



**TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK**

15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Michael McKeown, RIP, recently died
Monday POPE ST GREGORY THE GREAT	9.30am	Mass – Int. Thanksgiving intention
Tuesday St Cuthbert	9.30am	Mass – Int. Brian Farrelly, RIP
Wednesday Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Saturday NATIVITY OF THE BVM	<b>NO MASS</b>	
SUNDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Bernadette Woods, 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.



This week, Fr Andy and members of our parish, local Pastoral Area and people from across our Diocese will be travelling to Liverpool to take part in **ADOREMUS 2018: The Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage.** The last Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 when permission for a public procession was refused. Please keep us all in your prayers, as we will pray for you.

Congratulations to **Maria Thérèse Barrie** who was Baptised in Our Lady's Church last week. We support her parents Stephen and Siobhan together with her godmother, Marianne through our prayers and the example living out our Faith.

**Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition**

The reading from St. James reminds us to care for those who have little status in the world. In the early years of the Church, widows and orphans has no rights, so St. James wrote: "Pure unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world." The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council continued that teaching as they urged union with the poor and suffering. At the beginning of *Guadium et spes*, the Fathers state: "The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor and afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts." (1).

"The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." As these words are sung in the refrain of today's Responsorial Psalm, the assembly sings of a people who honour God with acts not words. These people are blameless because they live justly. In the World Day of Peace message in 1972, Pope Paul VI quoted from Isaiah as he urged people to work for justice to bring peace. He states, "The invitation we give to celebrate Peace resounds as an invitation to practice Justice: 'Justice will bring about peace.' We repeat this today in a more incisive and dynamic formula: 'If you want Peace, work for Justice'" (DOP).

Quoting Isaiah, Jesus decries a people who have unclean hearts, who praise God with their lips but who do not seek justice. In 1971, the World Synod of Bishops wrote in *Justitia in mundo*, that working for justice was part of the Church's mission of liberating the oppressed. The document states: "Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the Gospel, or in other word, of the Church's mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation." (6).

Jesus called for people to look inside themselves to seek their motives. So, too, the bishops state in *Justitia in mundo* the Church needs to examine herself. "[The Church] recognises that anyone who ventures to speak to people about justice must first be just . . . Hence we must undertake an examination of the modes of acting and of the possessions and life style found within the Church herself." (40).

**Lectionary for Mass**

Today's readings challenge us to think about the motivations for our actions, reminding us that God calls us to lead lives of integrity. The Book of Deuteronomy calls the Israelites to keep the commandments of the Lord so that all the nations will consider Israel's laws as a true gift: "No other nation is as wise and prudent as this great nation."

Wisdom in the ancient world embraced practical insight and knowledge about how to act and how to make the right decisions in difficult situations. Think of the great King Solomon, who was celebrated as the wisest of kings. The commandments are God's ultimate gift of wisdom, inspiring his people to decide according to God's will.

Today we will begin reading from the Letter of James, which we will read for the next four weeks. This letter is a true wisdom writing in that it offers practical advice on how to lead one's life. The source of this wisdom is divine: "All that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light." Living a good life, James insists, must also include caring for "orphans and widows" – truly the most vulnerable members of society.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes on the scribes and Pharisees, who have forgotten that the laws and commandments are a source of wisdom and insight for leading their lives. They have come to see them legalistically as ends in themselves rather than as guidance for actions. The Pharisees were concentrating on externals, but unless one's interior dispositions are guided by God's word and laws, one's actions will tend towards selfish and evil interests. Wise decisions and good actions come from hearts that have steeped themselves in God's wisdom.

**Liturgy and Life**

- (1) How do the commandments help you to live a just life?
- (2) What does it mean to be doers of the Word?
- (3) How does what is inside a person defile or bring life to others?

The Autumn edition of **Mission Today** for supporters of APF-Mill Hill Red Boxes and Missio are available in the porch. Please take a copy. If your Red Box is full and needs emptying, please leave it to the Sacristy. It will be emptied, the contents counted and a new Red Box will be left for you to collect in the future.

**Next Sunday**, at the request of **Mary's Meals Emergency Appeal**, we will take a second Collection for the **Flood victims of Kerela**, south western India, many of whom are Christian, descendants of those evangelised by The Apostle St Thomas, in the First Century.

**SPUC** is urging people to send a postcard to the Home Secretary urging him not to recommend or promote legislation to outlaw peaceful pro-life vigils, which have helped many women to choose life for their unborn baby. The freedom to oppose abortion and offer in public help in public places is at risk. Postcards are available from the porch. For more information, please call SPUC on 020 7091 7091.

**Money Matters**

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £198.90  
**SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS OF KERELA, INDIA**  
*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 **SEPTEMBER 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.

**Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation**

A Retreat based on the Book of Ruth: **"Your God will be my God."**  
Saturday 20 October 2018 10.30am arrivals for 11am – 4pm.

The Bridgettine Guesthouse Fulmer Common Road Iver Heath Bucks SL0 0NR Cost £30 per person includes lunch. Please book Tel. 01582 723312 or email [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk).

**CAFOD – Opportunities to inspire our students**

CAFOD is inviting you to be part of our amazing education programme which inspires students to act on their sense of justice. A background in education is not necessary. We are looking for people with good interpersonal skills, a passion for CAFOD's work and who can connect well with children and young people. The volunteer will be asked to go into Catholic schools in the locality to deliver prepared assemblies and/or workshops about once a term. All necessary training, travel expenses and resources will be provided and you will have the ongoing support of a local team. Do get in touch to know more: [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk)  
We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful team.