



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Christ the King	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Ann Martin, RIP
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	9.30am	Mass
<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	11.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday ALL SOULS	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>St Martin de Porres</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 4th Nov. 24th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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.

World Mission Sunday – Thank you

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel of hope with those in greatest need. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755



Thursday 1st November 2018 is the Solemnity of ALL SAINTS. A Holy Day of Obligation when the Church encourages all Catholics to gather around the Altar for Mass.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £201.70

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – £245.04

NEXT SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION
 BISHOP'S MAINTENANCE FUND

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.



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.

This weekend we have **welcomed and Baptised LUCY MARIE CLAYTON and MARGOT MARIA REN GRIMER** into our Catholic Faith. **We congratulate their parents** (David and Theresa, and Thomas and Marsha) **and their godparents.** We encourage and support them all through our prayers and the practice of our Catholic Faith. *You have put on Christ in him you have been baptised. Alleluia, alleluia!*

LITURGY MEETINGS – Readers' Reflection Day – 3rd November 2018

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. Places must be booked. See leaflets on noticeboard, Tel 01582 723312 Ext 6 or email: admin@nores.org.uk

From Granny with Love by Nicky Hall

Peter Hall has kindly left some copies of Catechetical books authored by his late wife, Nicky. There are a series of three books. Peter will be shortly moving to Wiltshire and would like everyone in Our Lady's Parish, Chesham Bois, to have the opportunity to have a free copy of Nicky's books before he leaves. The books are available in the Guild Room. Please take a free copy. Peter may be contacted at 01442 833642.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In today's Gospel, Jesus made God known not only to the blind man, but also to the disciples and the crowd. As Christians, our main work is to allow the Spirit to work through us so that others can know and follow Christ. In the *Apresiasi* document, the Latin American bishops tell us that challenges may beset us but do not define us. Christians, they write, have the Lord's service as their priority. "The Lord tells us: 'Do not be afraid.' . . . We have no other happiness, no other priority, but to be instruments of the Spirit . . . so that Jesus Christ may be known, followed, loved, adored, announced, and communicated to all, despite difficulties and resistances This is the best service – his service! – that the Church has to offer people and nations" (14).

The disciples tell Bartimaeus in today's Gospel, "Jesus is calling you." They knew what it meant, for they had been called. In the *Apresiasi* document, the bishops explain: "In daily shared life with Jesus . . . the disciples soon discover two completely original things about Jesus. First, it was not they who choose their master; it was Christ who chose them. Second, they were not chosen for something (for example, to be purified, learn the Law) but for Someone, chosen to be closely bound up with his Person" (131).

As the blind man addresses Jesus, he experiences an encounter with God, which is what Pope Benedict XVI defines as faith in his encyclical *Deus caritas est*. Faith, states, "From God's standpoint, faith liberates reason from its blind spots and therefore helps it to be ever more fully itself. Faith enables reason therefore helps it to be ever more effectively and to see its proper object more clearly. (28).

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 this Wednesday 31st October 2018.**

ADVENT – The Perfect Prep! – Saturday 24th November

10.30am – 3.30pm 'DAY WITH ST JOSEPH' led by Canon John Udris at **St Joseph's, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8RY**. It will provide time for listening, prayer & reflection. Come and be prepared for Advent & Christmas. Booking essential via NORES office admin@nores.org.uk or ring **01582 723312** or contact **the parish office**. Cost of the day £15 with drinks available, but bring a packed lunch.

Lectionary for Mass

In the First Reading (Jeremiah 31:7-9) we hear that in the midst of devastating wars and deportation among the nations, the prophet Jeremiah offers his people God's vision for the future. God promises to unite his people from the places to which they have been scattered. And in particular, God shows special concern for the most vulnerable of society by gathering "them from the far ends of the earth, all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour."

Today's Gospel reading (Mark 10:46-52) shows Jeremiah's vision being realised. By healing the blind man, Jesus fulfils Jeremiah's prophecy: "The blind, the lame . . . a great company returning here" follow Jesus into Jerusalem), Bartimaeus, who is blind, is among the crowd lining the street. He shouts out: "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." The scene is vivid and contains significant aspects. Bartimaeus is *persistent* - he is desperate and knows that Jesus can help him. Jesus calls Bartimaeus over, and the man's *response is immediate* – he rushes over to Jesus. Jesus asks him simply: "What do you want me to do for you?" His reply is direct: "master, let me see again." Jesus sends him away telling him, "Your faith has saved you." Bartimaeus regains his sight and *follows Jesus*. Bartimaeus demonstrates the characteristics of a true disciple: *persistent request, immediate response, faith, and dedication.*

In last Sunday's Gospel the disciples' ambitions prevented them from seeing and understanding: they were spiritually blind to Jesus' message. Today's account of the blind beggar, Bartimaeus, offers a contrasting picture of the qualities of authentic discipleship. The true disciple sees more clearly, appeals to Christ for help, place faith in Christ as the only source of life and light, and is dedicated to following Christ.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) What would you like your faith to help you see?
- (2) How do you acknowledge the great things the Lord has done in your life?
- (3) What encounters have deepened your faith?

LUX.Gold In February 2019 **NYMO** are hosting the next in the series of LUX weekends. These weekends are a mixture of teaching and fun activities. Some people find believing in God easy. Most of us do not! For all of us it will only grow if we work at it. At **LUX.Gold**, will explore ways to prepare for a life of faith. We will be receiving tips on how best to develop in our faith both individually and as a community. This event is open to anyone from Year 7 ad up aged 11-18 years old and costs £100.00 which includes accommodation and all meals over the weekend. This year we will be offering transportation from both Burnham and Luton to Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton at an additional cost of £10.00pp. Please contact Fiona on 01582 720627 or email fiona@nymo.org for more information.