



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

2 nd Sunday after Easter	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Easter Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Easter Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Easter Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 12 th May – 3 rd Sunday after Easter	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

The will be no Children's Liturgy today

There are sheets with images of the First Easter stories for children to colour available in the porch. Do take a sheet, or two, and some colouring pens for the children to use during Mass.



Today during the 10am Mass **Sage, Arrianna, and Harrison**, will receive God's greatest gift: they will receive Holy Communion for the first time. For many weeks now, these three children together with **Sebastian, Mylee, Aiden, Abigail and Elsie**, have been preparing for this Sacrament. The others will receive this Sacrament later this month. We congratulate **Sage, Arrianna and Harrison** today and keep all these children and their families and friends in our prayers during this Easter season.



Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

After querying Peter about his love for him, Jesus tells Simon Peter, "Feed my lambs." Christians nurture others in a variety of ways as they reveal how the Good News has affected their lives. In *Ad gentes*, the Second Vatican Council document on missionary activity, the Fathers of the Council state: "All Christians by the example of their lives and the witness of the word, wherever they live, have an obligation to manifest the new person which they put on in baptism, and to reveal the power of the holy Spirit by whom they were strengthened at confirmation, so that others, seeing their good works, might glory the Father (see Matthew 5:16) and more perfectly perceive the true meaning of human life and the universal solidarity of humankind" (11). The Apostles were undeterred when told not to preach in Jesus' name. Today, too, followers of Christ cannot back away from giving testimony to their faith. The *Catechesis, of the Catholic Church* states: "The Christian is not to 'be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord.' In situations that require witness to the faith, the Christian must profess it without equivocation" (2571, quoting 2 Timothy 1:8).

A Day with Mary – Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham – national Shrine of England – Sunday 2nd June 2019 – see Poster.

Diocese of Northampton Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Saturday 8th June 2019 - Mary Source of our Joy – 12noon Mass – with Bishop Peter; 3pm - Gather outside the Chapel of Reconciliation for Procession along the Pilgrim Route to the Priory Grounds. On arrival in the Priory Grounds there will be a short service at the Site of the original Holy House.

Lectionary for Mass

Today's readings portray the Good News of Jesus Christ overflowing and growing like leaven. It cannot be stifled or stamped out. In the First Reading, we learn that the Apostles were arrested and put on trial before the Sanhedrin that had earlier condemned Jesus. The high priest of the Jerusalem Temple scolded them for continuing to speak about Jesus, even after they were told to keep silent. However, with all boldness, they persisted in their testimony. Then they were flogged and released with strong warnings against teaching about Jesus, what did they do? They continued to proclaim Jesus as Messiah everywhere. Such is the power of the Good News. The Second Reading contains a vision of a heavenly liturgy in honour of the Lamb (the Risen Christ) and the one seated on the throne (God). Notice how the place is crammed with myriads of angels and other beings, all singing their song of praise to the Lamb who was slain and is now exalted in glory. In today's Gospel, the disciples seem not to know what to do with themselves without Jesus, until Peter announces that he is going fishing – back to his old way of life – and the others join in. Suddenly the Risen Lord appears on the shore, waiting to share breakfast with them. The bread and fish suggest that the meal has Eucharistic overtones. After breakfast, Jesus gives Peter a mission and foreshadows the manner in which he would die – all for the spread of the Good News.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) How do you speak about your faith to others? (2) When have you praised the Lord for what he has done in your life?
- (3) During this Easter season, could you find a way to be intentional about recognising Christ in your midst?

We have received a posters from **Missio** with the amount raised in Our Lady's Parish, which is **£328.75**. And from **Aid to the Church in Need** following the appeal from Heather Ward, we raised **£420.39** from the second collection on Sunday 7th April. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Would you like to help shape the future of Catholic education in the Diocese? Do you have the skills to help direct the strategy and ethos of academies which currently educate over 10,000 pupils across the Diocese? Bishop Peter is currently recruiting Foundation Directors (non-executive) for our new Multi Academy Trusts in the north and south of the Diocese. The closing date for the first round of applications is 31 May 2019. Application details at: <https://bit.ly/2OPBIYx> or by contacting Debbie Main on 01582 723312 or main@nores.org.uk

Catholic Basics "The Moral Life", May 16 2019 at the **Diocesan Centre, Luton, LU4 8JD**. Come and join us to learn about the many-faceted jewel of the Church's teaching on morality! **Mass at 9am** for those who wish. Course from **10am to 3pm (9.30am for refreshments)**. Come and join us for an engaging day with full lunch, no qualifications needed. For booking, contact Jackie email admin@nores.org.uk or phone **01582 723312**.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £233.64

**SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY
Priests' Training Fund**

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 2019 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.

The **Union of Catholic Mothers** at St Columba's are organising a fundraising **Cream Tea and Book Sale on Saturday 11th May** between 2pm and 4.30pm in the Temperance Hall in Chesham (also known as The Little Theatre by the Park). Homemade cakes and scones with clotted cream and jam - yum! While you are there, you can also snap up some great book bargains at the same time at our Book Sale and take part in our raffle. We are raising money for Providence Row, an amazing charity that work with homeless people. The support they provide for mental health and addiction issues helps people to return to their home communities and families, in the UK and abroad. Tickets for the cream tea are £5 per person or £15 per family ticket (2 adults; 2 children) and available from ucmstcolumbas@gmail.com. In order to help with catering, bookings and payment should be made in advance. Entry to the book sale is free. (If you are able to offer any donations to the book sale please email the above address)

Summer Camp 2019 4th – 8th August 2019

Summer Camp is five days of fun and activities where young Catholics gain formation and friendships. Included in the price is Accommodation in the castle, all food, daily Mass and Reconciliation, all activities including a day at Alton Towers Theme park, biking, trekking, climbing, archery, camp fires, messy games and much more. Cost £205 discounted minimum donation – £295 actual cost. We ask people to pay what they can reasonably afford. Alton Castle, Staffordshire. Coach travel is provided in the cost with stops in Slough and Northampton. Book online www.nymo.org or email fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627