

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

2nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
(Peace Sunday)

NEWSLETTER

The Holy Name of JESUS

January is the month dedicated to the **Holy Name of JESUS**. The name JESUS means “God saves” or “Saviour.” He saves us by reconciling us with God whom we have offended. Without JESUS, there is no reconciliation! And we know that this is a name given by God Himself, because at the Annunciation the Angel Gabriel said to Our Lady, *“You will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS”* (Luke 1:31). The letters IHS which you often see on a stained glass window or on the back of a vestment is an ancient way of writing the name JESUS Christ. In the early Church it was often used as a secret symbol and could be found on the tombs of Christians.

Our Lord Himself tells us the great power of His Name. *“Whatever you ask for in My name, I will do”* (John 14:13). *“Whatever!”* And then in Matthew’s Gospel, He says, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My Name, He will give it to you.”* (John 16:23). So that’s an order from Our Lord, that we must ask, beg and invoke in His name, and then He promises everything. If God doesn’t always give us what we ask, it’s probably because in His infinite wisdom, He knows that in the long run, it’s not going to be good for us, but that’s a topic for another occasion.

Then in the Acts of the Apostles (3:6), Peter tells the paralytic, *“In the name of JESUS Christ, the Nazarene, walk!”* So what Our Lord had promised worked, because the man got up and walked. If there is one main theme of the Apostolic Church it is the power of JESUS’ name – to work miracles, both physical and spiritual.

The second commandment instructs us to reverence the name of God, *“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.”* and since JESUS is the name of the incarnate God, we reverence His name. But as we know today, people use the Holy Name recklessly, in anger and even as a curse. We see this often on TV and in films. This is very displeasing to God and is a sin.

The early Christians had profound reverence for the Holy Name of JESUS. In one of the early Christian hymns, which we find in

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St Anthony of the Desert

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Addolorata Miller
Aley Kutty Mathai
Francisca Ndoh
Ossen Richards
Mary Nash
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Annie Heath, Ian North,
Paul Turner, Fr Joe Mullen
IC, Eamon Keating,
Costantino Lallo, Clelia
Paciolla, Emidio Chiavetta

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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 Salvatore Fele (RIP)

Sun 14th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am For the Parish
11.15am Vivincia Castillo (RIP)
4.00pm Italian Mass

Mon 15th Feria
9.15am Jimmy McDonagh (RIP, Anniversary)

Tues 16th Feria
9.15am Alan Offiler-Russell (RIP, Anniversary)

Weds 17th St Anthony of the Desert
6.30pm All deceased Rosminians (Sung Latin)

Thurs 18th Feria
9.15am Paul Lallo (RIP)

Fri 19th St Wulstan (Memoria)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm May Hollingsworth (RIP)

Sat 20th Blessed Cyprian Tansi (Memoria)
10.00am Helen Kenny (RIP) **NO PUBLIC MASS**
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 21st Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Deceased members of the Brown & De Rijk families
11.15am Paul Lallo (RIP)
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

Tues 16th Bible Study - 7.00pm in the library

Mr James Neville, the new Headmaster at Amherst School, will be speaking briefly at the Sunday Masses next weekend.

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St Paul's letter to the Philippians (2:10-11) we hear: *"that at the Name of JESUS every knee should bow; in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that JESUS Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

Liturgically speaking, the bending of the knee has been replaced by the bow of the head. This is really for practical reasons. So when the priest celebrates Mass, when he says the name of JESUS he should bow his head. There was a time when many people did this, but like many of our Catholic traditions, it's fallen by the wayside. But it is a good devotion for all of us to practice, because other people do notice and they may start to imitate you.

But in all dangers and temptations we should call upon the names of JESUS and Mary. And we should pray for the grace to do this especially at the hour of death. **St Alphonsus Liguori** (1696-1787) said that to pronounce Our Lord's name or Our Lady's name at the hour of death is a special grace God gives only to those He intends to save. What a great sign this is of predestination and of salvation.

