



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

First Sunday of Lent	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday Lent Feria	NO MASS*	
Tuesday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Lent Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Lent Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Lent Feria – CAFOD Lent Fast Day	9.00am	Mass
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
Second Sunday of Lent	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

APF – MILL MISSION THANK YOU & APPEAL

This Sunday we welcome **Fr. Donie O'Connor MHM** who will take the opportunity to thank the Parish for their support of prayers and donations to the 1069 World Missions. Please note that there will be **NO** cash collection, the thank you & appeal is to inform you of the work carried out by APF – Mill Hill and to ask for continuing prayers and financial support, which can be given through their "Red Boxes".

"Truly nothing is more beautiful than to know Christ and to make him known to others." Pope Benedict XVI

Also, the **Spring 2017** edition of **Mission Today** magazines from Missio are in the porch for Red Box holders. Please take your copy.

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.



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 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.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day is Friday, 10 March 2017

Florence is a hard-working mother who is devoted to her family. A few years ago, she was only just making enough to feed her family. However, CAFOD's partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, recognised how determined Florence was to stand on her own two feet and so they gave her 500 tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond and farm fish. By selling some of the fish at market, Florence was able to give her children a future – she was able to send them to school. Please support this Lent Fast Day, to ensure more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing.

NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL CENTRE: Next Sunday there will be a presentation at all Masses about the future of our Cathedral. You will find out about the plans for building a much needed new centre as well as how you can support this campaign. Fr Mark Floody will be at St Joseph's for the 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm Masses and is happy to discuss the project with anyone who wants to know more and/or lend their support.



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.



Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection - £182.02

NEXT SUNDAY- CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

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.

MARCH 2017 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.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: This passage from Genesis has three parts: the creation of man, the placing of the man and the woman in the garden, and the temptation and sin of the woman and the man. The focus of the account is on the last activity. Like all temptations the one presented by the serpent is subtle. The "reward" for disobedience is supposedly greater than the opposite namely being obedient to God. And, like all temptations, when one gives in, not only is the consequence unexpected, but it brings about a realisation that the wrong choice has been made.

Responsorial Psalm 51: This is the psalm from this past Friday. It is one of the penitential Psalms. Each verse has its own focus: the first is a plea for the mercy of the Lord; the second is a confession of sin; the third is a petition for a transformation of the heart and spirit of the psalmist; and the fourth is a petition by the psalmist to the Lord to "open my lips" so that he can praise the Lord. The prayer of psalmist becomes our Lenten prayer: what is a "clean heart" and "a steadfast spirit."

Second Reading: In Paul's letter to the Romans he draws a comparison between Adam and Christ. Adam is regarded as the one responsible for how sin entered the world; Christ is the one who has brought redemption from sin through the grace of God given to him. Although we are inheritors of the consequences of Adam's disobedience, we are made righteous by the obedience of Christ to the will of the Father. Paul's theology gives us the foundation of our Lenten reflection; it is the grace of God that saves us.

The Gospel: The Gospel text for the First Sunday of Lent is always the story of Jesus; temptations in the desert. Matthew places his account right after Jesus' baptism. The significance is this arrangement is that the tempter mocks Jesus' identity with the words, "If you are the Son of God ...". The voice from the clouds at his baptism has said, "This is my Son, the beloved." All temptations attack our sense of who we are, or who we think we are. Jesus' response to each of the temptations was an affirmation of who he was and rejection of the identity the tempter offered.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

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

To help nourish us during the 40 day journey of **LENT**, *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.*

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN DIRECTORY – 2017 are available in the porch for a price of £6.00