

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

NEWSLETTER

The Ten Commandments and Salvation History



On this **Third Sunday of Lent**, we contemplate another important stage in the history of our salvation. Two weeks ago, on the **First Sunday of Lent**, we read about Noah and the renewal and re-establishment of the covenant of creation. **Last week**, we heard how God made a covenant with Abraham and how God promised to bestow blessing upon the families of the earth through the descendants of Abraham. This week we learn about the commandments given in connection with another covenant, the covenant mediated by Moses at the foot of Mount Sinai. Through the Sinai Covenant, the people of Israel are welcomed into God's family as his **first-born son** (Exodus 4:22). Israel is God's **first-born son**, but one day the covenant blessing of divine sonship will be extended to all the nations and families of the earth. All people, and not just Israel, are called to become adopted children in God's family.

The **Ten Commandments** were given to direct how we are to live in God's family: the **first three commandments** focus on our relationship with God; the **next seven** guide our relationship with our brothers and sisters. The **Ten Commandments** not only guide our relationships but can be seen as part of the spiritual path marked out by God that **leads to eternal life** with Him, it why we use them as tools to help us prepare to make a good Confession. Jesus teaches us that the Ten Commandments of the Sinai Covenant are a **starting point** and a necessary **first step**, but that we are called to mature in spiritual perfection and holiness in the New Covenant He brings.

The **Gospel today** gives us a sense of the Old Covenant being brought to fulfilment in the New. The **Old Law** was given to the people through Moses; the **New Law** and the **gift of God's grace** were given to us through **Jesus Christ**, the **Word of God made flesh, Emmanuel, God with us** (John 1:17).

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Ss Perpetua & Felicity

Please pray for those who are sick

for those who have recently died

Ann Folkes
Elena Sepede
Czeslaw Zurawski
Czeslaw Szychowski
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Lillian Sweeney
Ingeborg Cox
David Drott
Winifred Howard
Laura Pietryzk

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 2nd Vigil Mass
6.00pm For the Parish

Sun 3rd Third Sunday of Lent
9.00am Barbara Morrison (RIP)
11.15am Intention for the living
4.00pm Italian Mass

Mon 4th St Casimir (Commemoration)
9.15am For the Parish
12.30pm *Requiem Mass: Czeslaw Szychowski RIP*

Tues 5th Lenten Feria
9.15am Catherine Carter (RIP)
5.00pm *Reception: Elena Sepede RIP*

Weds 6th Lenten Feria
11.00am *Funeral Service: Elena Sepede RIP*
6.30pm Intention for the living (Latin)

Thurs 7th Ss Perpetua & Felicity (Commemoration)
9.15am Intention for the living
11.00am *Requiem Mass: Czeslaw Zurawski RIP*

Fri 8th St John of God (Commemoration)
6.00-6.25pm *Confessions*
6.30pm All deceased Rosminians
7.10pm *Stations of the Cross*

Sat 9th St Frances of Rome (Commemoration)
10.00am Katarzyna Hönl (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: John Saunders (RIP, Anniversary)**

Sun 10th Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
9.00am Giovanni & Carmela Brunetti (RIP)
11.15am For the Parish
4.00pm Italian Mass
2.30pm *Baptism*

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 4th First Confession Class - 4.15pm in the hall

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The **Old Temple** had become corrupt. In fact, in Jesus' day, the part of the Temple that was called the court of the Gentiles was being used to change money and to sell animals to the pilgrims who came to worship. Jesus cleanses this part of the old Temple, built by human hands, and points forward to the mystery of the **New Temple**. In the **old Temple**, the people sacrificed many animals and many types of animals. These sacrifices were **ineffective** in taking away sin. In the **New Temple**, there is only one sacrifice in which we share. This is the **sacrifice of Jesus Christ**, the Son of God, and our eternal high priest. This **one** sacrifice is able to take away **our sins**. **The sacrifice we partake of in at every Mass!**

Fr David Jones OLV

SPUC: There will be an EGM of SPUC Loughborough on **Monday 8th April** at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Members and non-members welcome.

Michael Murphy, Chair, SPUC Loughborough

The Knights of St Columba are holding their next quiz in Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 7.30pm on **Saturday 16th March**, with all profits from the evening going to our Youth fund, which pays for the Epiphany and Palm Sunday youth services amongst other things. 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.

Lenten Chamber Concert, Friday 15th March, Nottingham

Cathedral: An evening of Lenten chamber music with the Cathedral Choir, the boys's and girls' choirs accompanied by the youngest professional Viol Consort in the UK. Tickets available online via the QR code which you can scan from the poster on the noticeboard, or from the Cathedral website: <https://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/what-s-on/upcoming-events/>

Join the Diocesan Choir for the Chrism Mass (Wednesday 27th March), with a rehearsal on **Saturday 9th March**, 10.30am-1.00pm, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, NG1 5AE. The Diocesan Choir is a friendly and supportive bunch of musicians and singers from across the diocese that gather to sing for special diocesan occasions and liturgies. All are welcome and no prior musical training is required. To sign up, please email cathedral@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent after the 6.30pm Mass, for which one may gain a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions: Confession, Holy Communion and Prayers for the Pope's intention.

Year of Prayer Podcast:

the latest episode of the Diocese of Nottingham's Podcast Encounter Prayer is now live. Sister Susan Richert, a Presentation Sister working in our diocese, leads us in meditative prayer. You can download or stream it from Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts and more or by visiting dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

Talk at the Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe on the Wreake: Thursday 14th March at 2.00pm

'Blessed are the Peacemakers - a dip into Catholic social teaching' with Fr Jonathan Cotton. For more information email rosminicentre1855@gmail.com

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.

Lenten retreats: See the noticeboard at the back of church for details of two retreats taking place in the diocese during Lent. The first (for women) is on **Saturday 9th March** at Holy Trinity Parish in Newark, and the second (for men) is on **Saturday 23rd March** at Mount St Bernard Abbey. Webpage: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events.

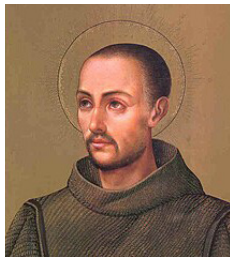
Grant for Reception-Year 2 at Loughborough Amherst School

As part of our commitment to connect more closely with the local community, Loughborough Amherst School is delighted to introduce the 'Rosminian Grant', a package of financial support available to families who value Catholic education and are looking for a place for their child at our School in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 from September 2024. If you would like to find out more, please contact our Registrar Ms Wyatt on 01509 638280.

From the Saints

"With outstretched arms He begs us to turn to Him, to weep for our sins and become servants of love, first for ourselves then for our neighbours. Just as water extinguishes a fire, so love wipes away sin."

St John of God (1495 - 1550)



New stock at repository:

New stock is on sale at the repository, including gifts and cards for Mothering Sunday, St Patrick's Day, and Easter. There are also statues, and devotional items for St Joseph, whose feast day falls on 19th March. Card payments are now accepted, as well as cash. Thank you for your support.

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Lent.

Your generous donations will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. You can still give online at cafod.org.uk



Scan to visit the parish website

Last Week's Finance

1st Collection: £862 of which £190 was gift-aided

CAFOD: £517 (so far) of which £227 was G/A

Standing orders: £736 @ 31/01, of which £631 was gift-aided

Attendance: 605

Thank you
