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Holy Mass Year C. Psalter Week 4

Sat 11th 6:00pm Margaret Ormond RIP (17th ann)

Sun 12th 9:15am John Costello RIP

Children's Liturgy begins in the Hall before Mass

Refreshments in the Hall after 9:15am Mass

Sun 12th 11:00am Pro Populo

12th 4:00pm Devine Mercy & Holy Hour of Adoration

Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:05am led by parishioners

Mon 13th 9:30am

Tue 14th 9:30am Ann Byrne—Lovice Gaylor

14th 9:30am St Thomas More School Mass

Wed 15th 9:30am Rose Baldock RIP St Theressa of Jesus

15th 9:30am OLST School Mass

Thu 16th 9:30am Sr Victoire RIP

Fr 17th 9:30am Mick Broadaway Ints St Ignatius of Antioch

Sat 18th 9:30am Peter Hanlon RIP (bday ann) St Luke

Sat 10.00 Exposition of the blessed sacrament & confessions:

Let us Pray to the Lord

For the sick:

Marie Lewis, Mary Browner, David Marsh, Kirsty Kalnins, Codey Darlison, Cynthia Mallabone, David Reeves, Joan Hanlon, Margaret Berkmire, Liz Lloyd, Mary Furlong, Jim Jarvis, Martin Reed, Alice Guiney, Abi Glenn, Mick Broadaway, Carol Wright, Caelan Shannon, Mary Kelly, Debra Bowman, Rachel Anderson, Swaren Baden, Stephen Gilbey & Terry Mallabone.

For all those in hospital and parishioners who receive the Blessed Sacrament at home.

For the recently departed: John Collins

Anniversaries week beginning: 12th October 2025

Elizabeth Cassidy, Diana Russell, John Bull, Eileen Bynon, Marie Phillips, John McDonagh, Michael Cauchi, Michaela McCurly & Pauline Gauci.

Clergy Anniversaries:

Rev Terence Whatmore, Rev Seamus Gilroy, Deacon Louis Kelly, Mgr Cyril Fay, Bishop Michael Glancey, Canon William Withers, Mgr Paul Watson & Rev Aidan White-Spunner.

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12th October 2025

'LET YOUR MIND BE TOTALLY TRANSFORMED' Romans 12:2

Missionary zeal can make you see possibility in whatever others would see as impossible. Missionary formation is meant to expand the frontiers of gospel proclamation not to scale them down. Therefore when the missionaries of the Apostles of Jesus were asked to provide pastoral care for the people of Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton; St. Anne's in Camphill and St. Joseph's New Arley they could not say no because in their formation, it is better to expand a missionary territory than to scale it down.

A parish extending from A5 to Fillongley will not function without a total transformation of the mind of the people of God who live in this territory. 'Let your mind be totally transformed' is a biblical concept, based on Romans 12:2. It means undergoing a profound, internal change rather than sticking to tradition. When there is change in a parish, the immediate temptations Christians face is to try to find an easier option, like moving to another one! This is wrong because God appoints them into a particular parish to be his witnesses there and not to freelance around.

As your parish priest, I have a feeling that the time of maintaining what has always been there (the *status quo*) have slipped out of our hands. We are in a new age marked by instant sharing of information, religious cynicism, myriad choices, emphasis on the freedom of the individual among others. It is in this setting that Jesus takes us from, and it is to people who live in that situation, that he sends us to. We cannot stand as a parish any more without recognising that the people in the other parish, are fellow pilgrims on the journey, or fellow combatants in the same battle! It is within this context that as Catholics who practice the faith in a territory stretching from A5 – Fillongley, should support each other. A pilot in the air does not sleep during turbulence nor a kayaking man decrease his paddling speed in turbulent waters. The same with us, I pray that God fills us with the gift of his spirit to bring about a new Pentecost in our life.

Transformation occurs through a renewing of the mind by God's Spirit, leading to a new way of thinking, seeing the world, and living in accordance with God's will. None of us, not even the Archbishop has a quick fix, yet all of us are supposed to undergo a gradual process of renovating our beliefs, thoughts, and actions to meet the demands of evangelization.

To respond to the situation, let us all try to do the following:

<u>Let us internally change</u> the Greek word for "renewing" (*anakainosis*) implies a complete change and renovation for the better. There is something good in change.

<u>Let us be renewed by God's Word and Spirit</u>: transformation happens by filling our mind with God's Word and allow the Spirit to work within us.

Let us have a new way of thinking: a fundamental shift in perspective, moving from preservation to transformation.

Let us align with God's will: by discerning and acting accordingly.

Gradual Process: building our new parish will not be instantaneous but a gradual journey.

How to Achieve it:

Commitment: present yourselves as a "living sacrifice" in doing God's work.

Become Self-Aware of your thought patterns and challenge obsessive or unhelpful thinking.

