



## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>Low Sunday</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Special Thanksgiving Intention.
Monday ST GEORGE, Patron of England	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday ST MARK	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Wednesday Easter Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday Easter Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday Easter Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Saturday St. Catherine of Siena	<b>NO MASS NOR CONFESSIONS THIS MORNING</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

*Thank you for your generous Easter Offering last Sunday and for the many Easter cards and gifts received. They are all deeply appreciated.*

*Fr Andy*

**Our condolences and prayers** to the family of **Margaret Brown**, who died on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, while on holiday in Spain. Please keep Margaret's husband, Howard, and the whole family in your prayers at this time. **May she rest in peace and share in Christ's Glorious Resurrection.**

## 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.



**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.

**Do take some Easter Water to bless your homes during this holy Season!**

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

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

On arrival in the Priory Grounds there will be a short service at the Site of the original Holy House.

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. 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:** Throughout Easter Time, our First Reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, leading us to reflect upon the story of the first Christians and the community of believers. The brief passage from the Acts of Apostles which we hear today provides a glimpse into the life of the early Christian community, a vision statement of the ideal community in which God is praised and the people are in communion with one another.

**Responsorial Psalm 117:** Through the proclamation of Psalm 117, we are called together to sing the praise of God whose "love has no end." The psalmist acknowledges that we may falter and fall at times, yet the Lord is our strength. Particularly in Easter Time, our song of praise is appropriate. The rejected stone has become the cornerstone. "This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad."

**Second Reading:** The second reading, from 1 Peter, begins with a great proclamation of praise, summarizing, namely the Resurrection of Jesus Christ which opens the doors to salvation for those who are "safeguarded through faith" by the power of God. While we may have to suffer through various trials, we are encouraged to remain steadfast in faith, insuring that we will attain the goal of our faith, salvation in Jesus Christ.

**The Gospel:** Our reflection on this passage from the Gospel according to John often focuses on Thomas, whom we often label "doubting." So much so, we may miss the other aspects of the story: Jesus' proclamation of peace, the disciples being sent, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the life that is offered through belief in Christ. The familiar story of the disciples' encounter with the Risen Christ encourage our focus on faith, even when we experience doubt, and the impact of this faith in our lives: peace, mission, and new, life.

## About Liturgy Seeing, believing, and Devotional items:

The church has for centuries helped us to believe what we cannot see by using these things perceptible to our sense of sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell. The most obvious examples are our sacraments that use water, oil, imposition of hands, bread, wine, etc. – visible signs – to lead us to the invisible grace of God is offering us. The gospel this Sunday reminds us, too, that our belief is strengthened when we surround ourselves with other visible signs of Jesus' risen Presence and caring love for us. Without turning our homes into veritable shrines, we might look around where we live and determines if there are *any* signs at all of our belief. When guests come into our home, do they know that we take our religious practices seriously? Do they see a crucifix or a statue of a favourite saint? Do they see a well-used Bible? Perhaps a nice Easter present for ourselves might be to a religious article shop and buy something that is good art that can also speak to us and others about our belief.

These religious articles in our homes can also remind us that religion isn't simply an hour-on-Sunday deal with God. They can help us turn our lives towards God and express our belief by charitable actions on behalf of others. Belief, after all, is strengthened by the good we do for each other in the name of the risen Jesus.

## Money Matters

**Good Friday's Collection for the Holy Places - £190.41**

**Thank you for your generosity**

New Offertory Envelope Boxes are available in the porch. Please take the box with your name printed on the label. If you would like to begin supporting the parish through envelopes please speak with Fr Andy.

## APRIL 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.



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.