



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday 32 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA	NO MASS	
Thursday St Leo the Great	12.30pm	Funeral Mass – Sandra Joan Murray, RIP
	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday St Martin of Tours	9.00am	Mass
Saturday St Josaphat	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11am	Confessions
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the Parish
26 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY-THIRD 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 - £ 256.26

SECOND COLLECTION:

TODAY – Bishop's Maintenance Fund

NEXT WEEK – Northampton Diocesan Priests' Fund (formally Sick and Retired Clergy Fund)

Red Missio Boxes - £87.99 (Total for year: £250.72)

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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

Resurrection of the dead: Easter, of course, is the prime time of the year when we think about Jesus' resurrection from the dead. The end of the liturgical year, when the liturgy invites us to look to the *Parousia* or Christ's Second Coming, is another time when we think of the resurrection and this time as it also applies to ourselves. Our own hope in resurrection, naturally, is based on Jesus' being raised from the dead to risen Life. To put this another way (and perhaps make it a bit more concrete and easy to grasp): in his resurrection Jesus was taken into eternity by his Father. Resurrection, then, is less a mystery and more a statement of belief that what happened to Jesus will happen to his faithful disciples as well – we will one day be with God in eternal glory.

Each time we recite a creed we include a statement of our belief in the resurrection from the dead. This is a doctrine that we Christians have held since apostolic times. Moreover, it is more than belief that the soul will live forever; we also believe that at the general resurrection at Christ's Second Coming somehow our bodies will also be united with our souls. Just as Jesus' glorified body was different from his body before the resurrection (he could go through doors, was not immediately recognised, etc.), so will our glorified bodies be different from these, our earthly bodies.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Applications are requested for preparations for **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** at Our Lady's Church. Please complete the sign-up sheet in the porch. **Applications will close on Sunday 18th December 2016.** Candidates must be in at least school year 3.

NOVEMBER – The Month of Holy Souls

"It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins", observes the writer of Maccabees in the Old Testament (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). During the past year, we celebrated funerals of: **Sylvia Jenkins, Margaret Donnelly, Leo Donnelly, Joyce Shard, Kitty Larkin, Michael Conway and Evelyn Gabb.** Rest in peace.

Lists and envelopes for all those whom you wish be remembered in our prayers at Mass during the month of November are available in the porch.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Parish Christmas Dinner will be taking place on the evening of Saturday 10th December, at the Metro Lounge in Amersham. Put it in your diary, look out for registration details in the porch from next week and start swotting for the traditional festive quiz!

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 if anyone who is coming informs the NORES Office. Tel 01582 723312 or admin@nores.org.uk

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The graphic details surrounding the physical torture and death of seven brothers help to emphasize their religious commitment to the law that forbids the eating of pork. The resolve of each of them to be faithful to their tradition is a teaching about the Resurrection. Their steadfast belief impresses the king and his attendants; but their faith is in another King who raise them up to live forever.

Responsorial Psalm 16 is a prayer of supplication that the Lord will hear the cry of the faithful servant. The one who prays confesses fidelity to the path of the Lord and regards himself or herself as "the apple of your eye," a term of endearment. The image of God is that of a bird, perhaps the mother of the species who would provide protection "in the shadow" of their wings.

Second Reading: This passage from Paul is in three parts. In the first Paul calls down a blessing upon "brothers and sisters" that they will be encouraged and strengthened in "everything [you] do or say." Then he asks them to pray for his mission among the unbelievers. Finally, he proclaims that the Lord is faithful and it is the Lord who will direct them in the way of love of God.

Gospel: The Gospel presents a teaching on the Resurrection; there is an obvious connection here to the First Reading. The context is the rather ridiculous connection of seven brothers who married the same woman but all died without any offspring. Jesus' instructs the Sadducees that the identity and relationships of those who rise from the dead is very different from the ones they have on earth.

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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