



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

20th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday SS SIMON & JUDE	9.30am	Mass – Int. Carl de Camps, RIP, anniversary
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
Christ The King	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Roger & Nevarte Pace, RIP

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 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. **Today, your prayers and your donation will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world.** Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.



Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £254.20
CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY – £30.00 (£238.63)

SECOND COLLECTION – TODAY:
WORLD FOREIGN MISSION SUNDAY
Thank you for your generosity

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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.

About Liturgy

Worship and the gift of self: If there is anything we learn from the prophets of the Old Testament and from the religious leaders of the New Testament, it is that worship cannot be empty. Worship is the praise of God that is borne out by caring for others who are beloved of God; caring for others is caring about God. Worship that stays within the four walls of a building is empty; even as the very structure of liturgy itself reminds us that God changes us during the liturgy so that we can live better for the good of others. We are dismissed from liturgy to live what we have celebrated. Worship begins with God's gift of Self to us; it concludes by sending us forth to be a gift of self for those we meet in our everyday living. This is how we live with the integrity of Jesus. Every liturgy ends with some sort of mission – we are sent to love and serve the Lord in each other. These are not just ritual words at the end of Mass to which we more or less consciously respond, "thanks be to God." Our "Thanks be to God" is more than words – it requires of us to give thanks to God for all God has given us by our taking care of others and creation as God's gifts to us. Although the prayers and readings at liturgy change from celebration to celebration and these might give us some specific Christian actions we might try to live during the week, in a sense liturgy's dismissal is always the same: go and *live* the transformation of liturgy and the deepening of God's Presence within. This is the gift of self liturgy asks of us: giving ourselves to others. This, then, is our ultimate praise and thanksgiving to God, our ultimate giving to God what is God's due.

Vacancy – Youth Ministry Coordinator – 37.5 hours per week

The Parish of St Joseph's, Gerrards Cross in Buckinghamshire has a vacancy for a full time Youth Ministry Coordinator. The successful candidate will inspire and encourage young people and families in their faith and support the parish in developing their youth ministry. For further details, please visit www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or call Paula Wynn on 01604 714840. The closing date for applications will be 31st October 2017.

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL

Saturday 9th December 2017

The date has been set for this year's Parish Christmas Meal.
SAVE THIS DATE! More details will be available soon.

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

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.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The Lord call Cyrus as king to lead his people. Together, they will subdue nations and kings will fall in their presence. They will defeat Babylon. Through the actions Cyrus, people will know he is the Lord's chosen and that the Lord is God. There are no other gods for people to worship who will protect and safeguard them as the Lord does.

Responsorial Psalm 95 is a song of praise. Everyone is invited to join the chorus, praising the Lord and telling of the Lord's glory. The psalm coincides with the First Reading the author attests that the gods of the nations no longer exist. As we draw closer to the solemnity of Christ the King, we name the Lord as King and join in worship.

Second Reading: Our Second Reading on the next five Sundays before the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, are taken from Paul's greeting to the church at Thessalonica. The triad of faith, hope, and love appears in the thanksgiving. The hope that Paul preaches is the hope Christians have of sharing in Christ's Resurrection when he comes again in glory. In the interim, Paul encourages the Thessalonians, and we who live in hope today, to continue in their work of faith, living and spreading the Gospel in the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: The Pharisees, angered by Jesus' teaching in the previous parables, go off and plot against Jesus. They crave to trap him in his own teaching to discount his authority. Unwilling to approach Jesus themselves, the Pharisees send their disciples to ask him about the legality of paying tax to Caesar. Jesus calls the bluff of the hypocrites by simply asking to see the Roman coin and having them identify the image on the coin. What is obvious to many, but not the Pharisees and their disciples, Jesus teaches: Caesar's is Caesar's and God's is God's.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABORTION ACT

27th October 2017. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have called us to mark this anniversary with a vigil of prayer - **"We mourn the large number of annual abortions and continue to pray for the care and support of mothers and their children in the womb."**

We pray for and remember all lives lost before birth and we are reminded by Pope Francis that *"there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father."* (MV 12)

PRAYER VIGIL AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHALFONT ST PETER – Friday, 27th October at 7.30pm. All are welcome to join Fr Michael as he leads a time of prayer and reflection focussing on the theme, *'The Mercy of God'* (approx. 45 minutes).

A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE EVENT is being organised by CARE (Christian Action Research and Education), with contributions from Lord Alton of Liverpool, Fiona Bruce MP, Chen Guangcheng and others; Saturday 28th October 2pm-5pm, at Emmanuel Centre, London. To book free tickets visit care.org.uk/event or call 020 7233 0455.