



## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>Quinquagesima Sunday</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Connor O'Donnell, RIP Rec Dec
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Day of Fasting and Abstinence	<b>9.30am*</b>	<b>Mass with imposition of Ashes</b>
	<b>11.00am*</b>	<b>Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)</b>
Thursday Lent Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Lent Feria Women's World Day of Prayer	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Lent Feria	<b>NO MASS*</b>	
	<b>NO CONFESSIONS*</b>	
<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

## ASH WEDNESDAY – 1ST MARCH 2017 Day of Fasting and Abstinence

This year Lent begins this Wednesday when ashes from the burned remains of last Lent's palms will be placed on our foreheads. We have been collecting the remains of last Lent's palms over the past few weeks. We will burn these palm remains after the 10am Mass today. This is a wonderful sign of the change of seasons!



## 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.



## Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection - £306.00

**NEXT SUNDAY-** There will be an appeal from the APF / Mill Hill Mission

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

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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.

## Lent 2017 - Mary's Meals Backpack Project

The charity **Mary's Meals** provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day, attracting them to the classroom and giving hope for a brighter future free from poverty. We are a global grassroots movement with fundraising groups springing up in countless countries, all working together to feed the next child in 13 nations around the world!

**As a Parish project during this season of Lent we here at Our Lady's Church have decided to join Mary's Meals Backpack Project. We invite you to join us in this endeavour.**

The Backpack Project compliments the school feeding project by providing children with items that help to support their education. We fill a backpack with basic educational and hygiene items, for sending to students who receive Mary's Meals. The difference these gifts make is phenomenal. Good quality, second-hand items are ideal.

Mary's Meals has a simple mission: a fruit of prayer and a work of love. 'By feeding the world's poorest children, we allow them to experience God's Mercy, too. The meals draw them into the classroom where they gain an education that can set them free from poverty.'

### A Mary's Meals Prayer

Our Father

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all

Let us help You fill the starving with good things

Not with scraps from our table

Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep

Clothe us with Your love

That we may complete each good work You created us to do

Place in our hearts Your compassion for each starving child

And us our little acts of love so that they starve no more.

Take home a leaflet or visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) to see the list of items needed for every Mary's Meals backpack.

## SUMMER CAMP – AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL AGED 11 – 18 YEARS

Once again Northampton Youth Ministry Office (NYMO) are joining with LifeTeen and the Archdiocese of Birmingham to offer Summer Camp. A mix of outdoor activities: sailing, climbing, biking, trekking, muddy games, as well as daily Adoration, Mass, Reconciliation and formative inputs from Jimmy Mitchell, from Nashville. There is also a day at Alton Towers included in the price of £250.

We stay at Alton Castle in Staffordshire and transport to and from the castle is provided in the cost. A coach will travel from the South of the diocese up to Northampton. This year's Summer Camp are 6th – 10th August 2017. For more information see the postcards in the porch.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

We will have the traditional **Lenten devotions** of Stations of the Cross on **Fridays during Lent beginning on Friday 10th March at 7.00pm**

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017

**This Friday 3rd March 2017 at St John's Methodist Church Woodside Road Amersham.** The service has been prepared by Christian women of the Philippines. **11am Prayer Service followed by a shared lunch. All are Welcome!** For more information, please contact Elizabeth Beckwith. Tel. 01494 433363.

## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** This text from Isaiah is a brief but significant conversation between Israel and God. Zion is understood to be the whole people, though in fact it was the mount on which the Temple was constructed. The cry of the people comes from a feeling of being abandoned by God. The response of God is quite remarkable. God adopts a feminine person and an image of motherhood to assure the people that they are deeply loved. Although it is very unlikely that a mother would forget her child, even so, God would never forget God's own people.

**Responsorial Psalm 61:** The notion of being at rest connotes a posture of comfort. At the same time it reflects a sense of security, of not having to fear anything or anyone. To be at rest is to be at peace with the world. This is the situation that the psalmist describes.

**Second Reading:** Paul continues his sermon on the need for unity within the Church of Corinth. This unity is based on all of them being stewards of the "mysteries of God." These mysteries are rooted in the one great mystery of Jesus Christ and found in his teaching and mission. For Paul, to be a faithful disciple is to be a trustworthy servant of the Lord, spreading the Good News of the Gospel without standing in judgement of each other. He presents himself as an example of someone who does not compete with or judge others.

**The Gospel:** Jesus teaches the importance of two virtues for discipleship. The first is loyalty to God; the second is trust in God.

**LENT** begins this week. To help nourish us during the 40 day journey, *Walk with Me prayer booklets* are available at cost of £1.00.

There are also copies of **LENT EXTRA – The Way of the Cross: A Way to New Life** with 46 daily reflections at a price of £1.95.

For our children (and the young at heart), there are **Lent 2017 Calendars** available for 50 pence each.

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are available in the porch for a price of £6.00

## APF – MILL MISSION THANK YOU & APPEAL

At all Masses **next weekend** we welcome Fr. Donie O'Connor MHM who will speak on behalf of APF – Mill Hill and their Missionary work. This thank you & appeal is not for money but for parishioners to welcome members and take a Red Mission Box.

*"The Red Box is a focus of Prayer and direct giving for all Catholics in over 200,000 homes across England & Wales."*