

Collection 7/4: £873 (£142 gift-aided)

Standing orders: £701 @ 29/02 (£634 gift-aided)

Attendance:

31/3: 921 7/4: 533

Thank you
