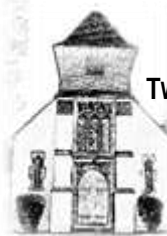


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14th October 2018

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

21ST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

21st Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday St Teresa of Avila	9.30am	Mass – Int. Paulina Medina Mora
Tuesday Bl. John Henry Newman	9.30am	Mass.
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Pope St John XXIII	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 21 st Oct. 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Roger and Neverte Pace, RIP, anni,

Today at 10am Mass, we Welcome and Baptise **COLTON THOMAS SANZ HARPER** into the Faith of our parish Community. Please encourage and support his parents **David** and **Josefina**, sisters **Arianna** and **Alyssa**, and his godparents, **Miguel** and **Alison**, by your prayers and the example of faith-filled lives.

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.

Sunday 14 October 2018 – Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

NORES LECTURE Sunday 14th 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



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.



Prisoners' Sunday is a national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants marked by the Catholic Church. It launches a week long ecumenical campaign of prayer for all those affected by imprisonment, a time to reflect on how we – as individual, as a Church and as an ecumenical community – can serve those whose lives are entwined with the Criminal justice System. **Parish Action:** What can members of our parish community do? **Prayer** offer up prayer individually, or lead a community prayer group; **Volunteer** as a parish Champion, on our Helpline, at a Visitors' Centre, or mentoring an ex-prisoner; **Fundraise** organise an event or sponsored challenge. Find more Parish Action ideas on the Prisoners' Sunday flyers in the porch.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the Gospel, Jesus asked the young man to put others and God before his possessions. All of their lives Christians are to seek to keep their focus on Christ. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "Christ is the centre of all Christian life. The bond with him takes precedence over all other bonds, familial or social" (1618). Just as the rich young man wanted eternal life on his terms, people often want their prayer life to go their way. Approaching the Lord as equal, they seek their own answers to their prayers. The section on prayer in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* addresses our refusal to turn ourselves over to God. It states, "Finally, our battle has to confront what we experience as *failure in prayer*: discouragement during periods of dryness; sadness that, because we have 'great possessions' (cf. Mark 10:22), we have not given all to the Lord; disappointment over not being heard according to our own will; wounded pride, stiffened by the indignity that is ours as sinners; our resistance to the idea that prayer is a free and unmerited gift and so forth" (2728).

Our Catholic Schools' Week is celebrated during 8 – 14 October 2018. We may thank God we have so many good people and positive activity within our schools. They all contribute so much to the work and mission of Bishop Peter and the Diocese. Our Catholic Schools' Week is a celebration of all that we do. Please remember our schools: our young people and their families all staff, Governors and Directors in your prayers.

We have begun registering for the **Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** for children in School Year 3 or above. Registration Forms are available in the porch. Applications **close on 31st October 2018**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2019: The Pastoral Area of the Venerable Mary Ward, comprising the parishes of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, St Aidan's, St Columba's and St Joseph's **invite all parents of children in Year 9 or above to attend a meeting** to review the Pastoral Area Confirmation programme and registration on **Monday 15 October at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Chalfont St Peter, starting at 7:30pm.**

Thank you so much for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day
Our Parish raised £343.50 which will mean more families around the world have what they need to survive and thrive, now and into the future. Thank you to everyone who gave. Your gifts will change lives.

LITURGY MEETINGS – Readers' Reflection Day – 3rd November
10.30am – 1pm at RE Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD
Looking at the Gospel of Luke Led by Mgr Kevin McGinnell, Liz Clarke, Fr Andrew Behrens

Lectionary for Mass

What are your priorities in life? Today's readings reflect on this challenging question. In the First Reading (Wisdom 7:7-11), the writer prays to God for the spirit of wisdom to be given him. Wisdom is God's greatest gift since it provides true insight into how to lead life with integrity – a gift far more precious than gold, silver, or even health! Today's Gospel (Mark 19:17-30) offers a concrete example of a man discerning his priorities in life. He comes running to Jesus with enthusiasm, eagerly asking: "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus tries to curb his enthusiasm and deepen his understanding by challenging him to consider exactly what his priorities are. The Lord focuses on those commandments that involve how we lead our lives and treat our neighbour. They all reflect a common thread: "I have never done anything to harm anyone!" But Jesus implies that something more is needed: "What have you done to help another person?"

Looking into this man's heart, Jesus says in effect: "You consider that leading a good life entails not harming others. Instead, spend your resources in doing good for others." Unfortunately, the eager young man could not accept Jesus' challenge, and he walked away.

Notice that Jesus is not stating that riches are evil and we need to give everything away. This rich man was presented with accepting the real priorities in his life: using his gifts and talents to help others. We discover true happiness in serving others. The challenge is presented to us as well: to discover our true priorities and scale of values and to implement them in our lives.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) When has the Word of God penetrated you so deeply that it seemed sharper than "a two-edged sword"?
- (2) What distracts you from seeing the needs of others and seeking a better relationship with God?
- (3) Do you allow God's love to bring joy to you?



Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation A Retreat based on the Book of Ruth: "*Your God will be my God.*" **Saturday 20th October 2018** 10.30am arrivals for 11am – 4pm. **The Bridgettine Guesthouse Fulmer Common Road Iver Heath Bucks SL0 0NR** Cost £30 includes lunch. Please book Tel. 01582 723312 or email admin@nores.org.uk.

St Columba's Church in Chesham A series of talks, linked with the *Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation*, open to anyone and everyone would be very welcome to join. Each session will start at 7:30pm with tea & coffee and will end around 9pm. The three speakers & talks are:
17th Oct: A Carmelite Thought on Living Prayer - Fr Matthew Blake
24th Oct: Meeting God in Friend and Stranger - Gerard Felix
For more information see poster or www.stcolumbas.church

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £295.88
CAFOD Fast Day (5th Oct.) - £343.50
TODAY – SECOND COLLECTION
PACT – Prisoners' Sunday
NEXT SUNDAY – World Mission Sunday
Thank you for your generosity

The OCTOBER 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.