



**TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK**

<b>Sexagesima Sunday</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>St Agatha</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Pat Emblow, special int.
Tuesday <i>SS Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>St Scholastica</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
<b>Sunday 11th Feb. Quinquagesima</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	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.

During the 10am Mass today we will enrol our children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of RECONCILIATION and HOLY COMMUNION for the first time this year.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**LIVERPOOL 2018 – ADOREMUS – NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS**  
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE – 7 - 9 September 2018

Friday 7th venue: The ACC Liverpool – Theological Symposium and workshops cost £40pp  
Saturday 8th venue: The Echo Arena – Keynote speaker Bishop Robert Barron, cost £40pp  
Sunday 9th venue: Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral – Solemn Holy Mass; Outdoor Eucharistic Procession, Benediction. For more details, see [catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018](http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018) or email: [northampton.adoremus@gmail.com](mailto:northampton.adoremus@gmail.com) or speak with Fr Andy.



**Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition**

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis explains that those who have faith in Christ will offer themselves to others, will participate in a faith community, and will seek to reconcile others. The pope states: "True faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others" (88). We see a model of that life given to others in Paul's account to the people of Corinth. He tells the followers there he has an obligation to preach the Gospel as a disciple of Christ. He portrays his life as one of service to the gospel, for he says that he has made himself as one of service to the Gospel, for he says that he has made himself "a slave to all as to win over as many as possible."

Pope Benedict XVI states in *Deus caritas est*, "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with a decisive direction" (1). We see in the Second Reading that Paul's Encounter with Christ focused his life on spreading Gospel. He knew he had an obligation to do so and that as he preached, he would have a share in the Gospel.

As Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, healed people of their illness, and drove out demons, he freed them from what kept them from wholeness. In *Justice in the World (Justitia in mundo, 1971)*, the Word Synod of Bishops explain that the Christian message of love is shown through action. The bishops state: "The Gospel dictates . . . that we should dedicate ourselves to the liberation of people even in their present existence in the world. For unless the Christian message of love and justice shows its effectiveness through action in the cause of justice in the world, it will only with difficulty gain credibility with the people of our times" (35).

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES DUBLIN AUGUST 2018**

The Congress takes place in Dublin from 22 to 24 August 2018; The Festival of Families on Saturday 25 August and the final Mass on Sunday 26 August. *It would be wonderful for one, or more, families from our parish would attend this World Meeting of Families!* See [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) or posters and leaflets in the porch.

**Next Sunday after the 10am Mass we will burn** last year's palm crosses and branches, the remains will be used for Ash Wednesday (14th Feb). **Please place your used palms in the basket in the porch.**

**Lectionary for Mass**

Today's readings remind us of our constant need for healing and of the salvation that can be found in Jesus. The Greek word for salvation is *soteria*, meaning "rescue," "deliverance" or "well-being." In the First Reading, Job, once a wealthy and highly respected man, now finds himself undone through no fault of his own. His oxen and asses were stolen, lightning killed his sheep, and a great wind blew down his house while his kids were partying inside, and everyone was killed. Now he has come down with the worst case of boils that anyone could imagine! And so he laments is very existence and the apparent meaninglessness of life.

The Gospel provides a counterpoint to Job's lament as we see Jesus first raising Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed, healing the crowds of people who came to the door later that evening, rising early the next day to go off to pray, and then telling his disciples that they must be off to the nearby villages to preach. What is Jesus preaching? In words and actions, he is preaching the Good News that God's reign is at hand. God's salvation us upon us!

In today's Second Reading, Paul reminds us of what ought to motivate the preaching of the Good News. It is an obligation given by God, not so that he can boast of his own powers, but as a means of salvation for himself and as many as he can reach in this world. How will he do that? By becoming the vehicle for others to encounter the saving power of God. Weill you also take up the challenge?

**Liturgy and Life**

- (1) How have you felt the Lord heal your broken heart?
- (2) St. Paul says he became weak to win over the weak. How do you engage another in living out the Gospel?
- (3) Today, both Paul and Jesus state their purpose. How clearly do you see your role as a Christian?

**DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIED LIFE**

Bishop Peter warmly invites you to the Diocesan Mass for Married Life at Holy Family church, Langley, Slough, on Sat 3rd March, gathering from 11.30am followed by Mass at 12pm. Bishop Peter will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage i.e. 10,20, 25, 30, 40, 50 etc. If you are celebrating such a milestone, please contact Eamonn & Paola McMorrow on 07412 151517 or at [mfl@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:mfl@northamptondiocese.com) There are also slips which can be completed and returned to the address stated. All are very welcome to attend and refreshments will be available after Mass.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
2nd March 2018  
**St John's Church, Amersham**

We are looking for choir members. First practice: Monday 12th February 2pm at St John's. Please ring Brenda Liddiard if you can help. Tel. 727775.

**Money Matters**

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £234.52

**NEXT SUNDAY – APPEAL FOR WORK OF THE MEDAILLE TRUST**

*Thank you for your generosity*



Tea, coffee and cold drinks are served in The Guild Room after both of our Sunday Masses.  
*All are welcome!*

**FEBRUARY 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.*

Copies of **NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2018** are available in the porch – priced at £5 each

**The Medaille Trust** is a charity founded by groups of Religious congregations in 2006 to work against the evils of human trafficking in response to the plight of thousands of people who are being trafficked into the UK each year. The Trust has been a significant provider of support and safe house provision for the victims of human trafficking since then and continues to deliver outstanding care ten years on.

The primary mission of The Medaille Trust is the empowerment of women, men and children, who have been freed from the human-trafficking and the modern day slavery industry in the UK, enabling them to regain their dignity and self-worth. We do this by providing safe housing and offering opportunities for physical and psychological healing, rehabilitation and protection to the victims in our care.

Since 2006 the Trust continues to grow and meet the needs of the increasing number of victims identified in the UK. Now, 10 years on The Medaille Trust operate from 7 safe houses offering a total of 61 bed spaces to women, men and children. Our current range of safe house provision offers 3 dedicated women's houses, 3 male houses and 1 specialist family centre.

With our range of safe houses located across the country the trust can offer a warm and safe home with a loving team of staff to assist with the 1st stage of the victim's recovery. For more information visit [www.medaille-trust.org.uk](http://www.medaille-trust.org.uk). **There will be an appeal for The Medaille Trust next Sunday.**