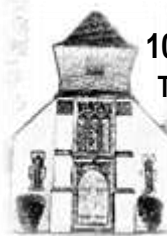


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10th September 2017

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

14th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

14th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Frances and Bert Mendis, RIP
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	11.00am	Funeral Mass – Jim Cloonan, RIP
	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass – Int. Father Anton, RIP
Friday <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	8.30am*	Mass
Saturday <i>SS Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
15th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Has now returned following the school holidays. 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.

The latest edition of Missio magazine, **Mission Today** is now available on the table in the porch. Would all Red Box holders to church for emptying and counting? For more details please contact Greta Jeffreys Tel: 01494 722792.

Our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of **Jim Cloonan**, late of Rickmansworth, whose **Funeral Mass** takes place in **Our Lady's Church** on **Thursday** this week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in



About Liturgy

Liturgical opportunities for reconciliation: Most Sundays when we gather for liturgy, we begin with a penitential act during which we acknowledge our need for repentance, reconciliation, healing, forgiveness, and God's mercy. Further, most parishes at least twice a year (during Advent and Lent) schedule a "common penance liturgy" (Rite for Reconciliation of Several Penitents with individual Confession and Absolution). As the Introduction to the Rite of Penitents with Individual confession states, this communal rite "shows more clearly the ecclesial nature of penance . . . [so we can] help each other through common prayer" (22). Also, most Catholics go to individual confession at least occasionally. It would seem that we have sufficient liturgical opportunities for confessing sinfulness and seeking reconciliation – all of which lead to conversion. Yet the gospel this Sunday is saying even more: beyond the official liturgical times for reconciliation, we also need to recognise the value of seeking reconciliation with other directly to receive the strength which comes from restored relationships.

The gospel also gives a process (beyond the steps of going individually when with two or three witnesses, then with the whole community) for such a reconciliation. First, the sin must be named and recognised by both the sinner and the one sinned against. Second, the context for this reconciliation is prayer ("gathered together in [Jesus'] name"). Third, once recognition of sin and reconciliation have taken place, the sin is "loosed in heaven," that is, the sin no longer controls the relationship between the two parties, indicating that true conversion has happened. This allows the relationship to continue to grow, the real work of reconciliation.

CAFOD

Do join us to hear about CAFOD's work with a focus on El Salvador. All welcome!

Saturday 16 September – Sacred Heart, Pyramid Close, Weston Favell, **Northampton** NN3 8DP

Saturday 23 September – Our Lady of Grace, Squirrel Lane, **High Wycombe** HP12 4RY

Both days are from **10:15am – 2.30pm (coffee/tea from 10am with shared lunch from 1:30pm)**. Please let us know you are coming - 01844 274724 or northampton@cafod.org.uk. Monica Bratt is hoping to join in the gathering on 23 September in High Wycombe. If you would like to join her, contact Monica at monica.bratt@btinternet.com

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: A prophet is like a watchman appointed to herald the advance of country's enemies by blowing a trumpet. God appoints Ezekiel as the watchman for the house of Israel. The watchman's task is to speak the truth to others and lead them from their evil inclinations. Should the watchman not do that, he is liable for the person's injury or death. But the persons who simply not heed the watchman's words or the sound of the trumpet, are responsible for the consequences that befall them.

Responsorial Psalm 94 is another common psalm for Ordinary Time. The refrain commands us not to harden our hearts to the Lord's words like God's people did at Meribah and Massah in the desert. The psalm is also a call to worship. This is seen in the opening phrases of the first two stanzas. The psalmist twice invites us to "Come" to the Lord in song and worship. Our gestures of bowing and kneeling serve to acknowledge the God created us and we honour him as Creator and our shepherd.

Second Reading: Christ's own love shown for us through his Death and Resurrection means that love is now the fulfilment of the law. Following the letter of the law no longer satisfies, but rather embracing fully the commandments to love one another does. Love is the opposite of evil. When we love our neighbour as ourselves, we fulfil the law as Jesus did, for he is Love, the Love whom God calls us to imitate.

Gospel: We skip ahead a few chapters in Matthew for this Sunday's Gospel reading where we find Jesus teaching his disciples how to handle a situation in which a person sins against them. Jesus's instructions initially follow the pattern of Ezekiel's words from the First Reading in which a disciple is to speak honestly with the person who sinned. If the sinner does not listen, then a small group of people comes to address the situation as in trial. Failing resolution, then one is to tell the Church which Jesus instructs, is to treat the sinner as he treated tax collectors and Gentiles. We, who are the Body of Christ, the Church, dine with sinners in the Eucharist, extending God's forgiveness in Christ.

Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £279.21

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.

SEPTEMBER 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.

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 would be able to help? If so, please speak with Fr Andy

Prayer to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonders of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding:
and peace and zeal to their spirit.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.