



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

19th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	5.00pm	Reception in Church of Ann Doyle, RIP
Tuesday <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	11.00am	Funeral Mass – Anne Doyle, RIP
Wednesday ST LUKE	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
20th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of parish

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.

TODAY IS DIOCESE EDUCATION SUNDAY

Bishop Peter has written a Pastoral Letter in which the Bishop mentions the call to serve in our schools, as a teacher, leader or in school governance.

Recruiting Catholic Leaders: Are you someone who could serve our children by teaching, working or volunteering in a Catholic school? We are looking for Teachers, Leaders and Governors across the Diocese. For details, talk to your parish priest or contact NORES on 01582 723312 or main@nores.org.uk

About Liturgy

Controversy in Matthew's gospel: In Matthew's gospel Jesus tells many parables about the kingdom after he arrives in Jerusalem (for the past four Sundays we've listened to some of the kingdom parables). The controversy between Jesus and some of the Jewish leaders in sharpening. Some of the parables even include the killing of someone; last week, for example, the wretched vineyard tenants kill the landowner's son and this week in the parable about the king who invites guests to his son's wedding feast the king's servant-messengers are killed. This imagery has layers of meaning. God's own Son will likewise be killed. Those expected to have reward – to sit at the messianic banquet – lose out because of their bad behaviour and those least expected share in God's graciousness. Matthew seems intent on not letting his readers miss his point about inclusivity and so has Jesus tell story after story demonstrating this theme.

Over and over in these parables about the kingdom Jesus confronts us with the message that those are expecting to enter the kingdom will not, and those thought to be kept out of the kingdom will be ushered in. The thorny issue of the historical context of Matthew's gospel is that some of the Jewish leaders (chief priests, elders, scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees) presume that they will inherit the blessing of God's promises because they meticulously keep the law. Sinners (prostitutes, tax collectors) cannot possibly be favoured by God. Israel, as God's chosen people, will inherit; the Gentiles will not. Jesus' message of salvation for all is confronting, challenging, and intolerable for those who presume to know whom God favours and whom God does not.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. **Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in proclaiming on World the Gospel of peace in South Sudan and around the world.** Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: We move ahead in Isaiah to chapter 25 for this Sunday's First Reading. The entirety of this chapter describes the day when the Lord will provide victory for his people. Specifically, the verses chosen for today paint the picture of the mountain, Zion, on which the victory will take place. It is on this mountain that the Lord will also nourish his people with a splendid feast. The people's tears of defeat at the hands of their enemies, Assyria included, will no longer need to shed. Salvation is the victory of God's people.

Responsorial Psalm 22: This Psalm is used on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, although with a different refrain. Rather than emphasising that the Lord is our Shepherd as the refrain does on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, today's refrain proclaims our life forever in the Lord's house. This follows on the beautiful picture in the First Reading of the day when we will know our salvation with all of God's people on the holy mountain of heaven.

Second Reading: Paul knows how to support himself in his work of spreading the Gospel. If he needed to labour, he did. In this passage, he expresses to us that has the ability to live in both scarcity and abundance. Yet, the Philippians sent him a gift of money, for which he is thankful. Paul accepted the gift, although he believed that God provides for his every need. This is the truth of faith he teaches the Philippians. We trust God provides enough for us in Christ Jesus, often working through others who respond to our needs as the Philippians reached out to Paul.

Gospel: Jesus continues to speak to the chief priests and elders in another parable. This time the parable centres on whom God invites to the banquet of the Kingdom of heaven. The king sends his servants into the streets to invite people to the feast, since those who were invited did not come, showing their own unworthiness. The servants bring back a variety of people, but the king notes how some are not wearing the proper attire for a wedding banquet. They are invited, but not chosen for they have not turned to the Lord and put on the wedding garment.

Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £260.83

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY – £208.63

**SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT WEEK:
WORLD FOREIGN MISSION SUNDAY**

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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.



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.

MEETING OF YOUNG PEOPLE REOPENING OF COMPASS YOUTH CLUB

For a number of reasons, following five very successful months of operation, the Compass Youth Club ceased to function at the beginning of this year. Since then, efforts have been made to re-launch it, if not on the same basis, then, on a model that suits the wishes of those involved. With this in mind, there will be a **preliminary meeting at Our Lady's School at 1pm on Sunday 29th October.** Neil Roseman, of the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office (NYMO), will be in attendance.

All young people in the parish of secondary school age, and those currently in year 6, are invited to attend this meeting and provide their views as to how to relaunch the Club.. Refreshments will be provided. The views of the young people are critical to the re-launch of the Youth Group in our Pastoral Area, so their attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged. Brian Shelley bonding8@btinternet.com.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Thank you for your generous support to CAFOD's Harvest Fast last week. Our parish raised £ 208.63 which will mean more farmers around the world will be able to support their families, now and into the future. Please continue to pray for them and for CAFOD's work with the most vulnerable communities across the world.

Sheltered Housing – St Scholastica's Retreat VACANT Flats Available

The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £429pcm – more information on the poster and from The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy – Princes Risborough (01844) 344437. Email: info@stscholasticas.co.uk www.stscholasticas.co.uk

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Thank you all who signed up for the Sacraments **First Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion**. The participants' and parents' books are on order. We will begin preparation soon. Bishop Peter will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 1st July 2018 at St Joseph's Church in Gerrards Cross.