



16<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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### TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>Easter Sunday</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	10.00am	Mass of Easter Day – Int. People of the parish
Monday within the Octave of Easter	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday within the Octave of Easter	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am	Mass
Saturday within the Octave of Easter	9.30am	Mass
<b>Low Sunday</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>		



*Happy Easter to you all!  
May the Hope and Joy of the  
Resurrection be Yours!*

Do take away some Easter Baptismal Water to bless your homes during this Holy Season! (There are water bottles for sale if you need them)

### 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.



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.'

**So far, we have filled over 30 backpacks! This is a tremendous response. Thank you to those who have taken time to gather and pack what is needed. Please continue to bring your backpack to church now that Lent is over. We have also received cash donations which we will use to provide more backpacks.**

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.



**Celebrate the joy of the Easter Season of 50 days, Walk with Me** prayer booklets are available at cost of £1.00.

There are also **Easter Season Calendars** with daily thoughts and activities at a price of £0.50.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

**To Honour Mary** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017

12.00noon Mass – Bishop Peter Doyle, Chief Celebrant

3.00pm Gather outside the Chapel of Reconciliation for the procession along the Pilgrim Route to the Priory Grounds.

On arrival in the Priory Grounds there will be a short service at the Site of the original Holy House. For more information speak with Fr Andy or contact Deacon Michael Fleming, Diocesan Director, by email [mvf@btinternet.com](mailto:mvf@btinternet.com)

### MUSIC DAY WITH MARTIN FOSTER

To equip and inspire singers and instrumentalists. This is for parish music groups and anyone involved in music ministry in various contexts. It will be led by Martin Foster who is Director of the Liturgy Office for the Catholic Bishops; Conference of England & Wales and will take place on **Saturday May 27, 10.30am for 11am – 4pm** at Christ the King, Harrowden Road, Bedford MK42 0SP (£5 per person, or £50 per Parish).

### MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Bishop's Council for Catechesis has organised a day with Fr John Hamer, MHM on Exploring the Prayer of the Church which we hope will be of interest to many in our parishes.

13 May 2017, 10.30am – 3.30pm Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church Hall (Damian Hall), High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 9AA. See leaflet on noticeboard.

### Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** On Easter Sunday morning, the First Reading takes us to the home of Cornelius, a devout man who was also a Roman centurion. He has had a vision in which he has been instructed to send for Peter, who also has had a vision that calls into question the Jewish food purity rules about which animals are clean versus unclean. In this passage, we hear Peter recount the story of the life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. While all he has accomplished he has been witnessed to by the prophets, the redemption of the Risen Christ has been accomplished for all people, including the gentiles. Anyone who believed and bears witness to him will be forgiven.

**Responsorial Psalm 118:** More verses of the song of victory, Psalm 118, are heard this morning. God's mercy is not a one-time reality; it endures across the ages. God will protect those who believe, who are rescued through his power. The final verses (22-23), in which the rejected stone is mentioned, are recited by Jesus in reference to himself in the Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. They also appear in Acts, Ephesians, and 1 Peter. Jesus has not fit the blueprint expected for the rebuilding of God's house.

**Second Reading:** Both of these Reading exhort the followers of Jesus Christ to set aside the old self and old life in favour of the new life they have been given in Christ. In the letter to the community in Corinth, Paul utilises the metaphor of leaven. The image of yeast, a small bit of which can raise a great deal of flour, is one of the predominant images for the role of the laity in the constitutions of Vatican II. Lay people are called, through their faith and holiness, to "work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven" (*Lumen gentium*, 31).

**The Gospel:** In John's Resurrection narrative the Risen Lord appears only to Mary Magdalene, who comes to the tomb in darkness. Light and darkness are a theme in this Gospel, serving as a metaphor for faith versus lack of faith in a number of stories. Mary then runs to Peter and the figure commonly called "the beloved disciples" (many believe this to be the Gospel writer himself) to share the news that "they" have taken the body of the Lord, a report she will make three times in the course of John's Resurrection narrative. The three race back to find that the body of Jesus is gone; only the burial cloths remain, rolled and set aside. All signs of death have been removed; he has completely triumphed. It is by seeing the signs of Resurrection (the empty tomb, the burial cloths) and not the resurrected body of Jesus that the beloved disciple comes to believe. This central message—the Resurrection of the body, the empty tomb, embraced by those who have not seen but still believe – its central to Christian faith.

### Money Matters

**Last Week's Offertory Collection - £160.50**

**Easter Sunday Offertory is your Easter gift for the parish clergy**

**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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**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.