Focus on God's Word: by actively filling our mind with God's Word to shape our understanding.

Partner with the Spirit: to let His promptings and guidance transform our life.

<u>Start Small:</u> Sunday Mass attendance alone is not enough, get involved in other services that support evangelisation. Begin with small, be constant in your thinking and actions to build momentum for larger goal.

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ Parish Priest.

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Contact the parish office for the Sacraments of Marriage and Baptism. Hall Bookings, Gift Aid and all general enquiries.

The Parish Team:

Parish Priests: Fr Jimmy Lutwama AJ. fr.jimmy.lutwama@rcaob.org.uk

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Parish Secretary: Ms Stephanie Taunton (Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm)

Schools: Our Lady and St Josephs School TEL: 024 76383807 St Thomas More Catholic Academy & Sixth Form College Tel: 024 76642400

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our parish Safeguarding Representative: Christine Scullion sg.oloangels.nuneaton@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively if you have any concerns please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team 0121 230 6240 email safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk.

FINANCE: Second Collection: 12th Missio

Parish Finances week beginning 05/10/25

COLLECTION: £949.56 of which Gift Aid £312.10

£208.75 of which Gift Aid: £208.75

Many

Thanks!

SEPTEMBER Tap & Go: £168.00 of which Gift Aid: £118.00

OCTOBER STANDING ORDER: £1303.67

CAFOD Harvest Fest: £250.43 To DONATE Sunday 4/5 Oct Mass attendance 584 Scan QR Code

CAFOD Tea/coffee Sept: £141.81

FABRIC FUND:

Gift Aid it! - to add 25% to the value of your donation contact the parish office!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

OCT

Mon -13/20th Meditation 7:30pm
Tue - 14/21st RCIA 7:30pm
Tue - 21st Seniors after Mass

Wed - 15th Coffee morning after Mass

Wed - 22nd Bible Study group after morning Mass

NOV

Wed - 5th Kinship Group

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE:

Blessing of the Graves will take place this year on Sunday **26th October** after 9:15am and 11am Mass in the church graveyard and 3pm at Oaston Road.

Praying for Our Young People: Please join us this Sunday 12th October at <u>4pm</u> for a Holy Hour of Adoration and Devine Mercy devotions, as we pray for the young people of Nuneaton and our parish. Bring before the Lord any young person you know who needs more of God in their life.

All volunteers in our parish are invited for an evening get together for a cup of tea and coffee on Saturday October 25th at 3.00-500pm. This invitation is open to all volunteers in different departments.

Open Day St. Thomas More Catholic Academy will take place on Thursday 16th October 2025 from 6pm-8pm. If you have a child in the school or you are contemplating sending your child there, this is a good opportunity for you to attend.

Second Collections: 12th October is for Missio, remember you can also make your donations on the Tap&Go machines by the piety stall. There are also envelopes on the wardens table.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is very important for catholic pupils and students who attend non Catholic schools. Any children in Year Six or above, who do not attend a Catholic School, but would like to be prepared for this important Sacrament, should speak to Fr Jimmy as soon as possible in the coming weeks.

CHRISTMAS FAIR 30.11.25: We are now starting to think about our Christmas Fair. This year it will be held on Sunday from 10:30-2:00. We are looking for people to help organise a variety of stalls:-plants, jewellery, handbags, piety, glassware, bottle stall etc; and raffles:-guess the weight of the cake, sweets in a jar, name the teddy, blackout board, luxury hamper. If you feel able to help in any way or you have any interesting ideas, please contact the office with your name and number and someone will get back to you.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 12th October from 4–5 pm. Our meetings are scheduled for every second Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer, even if you don't wish to be a member of the group.

World Mental Health Day took place on the 10th October. It reminded us of the importance of good mental health and the need to prioritise and invest in good mental health.

Resources/information can be found at both the Mental Health Foundation and Mind at:

World Mental Health Day 2025 | Mental Health Foundation

Nuneaton Flower Demonstration will be held on Wed. 15th October from 7:30pm in the parish hall by Lorena Dyer. Entry is £7.00 Visitors are welcome

Sponsored Walk Volunteer fulfilled his promise to walk from St. Elizabeth Church Coventry to the Shrine of Our Lady Evesham to raise money for the training of AJ missionary priests. Thanks to all who sponsored him. Those who have not given to him your pledges please give it to either Fr. Pius or Fr. Jimmy, he will receive it. Thank you.

Cakes for CAFOD in the hall after 9.15am mass this Sunday 12th October Please support by baking/buying cakes. All proceeds will go to CAFOD.

St Mary and St Benedict Parish Choir, with great joy invites the parishioners of Our Lady of the Angels Nuneaton to their Christmas Musicale and Concert which will be held on Saturday, 6 December 2025 at 6:00pm at the Parish Church of St. Marys 52a Raglan Street CV1 5QF.