



23rd October 2016

THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

22RD SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday 30 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the Parish
Sunday 23 RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday SS Chad & Cedd	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday SS SIMON & JUDE	9.00am	Mass – Int. Carl de Camps, RIP, anni.
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11am	Confessions
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the Parish
CHRIST THE KING	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

During 10am Mass, we invite our younger children (approx. aged 3 to 7) to attend their own Liturgy of the Word in the Guild Room. Children will leave the body of the Church after the Collect and return during the Preparation of the Gifts. **Parents are encouraged to join their children.** We welcome more help from those who seek to be leaders and support in this ministry to the children of our parish.

NEW MASS TIMES OF CHURCHES IN OUR PASTORAL AREA

From the First Sunday of Advent (27th/28th November 2016), we will **NO LONGER** celebrate the VIGIL MASS AT 6PM ON SATURDAYS. Also, Mass times are changing at St Columba, Chesham and St Aidan, Little Chalfont. The new Mass Times will be: **Saturday Vigil Mass – 6.00pm – St Aidan – Little Chalfont**

Sunday 9.00am – St Columba – Chesham

Sunday 10.00am – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour – Chesham Bois

Sunday 11.00am – St Aidan – Little Chalfont

Sunday 6.00pm – St Columba - Chesham



Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection - £ 228.45
Pact / Prison Advice & Care Trust - £156.76

SECOND COLLECTION:
THIS WEEK – World Mission Sunday (Missio)

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The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is 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.



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.

About Liturgy

Humility and liturgy: We have inherited a spirituality from the past that has not always portrayed humility in the best light. When we hear in today's Gospel Jesus admonish us to humble ourselves, we can hear that as putting ourselves down, degrading ourselves, not acknowledging our gifts and talents. This is really a false humility. Humility comes from the Latin word *humus*, which means ground or soil. It reminds us of the second creation account in which God forms the first human beings from the dust of the ground and breathes life into them (see Gen 2:7). The implication is that true humility is an admission of who we are: formed by God who breathes life into us. Humility is the down-to-earth recognition that God desires to be in relationship with us, loves us, and gives us all good gifts. Humility is rejoicing in who God has called us to be. Humility also leads us to readily acknowledge our weaknesses and failures and ask for God's mercy, as does the tax collector in today's gospel. Celebrating liturgy well requires of us a good dose of humility. Liturgy is an awesome gift – God desires to nourish us on word and sacrament, comes to us, transforms us to be more faithful members of the Body of Christ. None of this we deserve. Yet God gives us these good gifts simply out of divine love. Our stance in liturgy, then, ought to be one of openness and acceptance of what God offers us, surrender to God's action, and joy in who God makes us to be. True humility, as this gospel tells us, leads us to exultation – not by us, but by the God who created us, saves us, and loves us.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 23rd October 2016

Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries, like those in Rwanda, as they share God's mercy and love with those who are suffering. The World Mission Sunday collection will support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and the Gospel message of dignity for all. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the gift Aid envelopes if you are a tax payer. Thank you.

What is the difference between World Mission Sunday and Home Mission? World Mission Sunday is a Papal collection taken at Mass on the penultimate Sunday in October. It goes to support the 1,069 dioceses in 157 countries around the world where the Universal Church is too new, young or poor to survive without our help. Home mission is the collection for evangelisation and outreach in England and Wales only.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies – CCRS (2017-18)

This course will now run from January 2017 at St Louis Catholic School, Harris Court, Aylesbury, HP20 2XZ. The induction and information day is on 14 January at St Louis School Aylesbury. This course was postponed from September due to insufficient applications at that time. For more details, see leaflets or www.nores.org.uk/adulteducation.

SPIRITUALITY REFLECTION MORNING for the YEAR of MERCY – 12 November 10am-1pm At Holy Ghost Parish Centre 22 Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD

A time to reflect on our Catholic Spirituality in the light of the Bishops' Conference document 'Do You Love Me?' (Published by the CTS) which has been very well received across England and Wales. Everyone is very welcome as the morning offers a chance to listen to a talk by Brian Purfield and the time to reflect and pray. It will be very helpful is anyone who is coming informs the NORES Office. Tel 01582 723312 or admin@nores.org.uk

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus is part of the Wisdom literature of ancient Israel. The author affirms that the "Lord is a judge" and hears the cry of the oppressed and the lowly. The widows and orphans were especially vulnerable in society and their pleas do not go unheeded by God. But the Lord has no favourites and hears the cry of all who willingly serve God.

Responsorial Psalm 32: The words of the refrain echo the tone of the reading from Ecclesiasticus. The text is a hymn of praise of God; the actions of God on behalf of those who cry out are named. The saving action of the Lord is the reason "to bless the Lord at all times."

Second Reading: As he nears the end of his journey Paul recalls his ministry and proclaims that the Lord will welcome him to the heavenly Kingdom. His "apologia" is both a testament to the commitment and energy he gave to his mission and a profession of faith in the Lord who has sustained him. But the glory, Paul states, belongs to the Lord.

Gospel: The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector has overtones that are really connected to the First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm of today. Both the prayer of the tax collector and the Pharisee are heard by God; the lesson of parable lies in the disposition of the ones who pray. The honesty and sincerity of the former and the lack of humility by the latter set them apart. The fact that the Pharisee was a religious leader and the tax collector a confessed sinner is not lost on Jesus' listeners. What each of them confesses may be true' what is in their hearts makes all the difference.

Do you care about Catholic education?

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? If so, then becoming a Foundation Governor, Representative or Director could be just the thing for you. Schools across the Diocese are looking for willing volunteers: What is the role?

- Governing Bodies operate at a strategic level
- They are tasked with upholding the Catholic vision and character of the school
- They hold the Headteacher and senior leaders to account
- They oversee the financial performance of the school

Who are we looking for?

- People who can commit to around 10/12 hours per month (this could be day or evening depending upon the school)
- People who have a wide range of knowledge and skills – you don't have to have worked in a school or be an ex-teacher. We are looking for people with experience in Finance, HR and business – but training is offered to all!

What should you do if you are interested?

- See Fr Andy after Mass, There are some postcards for you to complete your details for further information
- Email Debbie Main at NORES – main@nores.org.uk
- If you'd like to serve on a particular school, let Fr Andy know, and he'll find out if there are any vacancies.

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