So let us pray that we will always use the Holy Name of JESUS with love, devotion and reverence. As St Peter himself preached, *"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12).

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Grub Club: Following our well-attended October half-term sessions, Grub Club ran a post-Christmas party for our regular Grub Clubbers on 4th January. Seven families attended; fewer than expected, although the weather was not good that week. Nevertheless, 17 children and their parents/carers enjoyed a roast chicken dinner and a wide variety of activities. On 5th January we had a special day to welcome asylum seeker families, currently living in a town hotel. We did not know how many people to expect and learned an hour before opening that many of the residents had recently been moved out of the area. In the event there were 17 adults and 15 children, all of whom have come from war-torn countries including Eritrea, Sudan, Syria, Afghanistan and Pakistan, and are waiting for their applications for asylum to be processed. They enjoyed a vegetarian meal and, again, a wide range of activities. We had around 300 good quality children's and adults' coats to distribute and many were taken by the Grub Clubbers and asylum seekers. The coats came from many sources and were all donated. I would like to thank everyone who continues to support Grub Club. Our next sessions will be on **20th and 22nd February**, during school half term. *Eileen Smith*

SJOG Homes for

Ukraine: If you are interested in hosting a family from Ukraine, please see the noticeboard at the back of the church for details of the Homes for Ukraine Gathering on **Friday 2nd February** in Leicester. The information is also available at sjog-homesforukraine.uk

Volunteer church cleaners

Every Friday the Church will be open for cleaning between 9.30am and 11.30am. More volunteers are needed to help keep our church looking the best it can be. Please come along and help if you are able to, stay for as little or as long as you like. All cleaning materials are supplied. If you are able to help please let Emily or Elvira know – elviralallo@icloud.com. Thank you.

Anniversaries continued

Linda Goodby, Henry Reed, Fr Eugene Monaghan IC, Bogdon Wozniak, Justina O'Donaghue, Mary Connell, Thomas Jones, Joanna Kalinowska, Wanda Lapham, Vera Hurry, Michael Doyle, Velia Cappasso, Greg Baker, Alan Offiler-Russell

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

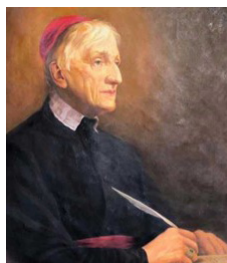
Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Retreat-Pilgrimage to Italy in the footsteps of Blessed Antonio Rosmini, 13-23 May 2024, with Fr David Tobin IC.

Visiting Roverto, Verona, Bergamo, Domodossola, Stresa and Lake Maggiore. £1,645.00. See leaflet at the back of the church for more information. For any further details, contact the retreat organiser, Fr Anthony Weaver: 0207 379 7273 - retreatsdoover@gmail.com.

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

Prayer is dialogue with God; and every creature, in a certain sense, “dialogues” with God. Within the human being, prayer becomes word, invocation, hymn, poetry... The divine Word is made flesh, and in each person’s flesh the word returns to God in prayer. You can read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer



From the Saints

“To holy people the very name of JESUS is a name to feed upon, a name to transport. His name can raise the dead and transfigure and beautify the living.”

(St John Henry Newman, 1801-1890)

Thank you for the magnificent Christmas contributions to the Food Bank, staff at John Storer House asked me to pass their thanks and appreciation..The next collection is on **Saturday 20th January 2024** from 10:30 to 11:00am in the Church Car Park.The following items would be appreciated: household cleaning materials, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, biscuits. *Jane Monaghan*

Sunday 28th January is World Leprosy Day.

The second collection that weekend will be for Lepra, an international charity working in India and Bangladesh to support people affected by leprosy and refer them for treatment and care. This year will mark the charity’s centenary.

The second collection this weekend is for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund (Nottingham Diocese).

Last Week’s Finance

Collection: £805 of which £115 was gift-aided

Standing orders: £699 @ 30/11, of which £631 was gift-aided

Attendance: 581

Thank you
