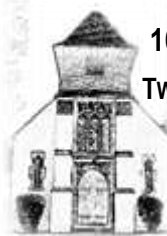


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16th September 2018

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

17th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

17 th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-FOURTH 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 SS Andrew Kim Taegon & companions	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday ST MATTHEW	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11am	Confession
SUNDAY 23 rd Sept. 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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.



HOME MISSION SUNDAY

In today's Gospel Jesus presents us, as disciples, with a challenging question, 'Who do you say I am?' For some the most challenging element of this question is about whether we talk about him at all. Today on Home Mission Sunday we have been praying for the spread of the Gospel and in the second collection will have the opportunity to support it financially by giving what we can. The money you give to this collection does not go abroad but is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith. For more information about the Home Mission Office please visit www.homemission.org.uk

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

Peter did not understand that the messiah would suffer, so he rebuked Jesus for speaking of his suffering and death. Sometimes the faithful are surprised by their experiences and become unsure of their faith. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* points out that it is valuable to turn to our ancestors in faith. "Our experiences of evil and suffering . . . can shake our faith . . . It is then we must turn to the witness of faith: to Abraham . . . to the Virgin Mary who . . . walk into the 'night of faith'; (*Lumen gentium*, 58) in sharing the darkness of her son's suffering and death" (164-165).

By suffering and dying for us, Jesus provides a path of holiness for his followers. When Christians are beset with suffering, they can unite their suffering with Jesus'. *Guadium et spes* states that, The Son of God 'loved me and gave Himself up for me.' (Galatians 2:20). By suffering for us he not only gave us an example so that we might follow in his footsteps (see Matthew 16:24), but he also opened up a way. If we follow this path, life and death are made holy and acquire a new meaning" (22).

LET IT BE DONE UNTO ME A Five Week Course

at St Joseph's Church, Gerrards Cross Wednesday Evenings from 3rd October or Thursday Mornings from 4th October. Cost is £10 per person. Contact Parrish Office on 01753 886581 to sign up. Payment to be made by Tuesday 25th September 1018. See poster.

NORES LECTURE Sunday 12 October 2018 4 – 5.30pm

The Disciple's Call

Sister Elizabeth Mary, Prioress of Brownhill, Stroud
And Sister Ewa Pilszczak, a Missionary of the Holy Spirit

Lecture and Refreshments! All Welcome

NORES, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD

Northampton Justice and Peace Commission invite you to a conference on '**Modern Day Slavery and Trafficking**'. On **Saturday 13th October** at **St John's Parish Hall in Luton**, Sr Patricia Mulhall, cub and **Michael Duthie** will be sharing their experience for you. For more details contact Stephen Forster by_email or call 01494 875 485.

Lectionary for Mass

"Who do people say that I am?" Jesus poses this question to his disciples on his journey through Caesarea Philippi. It elicits Peter's acknowledgment that Jesus is the Messiah. For centuries, Israel had looked forward to God fulfilling his promise to King David by raising up another great leader to restore Israel's kingdom (2 Samuel 7). These hopes had become clouded in political and earthly expectations. Peter's response, in unambiguous terms, "You are the Christ (or the Messiah)," gives Jesus the opportunity to offer a different understanding, Jesus says that he has come not to establish an earthly kingdom in power, but rather a spiritual kingdom in weakness. God's kingdom will be established through Jesus' death and Resurrection.

The First Reading, from the third of Isaiah's "servant Songs," belongs to another tradition pointing to the Messiah's coming in humiliation and suffering. Jesus draws upon this tradition in referring to his ministry of suffering and death on behalf of God's people.

Peter fails to take this tradition into account when he tells Jesus not to talk about suffering and death. He is utterly perplexed and alarmed, for Peter believed that the Messiah would come in power and glory. When Jesus says to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan," he is referring to Satan in the Book of Job, where Satan, as the name actually means, is God's adversary. Jesus reinforces this by saying that Peter's thoughts are human ways of thinking, not God's way.

A further change emerges for Jesus' followers from his revelation that he is going to suffer and die. His followers' lives will embrace the same path of suffering, death, and Resurrection. As true Christians, our lives too will share in Jesus; redemptive suffering.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) When have you regarded the Lord as your help? (2) How do your works demonstrate your faith? (3) Who do you say that Jesus is?

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.



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 – £240.80
SECOND COLLECTION – FLOOD VICTIMS OF KERELA, INDIA - £153.22

TODAY IS HOME MISSION SUNDAY
THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION
Thank you for your generosity

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.

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
We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful team.