



**TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK**

<b>Passion Sunday</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Emanuel Thaninayegem RIP
Monday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Lent Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday Lent Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Lent Feria	9.00am	Mass
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

**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 18 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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) to see the list of items needed for every Mary's Meals backpack.

**CONFESSIONS & PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

**Next Saturday** will be a Day of Reconciliation, and confessions at **St Aidan's Church** will be from 10am-12noon, 2pm-4pm and 5.15pm- 5.45pm.

**On Monday 10th April** at 7.00pm there will be a Service of Reconciliation at **St Augustine's Church**, in High Wycombe.

**Vocations Weekend**

7-9th April - for men who would like to explore a vocation to the priesthood. The weekend will be held at the Cathedral. Accommodation will be provided. For more details contact: Fr. Mark Floody on 01604 -714556.

**HOLY WEEK and EASTER LITURGY TIMES**

The times of all our Holy Week and Easter Liturgy Times for all the churches in are Pastoral Area are available in the porch. Please take a copy for your home!

**NEXT SUNDAY is Palm Sunday** and we will begin the **10am Mass in Our Lady's School Car Park**. So please gather there before we process into Church and pray for some fine weather!

**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN**

**Our Children's Liturgy sessions are taking a break for the next couple of Sundays. There are selection of Children's books in the baskets in the porch. There are also colouring sheets and pens for the children – please return the books and pens after Mass.**



**Money Matters**

Last Week's Offertory Collection - £201.80

**TODAY – SECOND COLLECTION FOR Easter Flowers for Our Lady's Church**

**Thank you for your generosity**

If you would like to begin contributing to our parish through the Gift Aid through numbered envelope or by Standing Order through your bank, please speak with Fr Andy.

**APRIL 2017 edition of The Vine**

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is 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.

**True Survivor: Beyond the Wild** is a spiritual survival course for young men aged 13 – 18. NYMO will join together with True Survivor and Jimmy Mitchell, a Catholic speaker and musician, to take young men from the Northampton Diocese on a 3-day programme on 6th - 8th April 2017. We are only able to offer 20 places at this event! The cost of the trip is £105pp including coach transport from within the Diocese. The group will travel to an area of woodland called Dyer's Copse, near Poole in Dorset. The course blends practical elements of wilderness survival training with a Catholic retreat: The group will learn to find and purify water, to make fire by friction, to build a survival shelter, to track, trap and prepare animals and to navigate using the sun and stars. The young men will also learn to develop their prayer life, about the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, how the Eucharist nourishes us, why we need the Church and how to discern God's calling in life. See poster / information sheets and consent forms on noticeboard.

**St Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery in Slough** are looking for a **new Head Teacher**. The School is a Good school and currently growing to a 3 class intake from Reception to Year 6. We have recently formed a Multi Academy Trust with two other local Catholic Schools so the role offers plenty of opportunity for someone to develop both themselves and the School! *The Job Advert is on the noticeboard.* For more information contact Fidelma Gough, Director, St Peter Catholic Academy Trust at [director@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk](mailto:director@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk) or the School Business Manager, Mrs MacKenzie, on 01753 645828.

**Lectionary for Mass**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel announces to the people of the covenant God's fourfold promise to them: the graves of the dead will be opened; those who have died will be brought to life; the people in exile will be brought back to their land; and the spirit of God will be given to them. The promise of restoration prefigures the promise of Christ for all those who believe in him and sets up the Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The promise of the Lord God is affirmed in signs and in words. "I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm 130:** The prayer of the psalmist is a supplication. The psalm was at one time known as the *Miserere*, which also included words from Psalm 51. Both psalms are a plea for the Lord's mercy. The psalmist calls on the Lord to be attentive to his plea believing that only the Lord is able give him strength to withstand "the depths" in which he finds himself. The psalmist doesn't give any indication which this might be, or why he is in this state. The focus of his pleading is on the kindness of the Lord; no one else can raise him up.

**Second Reading:** In Paul's theology of the body the word "flesh" could mean two things: the physical body or that part of human nature that is prone to sinfulness, as in the ways of the flesh, though he doesn't give examples as he does in other cases. It is Spirit of Christ that over comes the flesh ad brings a new way of life to those who believe in him.

**The Gospel:** The story of the raising of Lazarus draws us into the human grief of a family and of Jesus himself. The story has more than one purpose and several layers of meaning. It is first a prelude to the death and resurrection of Jesus himself. Second it includes another of John's "I am" statements, the declaration by Jesus of his identity, "I am the resurrection and the life." A third aspect of the story is Jesus' affirmation that those who believe in him will also rise to new life; death will not sever the bonds of relationship between Jesus and those he loves. Jesus brought comfort to Mary and Martha; his message brings comfort to us.

**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.

**COMPASS YOUTH CLUB**

The Compass Youth Club for primary school children was held in Our Lady's School until January this year. We are now trying to get it reopened in the near future, but we need many helpers. There will be a meeting in the Guild Room this coming Tuesday evening 4th at 8pm. We would be pleased to see any parishioner there who might be interested in helping.

**For further information, contact Brian Shelley on 01494 259275 or at [bonding8@btinternet.com](mailto:bonding8@btinternet.com).**

