



## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday 33 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the Parish
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday St Albert the Great	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday St Elizabeth of Hungary	11.00am*	Mass with Anointing of the Sick, The Croft Care Home
	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday St Hugh of Lincoln	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11am	Confessions
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the Parish
27 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	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 (27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 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 - £ 279.16  
Bishop's Maintenance Fund - £90.87

### SECOND COLLECTION:

TODAY – Northampton Diocesan Priests' Fund  
(formerly Sick and Retired Clergy Fund)  
Red Missio Boxes - £87.99 (Total for year: £250.72)

### NOVEMBER 2016 edition of The Vine

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.

**Come and see the Church floodlit in red to highlight the modern day persecution of Christians.** People are invited to attend all or part of the above.

**THE TABLET** Many of you will be familiar with The Tablet, Britain's oldest continually published Catholic journal. They are inviting parishioners, whether readers or not, to take part in a readership survey. The purpose of the survey is to enable them to better understand the interests of parishioners. There are no right or wrong answers and The Tablet team would be grateful if all parishioners expressed their views on this short survey. Questionnaires are available in the porch or can be accessed online by typing [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parishioner](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parishioner) in your browser.

### 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](http://www.nores.org.uk/adulteducation).

## About Liturgy

**Ministry of the Assembly:** When we speak cosmic dimensions of our discipleship (as in the spirituality focus. Living the Paschal Mystery), it seems a bit too much for us to grasp. A reflection on the ministry of the assembly might help us make this more concrete.

When we think of "liturgical ministries" we usually think of the visible ministries, for example, hospitality ministers, readers, altar ministers, and so on. We can easily lose sight of an important ministry that has no "rota sheet": the ministry of the assembly. A ministry we all share each time we gather. The basic ministry of the assembly is to make visible the church, members united with our head. This is how we can begin to grasp the cosmic dimension of our discipleship: we are never acting alone but always as *church*.

Jesus promised that where two or three are gathered *in his name*, he is present. What is key here is not just the gathering, but the gathering *in his name*. When we gather as liturgical assembly, we unite the various members of Christ's Body with the Head. The very idea of gathering, then, is an expression of who we are: the Body of Christ. All ministry is from the body to the Body.

When we absent ourselves from the assembly without good reason, we make a difference in how the Body is manifested. In other words, coming together for liturgical prayer is far more than fulfilling an obligation. The liturgical assembly bids us to surrender ourselves to the transforming action of the liturgy. This generous self-giving is the first step in faithful discipleship and is what church is really all about. It is necessary in order for church is to be concretely and most assuredly visible. It is necessary if the Body of Christ is to be built up, to come to full stature. Our presence in and to the assembly is indispensable, for we are all members of the church, the one Body. When the membership of the liturgical assembly is diminished, the Body is diminished. Our presence makes a difference. It is the first expression of faithful discipleship. It is a concrete expression of the cosmic dimension of faithful discipleship – Jesus' kingdom is present through the whole world throughout all times because we (all of us) gather.

### MARKING THE CLOSURE OF THE YEAR OF MERCY:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 23 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 9AA. 6:30pm - Holy Hour for persecuted Christians. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Prayer before the Lampedusa Cross and the Sacrament of Confession. Robert Steele (former Hong Kong police officer and lecturer in philosophy and politics) will speak on the theme of 'mercy'. Refreshments - 7:30pm / Talk - 8:00pm / Compline - 9:00pm. Guest of Honour: Mgr Sean Healy, the Vicar General.

## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** The prophet Malachi issues a dire warning about the end time. It will be a day of justice; the evildoers will be reduced to stubble by fire; but those who fear the name of the Lord will be saved. The words of the prophet would have been addressed to the people of Israel, calling them out of their infidelity to the covenant with God.

**Responsorial Psalm 97** is a hymn of praise for the Lord. It calls on the people to sing joyfully and play instruments. Even creation is to rejoice: the sea and the rivers are to clap their hands and the mountains should shout for joy. All this acclamation is due to the Lord for he rules earth and it people with justice and equity.

**Second Reading:** Paul reminds the brothers and sisters in Thessalonica of how he worked among them without expecting pay for his labours. He holds this up to them as an example they should imitate. Apparently Paul did not want to be a burden on their resources, though it is likely that they showed him some form of hospitality. He takes issue with those who have been busybodies, acting in a disorderly fashion. This is not acceptable among those who should be doing the Lord's work.

**Gospel:** This passage from Luke is often referred to as an eschatological text; it points to the end times and includes cosmic signs and natural disasters that speak of the end of things known and familiar. The positive message is that only God has a hand in the matters of life and death and those who preserve in faith will not be saved by the events of the world but by God.

### 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.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

### PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Parish Christmas Dinner will be taking place on the evening of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, at the Metro Lounge in Amersham. If you would like to join us, please sign up and pay your deposit of £10.00 by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Registration details are in the porch. Start swotting for the traditional festive quiz! The cost of £26.00 for the 3-course meal includes a contribution for prizes for the festive quiz.