



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

4th Sunday after Epiphany	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY	10.00am	Mass – Int. Joseph Leonard, RIP, anni.
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>St John Bosco</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Blaise</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
5th Sunday after Epiphany	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

Vacancy – Diocesan Representative for The Medaille Trust – 16 hours per week

The Medaille Trust was founded in 2006 by a number of religious congregations and exists to raise awareness of the plight of trafficked men, women and children, to provide relief to these victims through safe housing, opportunities for physical and psychological healing and rehabilitation. They are now looking for a Diocesan Representative for the Northampton Diocese with sympathy for such a charity who has good people skills, the ability to make presentations in schools and churches, help raise awareness and achieve sustainable funding. For a full Job Description and an application pack please visit their website, www.medaille-trust.org.uk or email recruitment@medaille-trust.org.uk. Closing date is 30th January 2017.



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. **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.

About Liturgy

Final blessing and dismissal: From a very early time the shape of the Mass included two divisions, word and sacrament. Communion was originally the final act of Mass, but early on there was a felt need to formalise the dismissal of the people.

The simplest way to do this was in a kind of second post-Communion prayer called the “prayer over the people” (which is now a choice that is given with some Mass formularies). Paralleling the blessings of those who were dismissed earlier in Mass (and still present in the prayers accompanying the dismissal of the catechumens in parishes implementing the RCIA), there eventually developed a simple blessing over the people.

The import of this concluding blessing is to call down God’s help and protection on the people as they leave to take up their daily tasks.

We might interpret this concluding blessing as a kind of shorthand for the Beatitudes. Thus, at every liturgy we are sent forth armed with God’s Presence, knowing that whatever difficulties (persecutions) we might encounter in living the Gospel, we are not alone but always accompanied by God. Brief though it is, this final blessing at Mass sums up a message that Scripture often reminds us: our God wishes us all good things.

NORTHAMPTON YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE LUX Weekend 2017

Friday 3rd February – Sunday 6th February 2017
Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton

This year to guide is in our theme of Mirth, our American friend, Jimmy Mitchell, Oscott student Paschal Uche and former stand up comedian and now Catholic Priest for the Diocese of Salford, Fr Frankie Mulgrew. Places are limited, please contact Fiona on 01582 7206267 or email info@nymo.org see posters or www.nymo.org

THORNTON COLLEGE – THORNTON MILTON KEYNES OPEN MORNING SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY at 10.00am

Leading Independent Catholic Day & Boarding School for Girls
aged 4 – 18.

See poster / leaflets or website www.thorntoncollege.com or call Mrs Claire Ballantyne on 01280 812610 to book a place

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017 Preparations are now being made for our local inter-denominational event which will be on 3rd March 2017 at St John’s Methodist Church in Amersham. The service has been prepared by Christian women of the Philippines. It usually lasts for one hour starting at 11am and is followed by a shared lunch which is optional. If you would like to take part as a reader, singer, or advisor, please let Elizabeth Beckwith know. Tel. 01494 4333363.

Bishop Peter Doyle invites you to **Celebrate your Marriage with your family at a special Mass at Christ The King Catholic Church, Harrowden Road, Bedford, MK42 0SP Saturday 11th February 2017.** Gathering from 11.30am **Mass at 12 noon.** Pastoral blessing certificates will be presented to couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage. Please contact Eamonn & Paola McMarrow on 07412 151517 or at mfl@nores.org.uk See Poster / leaflets.

THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2017 – FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Mass will be celebrated at 2pm at Our Lady’s Catholic Primary School

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The reading has two sections coming from separate chapters of Zephaniah. The first verses are strong exhortations to the people to do these things: seek the Lord, seek justice and seek humility. The presumption is that the people have been unfaithful, sinful, and arrogant. In the second section it is the voice of the Lord that addresses the people. The tone is quite different than the first part. The Lord promises the remnant of Israel will be a transformed people; they will be faithful, honest, and live with integrity.

Responsorial Psalm 145: The psalmist can hardly contain his exuberance in proclaiming the praise of the Lord. In the twelve lines of the psalm he lists ten actions performed by the Lord on behalf of the people. Although the Lord is solicitous of the whole people, those most vulnerable are afforded special mention and care. The oppressed, the hungry, the captives, the blind, the strangers, the orphans, and the widows all receive divine help in their situation. Each of these actions will be marks of Jesus’ ministry generations later.

Second Reading: Those whom the psalmist identifies as recipients of the Lord’s care share a similar identity with those that Paul addresses in Corinth. Paul reminds these early believers that on their own they have very little status or power or influence. Yet they are precisely the ones that God has chosen to spread the Gospel. Paul states that God’s choice is deliberate; the circumstances of their lives will be instruments of the Gospel. Their lowliness will bring down the haughty; their foolishness will confound the wise. Such is the intention of God; for God’s ways are not the way of humans.

The Gospel: The eight Beatitudes are perhaps one of the best known teachings of Jesus. The beatitude is a genre of teaching from wisdom literature. A blessing is bestowed on a person or persons because of their status, that is, the poor, the meek, and that blessing is followed by a subsequent action that benefits them. The virtues and actions that are espoused are at odds with the current ideology; they embody the vision of the Kingdom of God that Jesus has come to establish.

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are available in the porch for a price of £6.00

CAFOD SUPPORTERS’ MEETING – ALL WELCOME

Join us at our Supporters’ Meeting on: **Sat 4 Feb** - St Martin de Porres, 366 Leagrave High Street, **Luton LU4 0NG** or **Sat 18 Feb** - St Joseph – Austenwood Common, **Chalfont St Peter SL9 8RY**

Both days are from **10am – 1.30pm followed by shared lunch.** There will be a message from Bishop Peter and our Lenten focus will be on our project in Zambia. Please book a place in advance via 01844 274724 or northampton@cafod.org.uk

Money Matters

Last Week’s Offertory Collection - £139.16

**NEXT WEEK Second Collection –
SPUC White Flower Appeal**

Thank you for your generosity

If you would like to begin contributing to our parish through the Gift Aid through numbered envelope or by Standing Order through your bank, please speak with Fr Andy.

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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.