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TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 27TH MARCH (EASTER VIGIL)	8.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – Int. People of the parish
	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	10.00am	Mass
Monday of Easter Octave	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday of Easter Octave	9.30am	Mass – Int. David Vivian Slater, RIP
Wednesday of Easter Octave	NO MASS	
Thursday of Easter Octave	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday of Easter Octave	9.00am	Mass
Saturday of Easter Octave	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 3 rd April (Saturday Vigil for Sunday)	6.00pm	Mass – int. People of the parish
LOW SUNDAY – Divine Mercy Sunday	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – Divine Mercy	10.00am	Mass – Int. Frances and Bert Mendis, RIP

***Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord** (usually celebrated on 25th March), has this year, been transferred to Monday 4th April 2016.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Just before the season of Lent began, we enrolled our candidates for preparing First Holy Communion later this spring: **Charlotte, Imogen, and William** have enrolled as candidates for First Holy Communion which they will receive during this Easter Season. As a parish community we promised to support and encourage these children with our prayers, example and personal witness. *Please keep these children and their families, in your prayers.*

*A Happy Easter! May the Hope and Joy
of the Resurrection be yours!*

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO PREPARE OUR CHURCH FOR MASS

We are looking for volunteers of individuals or families to join a rota to help set up for Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am Masses. It will require arriving at least 20 minutes before the start of Mass. Full training will be provided. If four or five people/families volunteer it would mean each group setting up just once a month.



Tea, coffee and cold drinks are served in
The Guild Room after both of
our Sunday Masses.
All are welcome!

Infant Baptism and Marriage. By appointment with Fr Andy after completing the necessary preparation. **The Church requires** notice of at least six months prior to the Sacrament of Matrimony being celebrated.

BLESSING OF HOMES DURING EASTERTIME

The Leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

**Lord,
we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death:
by rising from the tomb to new life
he gives us new hope and promise.**

**Bless all the members of this household
and surround them with your protection,
that they may find comfort and peace
in Jesus Christ, the Paschal Lamb,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.**

The Leader may sprinkle those present and the home with holy water brought from the church. During the sprinkling the leader may say:

Let this water call to mind our Baptism in Christ, who by his death and Resurrection has redeemed us.

Compass, the new youth group, serving primarily the parishes of Our Lady's Chesham Bois, St Aidan's Little Chalfont and St Columba's Chesham, will be launched in September 2016. It will operate from Our Lady's School from 6 until 9pm on Thursday evenings during term time.

Compass will be open to young people from Year 4 up to Year 13 and will meet in two sessions: 6pm until 7:30pm for Years 4, 5 and 6 and 7:30pm until 9pm for Years 7 to 13.

This is a call for those of you who are prepared to take on a leadership role for the first twelve months working together as part of the leadership group drawn from all the parishes.

Please contact Gerard Felix at felixfamily@ntlworld.com for further information, a copy of the proposal document, or just for a chat. An initial meeting of the leadership group is planned for 14 April at 7:30 at Our Lady's School. Training for the leaders will be provided by NYMO (Northampton Youth Ministry Office) in May/June.

AN EASTER WELCOME!

Today at the 10am Mass we welcome into our Catholic Community of Faith to **Alicja and Julia Rybarczyk** who are to be baptised at 10am Mass today. Please continue to pray for them, and their parents and godparents.

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN DIRECTORY – YEAR OF MERCY 2016

For Sale – Packed with Useful Information about our diocese! Price £5.00 each.

The empty **Missio / APF Red Box** are now available for collection in the porch. The latest edition of **Mission Today**, Missio's magazine for Red Box supporters is in the porch.

FATHER PATRICK BAILEY

Fr Bailey, parish priest of St Columba, Chesham had a serious fall earlier this month, fracturing his hip and breaking his arm. He is now in Wycombe Hospital recovering from surgery on his elbow. He is in good spirits and appreciates all our prayers for this recovery which is likely to be a long process. In the meantime, **Father Alessandro Reno**, a visiting priest from Italy, is helping with Sunday Masses, and the Holy Triduum Liturgies at St Columba. Father Andy is continuing to assist with the pastoral and sacramental needs of the parish during Fr Bailey's absence.

Vocations Weekend at Northampton Cathedral 8th – 10th April 2016

Is the Lord calling you to the Priesthood? For more information on Vocations to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Northampton please call the Diocesan Vocation Directors: Fr Mark Floody on 01604 714556 or Fr Andrew Richardson on 01628 695764 or contact your Parish Priest.

Lectionary for Easter Day Mass

First Reading: Peter and Cornelius received a divinely inspired vision that led them to one another. They must have recognised the gift of that grace because it was extremely unlikely that a Jew (Peter) would be a guest in a Gentiles home. What they heard remains ours today as we hear the First Reading: Jesus of Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, healed many people. He was put to death but was raised by God. We have seen him and have eaten with him. He has sent us to preach this Good News. And this is the truth we speak to you today: "That all who believe in Jesus will have their sin forgiven through his name." Peter took a very bold step that day to broaden the mission of the followers of Jesus. Because of the vision he received, Peter had come to believe that all people were to be included in the great work of preaching the story of Jesus Christ. The Good News could not and should not be contained, for it is meant for all people for all time.

Responsorial Psalm 118: The psalmist gives voice to the great joy of the people, expressing their overwhelming gratitude for the faithfulness of the Lord.

Second Reading: The Colossians reading urges us to die to self in order to focus on the Lord, for having been baptised in Christ, the concerns of the world should diminish in meaning. For those who are caught up in the things of this world, however, this reading is an invitation to reorder our lives. On the day of glory, the worldly things that can consume human hearts will have no significance.

Sequence: This Sunday, the Church signs a sequence – an ancient, poetic song that precedes the signing of the Gospel acclamation. The Easter Sequence, *Victimae paschali laudes*, is a sing of praise to the Paschal Victim that also reflects the Gospel account of Mary's encounter with the risen Lord.

Gospel: Mary Magdalene is the first person at the tomb in all four Gospel accounts. In the synoptic accounts, she brings oil to anoint the body of the Lord. In John's account, the anointing has already taken place, but Mary is still the first person on record to go to the tomb. She is the messenger who then brings Peter and the Beloved Disciple to see that the stone has been moved. There are no angels in this story to suggest that a body has inexplicably been raised. There are only cloths that lay on the ground, the head cloth arranged in a separate place, all to indicate that this is not the scene of a robbery. In those first moments, what it all means is unclear, and only the Beloved Disciple "saw and believed." Time and future appearance of the Lord will believers to the community. As we gather on this Easter day, we remember and celebrate that Jesus is indeed risen and walks among us still. Yet, it is only with eyes of faith that we recognise him – in the breaking of bread, in the preaching of his Word, and in the presence of his people gathered in his name.

Money Matters

Last week's Offertory Collection - £256.95

Many thanks for your generosity.

The Easter Offering

is your personal gift to the parish clergy.

Gift Aid Declarations Forms and Offertory Envelopes are now available.

March 2016 edition of The Vine

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is now available. It's Free of charge!

Are you new to the parish?

If so, you are very welcome!

Do introduce yourself to Father Andy after Mass, and please complete a parish registration form.