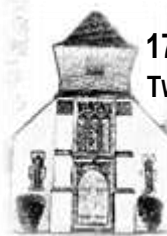


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17th September 2017
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

15th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

15th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions	NO MASS	
Thursday ST MATTHEW	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday St Pius of Pietrelcina	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
16th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-FIFTH 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Applications are requested for preparations for **First Reconciliation** (Confession) and **First Holy Communion** in **Our Lady's Parish**. Candidates must be in at least school year 3. Please take some time to complete the signup sheet in the porch. There are also Signup sheets for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** and for those who are considering **becoming a Catholic**. Applications will close on **Sunday 8th October 2017**.



About Liturgy

Postures during liturgy: There are a number of times during Mass when our posture indicates that we hold another to higher honour. With respect to God, for example, we genuflect to the Blessed Sacrament or bow to the altar or Book of Gospels; we bow at the words during the Creed, "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, / and became man"; we might bow our heads when we pronounce Jesus' name; we bow in reverence and respect before we receive Holy Communion. With respect to each other, the deacon or altar minister might bow to us before incensing us; we offer each other a sign of peace. In themselves these gestures are worthy of God, the saints, and those of us who are members of the Body of Christ for they give evidence of the dignity we have and offer another, and our mutual respect for the relationships within community that make us one in the Body of Christ.

There is always a tendency during liturgy to do these gestures (as well as postures, responses, etc!) out of routine. The meaning behind them suggests that we gently call ourselves to think about what we are doing. They are ways that we express honour and respect, and because we do them together we announce that we all share in God's divine Life. In that is the source of our dignity, of our desire for reconciliation, of our unity in the Body of Christ.

Today is Home Mission Sunday

The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we can pray that the people we carry in our hearts will encounter him for themselves. Prayer cards and prayer maps for families are available from the table in the porch or can be ordered from www.homemission.org.uk. If you would like to pray for the spread of the Good News on a regular basis, please sign up to our newsletter via www.homemission.org.uk

Please consider contributing to today's second collection. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is possible to donate online at: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate>

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Today's First Reading from the author of the Book of Ecclesiasticus continues the topic of forgiving our brothers and sisters. The author's advice, which he gives through rhetorical questions, is prudent: Do not grow angry and expect healing from the Lord; do not withhold forgiveness and expect God to forgive you; do not value voices the commandment to love in negative terms: so not hate your neighbour. Always remembers the covenant and move forward from each other's faults in mercy.

Responsorial Psalm 102: The refrain attests that the lord is kind and merciful and the Lord's anger is slow in coming. Here is the obvious connection with the First Reading. If the Lord whom we follow is kind and merciful, slow to anger, so we also are to live in this manner. The author of the psalm blesses the Lord and reminds us that the Lord does forgive sins. In fact, the Lord redeems from utter destruction pushing sin far away to the East and West and bringing loving kindness from the heavens.

Second Reading: This is the final Sunday we read from Paul's letter to the Romans. The brief two verses are from the next to last chapter in the letter. These verses are a summary of sorts of Paul's theology in Romans. We belong to no one or nothing else but Christ. Without repeating the reason for why we belong to him, the Romans and we know that it is because through God's grace, Christ freely justifies us. Through Baptism, we died and rose with Christ, and in our new life in Christ, we live for no other. When we die, we also die for the Lord. We live and die in faith. The totality of our new personhood is in Christ.

Gospel: Today's Gospel is a continuous reading of Matthew from where last Sunday's left off. Jesus had taught his disciples a process for extending forgiveness to one who sins. Peter now asks Jesus to quantify how many times he must forgive someone. Jesus' numerical response shows that forgiveness is infinite. He then proceeds to tell the parable about a servant whose master offered loan forgiveness, but in turn, the servant refused to forgive a fellow servant. Forgive is Jesus' message. How could something be so simple and difficult at the same time?

Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £276.17

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for your generosity

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

CAFOD

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

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

The day is 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 in High Wycombe. If you would like to join her, contact Monica at monica.bratt@btinternet.com