



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Christ The King	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Roger & Nevarte Pace, RIP
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Esther Berry (sick)
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Ana Miranda, RIP
	7.00pm	Vigil Mass for ALL SAINTS
Wednesday SOLEMINTY OF ALL SAINTS	9.30am	Mass
(HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)	11.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
Thursday COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Soul's Day)		
	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday St Martin de Porres	9.00am	Mass
Saturday St Charles Borromeo	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
22nd Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children's Liturgy is taking a break this week – it will be back next Sunday!
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.

Meeting with families preparing for FIRST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION

There will be a meeting for parents and children after 10am Mass on **Sunday 12th November 2017**. Please make every effort to attend.

Our Prayers and condolences to Margaret **Casserley**, on the death of her husband, **Richard**, on 19th October 2017. Also to the family of **Sarah DeCamps**, who died on last Tuesday (her funeral Mass has been arranged at 12.30pm on Friday 10th November at 12.30pm at Our Lady's Church). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*



Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the account from the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus brings together all of the Law in two statements. The commandments are about love – loving God and neighbour. In the encyclical *Caritatis in veritate*, Pope Benedict XVI notes that charity is at the heart of the Church's social doctrine. This virtue, he explains, drives people to serve others. Pope Benedict states in the encyclical: "Love . . . is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace. It is a force that has its origin in God (1).

St. Paul tells the Thessalonians that their faith has made them a "model for all believers." *Guadium et spes (The Pastoral Constitution on the Church)* explains that faith makes itself known in all parts of the a person's life. The document states: "Faith should show its fruitfulness by penetrating the entire life, even the worldly activities, of those who believe, and by urging them to be loving and just, especially towards those in need. . . What does most to show God's presence clearly is the familial love of the faithful who, being all of one mind and spirit, work together for the faith of the Gospel and present themselves as a sign of unity."

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

"It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins," observes the writer of Maccabees in the Old Testament (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Intercession on behalf of those who have died is a cherished tenet of our Catholic faith, springing from our belief in the resurrection of the body and the communication of saints. "Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession" (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 6). Trusting in God's mercy, we continue to pray for them, knowing that this spiritual bond can never be broken. In the month of November, when we think celebrate All Souls, we pray in a special way for those who have died – those who are known to us, and those who are unknown.

DO TAKE AN ENVELOPE TO PLACE INSIDE THE LIST OF THOSE LOVED ONES YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR DURING NOVEMBER.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – THANK YOU

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the gospel of peace with those in greatest need. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting Missio please go to Missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755.

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 TODAY 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

Today's readings show that the Commandments guide us to imitate God's gracious ways of interacting with humanity.

First Reading is part of the code of Law that resulted from God's covenant with the Israelites at Mount Sinai. It's a great example of what we call God's preferential option for the poor. God's care and compassion for the Israelites during their Exodus from Egypt becomes the model for how God's people should behave towards others, especially in the area of social justice. God established that principal first, as he gave Moses the Commandments: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. . ." (Exodus 20:2).

Responsorial 18 is a thanksgiving song attributed to David. It is also found in 2 Samuel 22:2-51, with a few minor differences. The psalm expresses thanks for God's help in the time of need. God is our Rock, keeping us safe from our enemies as God did for David and Israel. For this, all we can do is express our love of the Lord as we do in the refrain.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul praises the Church at Thessalonica for behaving in a similar manner. Even though they were suffering affliction, the people imitated Christ (and Paul) by accepting the Word of God with joy and living it so fully that their reputation spread throughout Greece and the Balkan Peninsula.

Today's **Gospel** provides us with one of several confrontations between Jesus and different groups of religious authorities over interpretation of the Law. Here is a scribe of religious authorities by asking which is the greatest of the Laws of Moses. Jesus gives a response that might better be described as a summary of the Law: love God; love your neighbour as yourself. The Greek word is *agapao*, meaning "to have regard for the other." This is not emotional or sexual love. It is covenant love. Jesus declares that the entire religious tradition depends on covenant relationship with God that is expressed in love for others.

Liturgy and Life

(1) In the reading from Exodus, the Lord tell his people that they were once aliens and urges them to be compassionate. Do you sometimes forget the needs you had during a time that you had during a time that you were less fortunate than today? (2) Do you look on God as your strength, your refuge? (3) How might our relationships change when we remember that love is at the heart of each commandment?

Vacancy: Youth Ministry Coordinator 37.5 hrs per week

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

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL

Saturday 9th December 2017 – SAVE THIS DATE!

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

Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £230.14

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – £273.26

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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.