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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

14th May 2017

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### TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

4 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am	Mass – Int. Bert & Frances Mendis, RIP
Monday Easter Feria	2.00pm*	Funeral Mass – Margaret Brown, RIP
Tuesday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Easter Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Easter Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacramen
•	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Easter Feria	9.30am*	Funeral Mass – Gerry Enright, RIP
Saturday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
•	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am	Mass –Int. Peter Allerton, RIP, Rec. Deceased



Our condolences and prayers to the family of Margaret Brown, who died on Friday 21st April, while on holiday in Spain. Margaret's Funeral Mass will take place at 2pm tomorrow Monday 15th May 2017 at Our Lady's Church, Chesham Bois, Please keep Margaret's husband, Howard, and the whole family in your prayers at this time.

Our Condolences, also to the family of **Gerry Enright**, of Berry Field Park, who died on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017. **Gerry's Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am. At Our Lady's Church**, Chesham Bois. Please keep Gerry's, widow, Pat, and their family in your prayers.

May they both 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.

#### **Money Matters**

Last Week's Offertory Collection - £257.63 SECOND COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND - £177.90

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.

#### MAY 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.

# 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 38 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 <a href="www.marysmeals.org.uk">www.marysmeals.org.uk</a> to see the list of items needed for every Mary's Meals backpack.

#### WE NEED MORE HELP!

We *urgently* need more **helpers to clean** the Church on Friday mornings (or at another time, if that is more convenient to you). Could you spare just one hour once a month?

We also need a **least two new teams** of two unrelated people to help count the offertory collection once a month after Sunday Mass, this takes approximately 40 minutes.

Do you think you are able to help? If so, please speak with Fr Andy

# 50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL.

#### NORES Lecture

Sunday 21 May, 3-4.30pm - Lecture and cream tea **Do you need theology to live a Christian life?**Professor Tom O'Loughlin –

Professor of Historical Theology - Nottingham University ALL WELCOME! NORES, 33 Westbourne Rd, Luton, LU4 8JD - Tel: 01582 723312 Ext 6

#### **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).

### The Catholic Worker Farm OPEN DAY - 3rd JUNE - 3PM till Late

Snacks 3pm – International Buffet 6pm - Live Music

This is an opportunity for us to Thank You in a small way for all your support of and interest in us and our work. Meet us, chat and learn about our work with homeless women and children. Enjoy live music and food from around the world, a huge bonfire, face painting, badminton and trampolines! Lynsters Farm, Old Uxbridge Rd, Rickmansworth, WD3 9XJ – Tel. 07983 477819

## **Lectionary for Mass**

First Reading: As the community of believers grew, they developed a need for greater organization and shared ministry. The Twelve recognised that their role is to teach, and commission seven men to serve the physical needs of all in the community. This insures that everyone, regardless of nationality, will be treated fairly, that all will be cared for, diminishing cause for division among them. With the administration of the community in hand, the word of God continued to spread.

Responsorial Psalm 32: As the growth of the community in the Acts of the Apostles results from the trusting prayer and faithful witness of the Apostles, we sing our praises, invoking God's mercy. All of God's works are trustworthy, calling from us justice and right living. In this season of Easter, we sing of Christ's Resurrection, assured that in the sight of the Lord, we are delivered from death. Our praise is always fitting.

**Second Reading:** Jesus was rejected and yet "chosen by God and precious to him," and so are we, called to be built into a spiritual house which lives as God's holy people in the world. We who have faith, offering a spiritual sacrifice through our lives. We have been called out of darkness into the light of Christ, as a people of God's own, announcing the praises of the Risen One.

The Gospel While we make our way through Easter Time, this passage begins to point us toward the eventuality of the Ascension. Jesus tells the disciples not to be troubled: he will prepare a place for them and will come back and take them to himself. The disciples are confused; Jesus confronts their fear, and in doing so points to his union with the Father and promises that those who believe in him will do great works through him.

## Vacancy – Adviser for Secondary RE and Theological Development

We are currently seeking to appoint an Adviser for Secondary RE and Theological Development to support our secondary school RE provision and develop theological resources and support for teachers in all of our schools. Full information for the position and an application form can be obtained by visiting the Diocese Website <a href="https://www.northamptondiocese.org">www.northamptondiocese.org</a> and going to The Diocese/Diocesan Departments/Human Resources.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 19th May 2017**.

Brightlights Festival is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 18-30) taking place June 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> in the beautiful grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Come and join us for a weekend of live music from artists including One Hope Project and Guvna B. To journey in Faith through liturgy and worship. And to hear stimulating input of the possibilities of living life: UNLIMITED. Cost of ticket and accommodation: £50. To find out more information visit the website: brightlights.org.uk and contact: Fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627.

APF / Mill Hill - Missio - Red Boxes

Greta Jeffreys is collecting full Red

Boxes for counting. If you have a full

Red Box, please bring it along to

church or contact Greta.