



**TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK**

<b>Whitsunday</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>St Philip Neri</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the 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.

**LAY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST**

**ANNUAL REFLECTION MORNING** for all ministers will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> June in Luton. An opportunity to pray and reflect together, it offers a chance to people in a busy life to stop and think about how their service is indeed part of their vocation as baptised Catholics. See leaflets.

**YOUTH FEST '18:** Join us for live music, games, BBQ and lots more on **Saturday 16 June** from 3pm to 6pm in the paddock behind Our Lady's Church, Chesham Bois HP6 5PE. This **free event** is open to all young people in Year 6 and above as well as young adults 18s to 20s. Hang out with your mates, enjoy some food, have some fun and make new friends. Click the **Book Now** button on the parish website to register your place.



**Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition**

The Acts of the Apostles records that, after the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, they were understood by the peoples of the many languages gathered in Jerusalem. Pope Benedict XVI's letter to the bishops who gathered at the Fifth General Conference of the Latin America and Caribbean Bishops' Conference in Brazil in 2007 spoke of the need for the Church to accompany people who travel. In *Aporecida*, the pope sends the message that the Church needs to reach out, regardless of borders. He states: "The Church . . . must experience itself as a Church without borders . . . attentive to the growing phenomenon of human mobility in its diverse sectors . . . it is crucial to develop a mind-set and spirituality for the pastoral service of brothers and sisters on the move. . . to facilitate the encounter between the foreigner and the welcoming particular church. Bishops Conferences and dioceses must prophetically assume this specific ministry" (412).

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – DUBLIN – AUGUST 2018**

The Congress takes place in Dublin from 22 to 24 August 2018; The Festival of Families on Saturday 25 August and the final Mass on Sunday 26 August. *It would be wonderful for one, or more, families from our parish would attend this World Meeting of Families!* See [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) or posters and leaflets in the porch.

The Guardians of the Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Bedford) "**Mass for Life**" on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 2:00pm in the Church of the Holy Child and St Joseph, Bedford (MK40 1HU); the principal celebrant will be Father Jeremy Davies. The Mass is open to everyone and all are welcome! Refreshments will be available after the Mass. Details of the "Mass for Life" and the amazing work of the Shrine can be found at <https://relicourladyofguadalupe.wordpress.com>

**PASTORAL AREA COUNCIL**

**Grant Kudsee** has been both our parish representative and Chair of our local Pastoral Area Council for the past three years. Now that Grant has served his term, he has decided to step down from both roles. I am very grateful to Grant for all he has done in leading the Council and representing our parish during this time. This means we need one or two volunteers to represent this parish at the bimonthly meetings for the next three years. Could this be you?

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Bishop Peter will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the priesthood during the **Diocese of Northampton Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 9 June**. Fr Bob Davies OCD will lead a pilgrimage group from the South Bucks Pastoral Area. A coach will depart St Joseph's Church in Chalfont St Peter at 7:30am. In this Year of Prayer and Vocation, this is an ideal opportunity to celebrate the ministry of Bishop Peter and offer prayers of thanksgiving for him on this special occasion. The cost is **£20 per person, children 15 and under go FREE!** Please register your interest at St Joseph's Parish Office by Monday 4 June. Cheques payable to "St Joseph's Parish". Pilgrims will need to bring a packed lunch.

**NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL JUBILARIANS MASS**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 12 noon in the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate, Northampton** **SINGERS from across the diocese** are invited to join us to celebrate this special occasion marking Bishop Peter's Golden Jubilee together with Priests from our diocese who are celebrating Jubilees this year. **There will be 2 CHOIR REHEARSALS at the cathedral** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June rehearsal 10.30am – 12 noon and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 rehearsal 10.30 am followed by Mass 12 noon **Singers – please confirm your attendance by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May at the latest by sending an email to [teresabrown@devinmusic.org.uk](mailto:teresabrown@devinmusic.org.uk)** with your name, parish and voice – Soprano/descant, Alto, Tenor, Bass.

**Lectionary for Mass**

Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Hebrew word for Spirit is *ruah*, meaning "breath" or "wind." Speak the word *ruah* aloud and you will hear its meaning! In the opening verse of the Bible the writer uses this image of wind to capture God's creating power: "When God created the heavens and the earth . . . a mighty wind was sweeping over the waters" (Genesis 1:1).

When God created the human being, the writer used the image of God "blowing into his nostrils the breath of life." (Genesis 2:7). In a symbolic way, God shows us that life itself is a gift that comes from God. Not only did God bring us into existence, but God also wanted humanity to remain close to God. Humans had more independent schemes – captured in the story of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9). The different languages of humanity became a sign that without God we were unable to communicate perfectly with one another, and strife emerged.

The First Reading (Acts 2:1-11) describes a noise like a strong driving wind that points to the presence of the Spirit, *ruah*. That Spirit works through the preaching of the apostles, enabling everyone to understand the message despite the different languages. Through the spirit, the human family is recreated into a new people of God that can communicate and understand each other. The Tower of Babel is reversed!

Today's Gospel (John 15:26-27; 16:12-15) is a passage prior to Christ's death and Resurrection when Jesus promises to send the Spirit on the disciples to continue God's communication with them into the future. "The Spirit of truth" will testify to Jesus and will guide us into a deeper understanding of Jesus' teaching.

**Liturgy and Life**

- (1) Do you pray to the Spirit to guide you? (2) Have you noticed that when you deepen your prayer life you grow in the fruits of the Spirit, such as patience, kindness, peace, gentleness, generosity, and self-control? (3) How can your parish help you understand the work of the Spirit in the life of the Church?

**LIVERPOOL 2018 – ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS**

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE – 7 - 9 September 2018  
For more details, see the poster and leaflets in the porch, click on webpage: [catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018](http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – 24 - 31 August 2018**

Lourdes theme for 2018: "*Do whatever He tells you*"  
See poster, brochures and booking forms in the porch. For up to date pilgrimage information, please visit: [www.catholicassociation.co.uk](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk) or [www.tangney-tours.com/CA](http://www.tangney-tours.com/CA) alternatively, please call: 01732 886 666 or 0800 917 357

**Money Matters**

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £249.10

Collection for the Church's Work in the Mass Media – £81.29

**Thank you for your generosity**

If you would like to support the parish through Offertory Envelopes or directly from your bank, speak to Fr Andy.

**The MAY 2018 edition of The Vine**

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is now 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.