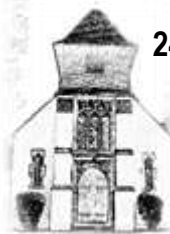


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24th September 2017

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

16th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

16th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Ss Cosmas and Damian</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	11.00am*	Funeral Mass: Anne Nemeth, RIP
	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday ST MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>St Jerome</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
17th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-SIXTH 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.

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.

Our condolences to the family of **Anne Nemeth**, a former parishioner, whose funeral Mass takes place in Our Lady's Church at 11am on Thursday 28th September 2017. May she rest in peace.

About Liturgy

Ordinary Time and second reading: Whenever the second reading during Ordinary Time helps us interpret the gospel, by all means we would want to plumb its riches during Mass, for example, at the homily or drawing on its imagery for the intentions during the universal prayer (prayer of the faithful). This Sunday's selection from the Letter to The Philippians gives us clear direction for what hearing God's will for us and changing our lives might look like: have the mind/attitude of Christ and practice self-emptying so that our focus can be on others rather than ourselves. Further, this reading reminds us that our growth in Christian living isn't dependant only upon ourselves – we hear God's message in community and live it out in community. Our relationship to Jesus helps us hear, but so does our relationship to others. Ultimately this reading is an encouragement that the difficult challenges of faithful discipleship aren't something we undertake by ourselves but with the support of the whole Christian community.

THE ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION

Saturday 14th October 2017

The crusade will once again take to the streets of London in honour of Our Lady in the month of the Holy Rosary. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. Led by Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley.

The procession follows a route from Westminster Cathedral to the Brompton Oratory which is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At Fatima, Our Lady promised that her Immaculate Heart would triumph, but we must do our duty through prayer and sacrifice.

The Crusade will assemble at 1:45pm at Westminster Cathedral and will be finished by about 5.00pm. On arrival at the Oratory church, there will be rosary, hymns to Our Lady, a sermon, Solemn Benediction and the opportunity for enrolment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. See poster/leaflets for more details.

WALSINGHAM TRUST – DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Walsingham Trust wishes to appoint a Development Officer who will be based within the newly established Development Office. The person appointed will work under the direction of the Executive Director of Development. This exciting new role offers an exceptional opportunity to help shape and develop an important area of work of the Trust. A full Job Description may be requested by email hr@walsingham.org.uk Applications made in writing need to be received by 5pm on Friday 6th October 2017. Interviews will be on Tuesday 17th October 2017. For further details please see poster.

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

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: These verses from Isaiah are proclaimed as part of the fifth Old Testament reading at the Easter Vigil. Seek the Lord is Isaiah's invitation. Even the scoundrel and wicked prophet invites to turn to the Lord because Isaiah knows in the Lord is forgiveness so generous and so abundant that one will never turn back to one's old way of life. The Lord's thoughts as so infinitely high, like the heavens, that we find our hope for mercy in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 144: What more could we ask for from the Lord than what the psalmist says? The Lord is gracious and merciful, kind and compassionate, just and holy. That the Lord is slow to anger should comfort us when we sin. The Lord will indeed exhibit patience with us. We, along with the author of the psalm declare in the refrain, the Lord is near to those of us who speak his name.

Second Reading: Paul established the first Christian community at Philippi and he now writes to them from prison. He understands the core of his faith to be life in Christ. Whether he lives or dies, he knows that he glorifies Christ in his body. His dilemma is that if he went on living, he could still serve the Philippians and continue the work of spreading the Gospel. If Paul were to die, he would be with Christ. In the midst of his own suffering, he exhorts the Philippians to behaviour befitting those who proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

Gospel: We move ahead from the conclusion in Matthew 18 and Jesus' teaching on forgiveness to the beginning of chapter 20, where Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the landowner and his workers. The landowner hires workers at varying times during the day, but pays them each the customary daily wage. Those labourers who worked more hours understandably exhibit frustration. The landowner's generosity turns the workers' worldview upside down. Such is the way it will be in the Kingdom of heaven, where the last will be first and the first, last. This is God's new paradigm.

APF / MILL HILL RED BOXES

Empty Missio Red Boxes are now available for collection in the porch, along with the latest edition of Missio magazine, **Mission Today** is now available on the table in the porch. For more details please contact Greta Jeffreys Tel; 01494 722792.

“ROMERO – HEARTBEAT OF EL SALVADOR” is a new play by **RISE Theatre** which looks at the life and legacy of a man who chose to challenge those in power and stand up for social justice. The story of Blessed Oscar Romero and the people of El Salvador is brought to life with explosive energy and passion, accompanied by an original sound track and inspiring graffiti set design. Join us on Wednesday, 4 October at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Hall, Chalfont St Peter SL9 8RY. For booking information and tickets priced at £8 (£6 concessions), please contact the Parish Office on 01753 886581 or office@stjosephs.org.uk.

Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £209.50

HOME MISSION SUNDAY – £117.82

Thank you for your generosity

If you would like to support the parish through Offertory Envelopes or directly through your bank,

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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.