



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

8th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH	9.30am	Mass – Int. Osas Egharevba, RIP
Tuesday St Alphonsus Liguori	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday St John Vianney	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Leyla Rose Pulis, RIP 8 th Anni.
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
Transfiguration of Our Lord	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish



LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN Is taking a break during the school holidays. It will continue in September.

There are special **'Look' Activity Sheets for our children** based on the Scripture Readings for today. Do take a copy for the children to work on during Mass, or to take home.

Mary's Meals have written to thank our parish for the generous donation of **40 backpacks**. For many children who receive a donated backpack, it will be the only gift they have ever been given. Thank you to all who supported this initiative.



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.



Prayer for the summer break

Lord God, We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. May you talk with God every day.

Diocese of Northampton – Liturgy Commission

**Day for those who work with
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**
Saturday 30 September 2017 10.30am – 1pm
NORES Centre, 22 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD
See noticeboard for booking leaflets

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

About Liturgy

Liturgical is a great treasure: It is true that we experience God's Presence in the many circumstances of our daily lives. But surely one of the most sublime ways we experience God's Presence is in the very celebration of liturgy. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy tells us that in liturgy Christ is present in his word, in the presider, in the assembly, and in the Eucharistic bread and wine (no. 7). Thus liturgy itself is a great treasure of God's Presence. This suggests both a caution and challenges for us in celebrating liturgy.

The caution that we must always keep in mind is that liturgy first and foremost is our entry into the dying and rising of Christ and in that very act of surrender if self we give God praise and thanks. There is sometimes a tendency in liturgy to celebrate in a way that pleases *us* and thus, subtly turn liturgy toward ourselves rather than towards God. When we do this we run a risk of misunderstanding God's presence to us.

The challenge is that we must *surrender* to God's action during the liturgy so that we see the many ways god is present in the celebration. It is too easy to let our minds wander or be distracted by restlessness around us or the things we must do when we get home. Liturgy asks of us a single-minded presence to God so we can experience God's loving and abiding Presence to us. This is liturgy's great treasure: that we celebrate God's Presence to us and among us.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: When God offers to give Solomon whatever he might ask for, the young king does not hesitate: he asks for an understanding heart. We can sense how daunted he is by his task as he contrasts his own youthfulness and inexperience, and the overwhelming numbers and needs of the people over whom he has been placed. God grants his request and makes it clear that this is the best gift Solomon could have asked for.

Responsorial Psalm 119 is a song of someone who – like Solomon – loves the Word of God more than anything else in life.

Second Reading: "All things work for those who love God" (Romans 8:28). Paul is not simply being optimistic or ignoring the challenges of life – he certainly experienced his share of those! Rather, he is expressing his profound faith that we are all in God's hands, not only now but from the beginning of time and to the end of time. God's protection and his call are with us even before we are aware of them.

Gospel: Jesus continues to speak about the kingdom in parables – a treasure, a pearl – and if we wish to attain it, we must sacrifice a great deal – perhaps even sell all we have. The parable of the net thrown into the sea, like the parable of the weeds and the wheat we heard last week, reminds us that the kingdom is a messy business. Only at the end of the age will the good and wicked be separated from each other; until then, everyone is mixed up together. We must resist the temptation to sort ourselves out, to "throw away" some while retaining others. That task is reserved for the end of the age, the fulfilment of the kingdom of God.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary takes place on the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, usually in June, but in this month when we celebrate Mary's Assumption (August 15) and her Coronation or Queenship (August 22), we also give honour to her Immaculate Heart. There are many prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here is one short enough to memorise and pray every day during this special month:

O Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart.

Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £186.57

Thank you for your generosity

If you would like to begin supporting the parish through Offertory Envelopes or directly 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.