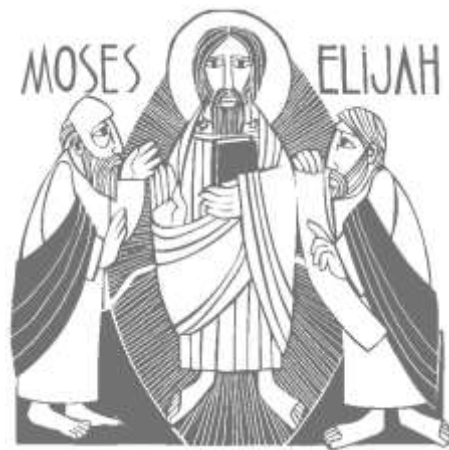




TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Second Sunday of Lent	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00am	Mass – Int. Mary Brady, RIP
Monday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Lent Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Lent Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass – Int. Thanksgiving intention
Friday ST PATRICK	9.00am	Mass
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
Third Sunday of Lent	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish



APF – MILL MISSION THANK YOU & APPEAL

Fr. Donie O'Connor MHM wishes to thank you for your welcome last Sunday. If you did not become a member of APF – Mill Hill by taking a Red Box and you wish to do so, OR to find out more about APF – Mill Hill, please contact your APF – Mill Local Secretary – Greta Jeffreys.

“Truly nothing is more beautiful than to know Christ and to make him known to others.” Pope Benedict XVI

Also, the **Spring 2017** edition of **Mission Today** magazines from Missio are in the porch for Red Box holders. Please take your copy.

A special Thank You too to those who helped to set up for 10am Mass last Sunday.

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.



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.



CAFOD Lent Fast Day was Friday, 10 March 2017

Florence is a hard-working mother who is devoted to her family. A few years ago, she was only just making enough to feed her family. However, CAFOD's partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, recognised how determined Florence was to stand on her own two feet and so they gave her 500 tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond and farm fish. By selling some of the fish at market, Florence was able to give her children a future – she was able to send them to school. Please support this Lent Fast Day, to ensure more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing.

NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL CENTRE: Today there will be a presentation at all Masses about the future of our Cathedral. You will find out about the plans for building a much needed new centre as well as how you can support this campaign. Please complete a card with your name, address, phone and email details and someone from the campaign office will contact you. Fr Mark Floody will be at St Joseph's for the 9am, 11am and 5:30pm Masses, today and is happy to discuss the project with anyone who wants to know more and/or lend their support.

Lent 2017 - Mary's Meals Backpack Project

The charity **Mary's Meals** provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day, attracting them to the classroom and giving hope for a brighter future free from poverty. We are a global grassroots movement with fundraising groups springing up in countless countries, all working together to feed the next child in 13 nations around the world!

As a Parish project during this season of Lent we here at Our Lady's Church have decided to join Mary's Meals Backpack Project. We invite you to join us in this endeavour.

The Backpack Project compliments the school feeding project by providing children with items that help to support their education. We fill a backpack with basic educational and hygiene items, for sending to students who receive Mary's Meals. The difference these gifts make is phenomenal. Good quality, second-hand items are ideal.

Mary's Meals has a simple mission: a fruit of prayer and a work of love. 'By feeding the world's poorest children, we allow them to experience God's Mercy, too. The meals draw them into the classroom where they gain an education that can set them free from poverty.'

So far, we have filled six backpacks. Thank you to those who have taken time to gather and pack what is needed. Please continue to bring your backpack to church during Lent. We have also received cash donations which we will use to provide more backpacks.

Take home a leaflet or visit www.marysmeals.org.uk to see the list of items needed for every Mary's Meals backpack.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - HMP Grendon is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified deacon, religious or lay person to the post of Catholic chaplain. This is a part time post. We are looking for candidates who are experienced in working with people on the edge of society, who have some pastoral experience, a love for the Church and an ability to work in a multi faith environment. The job is for 20 hours a week, working arrangements will be worked out later. HMP Grendon is a cat B therapeutic community mainly focusing on enabling prisoners to examine and explore their past in order to understand the way they have been shaped in terms of offending behaviour.

Further details, especially about the academic qualifications required, may be obtained from Monsignor Roger Reader as below.

Monsignor Roger Reader, Catholic Bishops' Prisons Adviser, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, 39 Eccleston Square, LONDON SW1V 1BX.
Roger.Reader@cbcew.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 13th March.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The First Readings for the remaining Sundays of Lent are accounts of the blessings that God bestows on the chosen people. Today God directs Abram to leave his homeland and journey to a new land. God promises that great blessings will accompany Abram and his family. These blessings are many. Abram's offspring will be a great nations; and he will be a source of blessing for others for "all the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you." Abram's response was act of unconditional faith.

Responsorial Psalm 32: The psalmist sings with great praise of the attributes of Lord who is trustworthy, just, and kind. He looks with favour upon those who fear him. The praise of the psalmist is on behalf of the whole people. Just as the providence of the Lord embraces the whole people so it is the soul of the people that waits for the Lord. This sense of the people being as one and the Lord as their God is a mark of the covenant; it is not a personal relationship between God and the community.

Second Reading: The Second Readings for the Sundays of Lent include various instructions and exhortations for the early Christians. The central thread of these passages is the grace that has come from God through Jesus Christ. Paul reminds the "beloved" that their salvation has been won by Christ Jesus and not by any works that they have done. While it is good for us to engage in good works during Lent, indeed at any time, these works, however laudable, are not guarantors of our salvation. They are expressions of our gratitude for what the Lord has done for us.

The Gospel: The account of the Transfiguration has all the marks of a biblical theophany, a self-revelation of God. The voice from the clouds, the fear of the bystanders and the mountain site are indications of a divine-human encounter. The voice from the cloud, understood to be God's, repeats the proclamation from Jesus' baptism. It is in sharp contrast to the mocking of the tempter in last Sunday's Gospel proclamation. But today Jesus mission and identity are affirmed; he will continue to Jerusalem and to his Death and Resurrection. We will walk with him in these Lenten days.

DURING LENT: We have the **traditional devotions of Stations of the Cross** on **Fridays during Lent at 7.00pm.** To help nourish us during this holy season there are prayer / reflection booklets for sale in the porch.

DEPEENING THE WORD OF GOD

led by Sister Naomi, cj,
Sunday 19 March 2017 3pm – 5pm
At RE Centre, 22 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD
An afternoon to explore what *Lectio Divina* means for our prayer life as Christians, especially in this Lenten time.
See leaflets in porch to book your place

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are available in the porch for a price of £6.00