

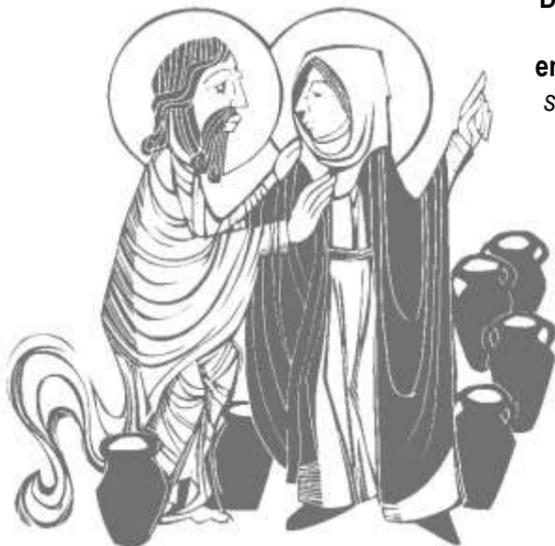


TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Second Sunday after Epiphany	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>St Agnes, Martyr</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Brian Farrelly RIP, Birthday Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops</i>	9.30am	Mass - Int. Pamela Brigg, RIP, anni
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 27 th Jan. Third Sunday after Epiphany	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Joseph Leonard, RIP, anni

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.



Our sympathies and condolences to the families of:
Mrs Paula Rough, who died last week. Paula had been teaching at Our Lady's School for many years Her funeral Mass takes place tomorrow (21st January) at 10.30am at **St Aidan's Church, Little Chalfont.**
Mrs Margarite (Rita) Reece, latterly a resident of The Croft, died on 2nd January 2019. Her funeral will take place at **Our Lady's Church at 11.30am on Thursday 31st January 2019.**
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

The reading from Isaiah points out that God delights in his people so much that he is wedded to them. We can trust that we find our home in God. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that there are many ways of seeking home in transitory world (31ff.), but in the end we go home to God. (675-677).

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019. The children will be presented to the parish at the 10am Mass in the coming weeks. In the meantime, our children and their families will continue to begin to work through the activities in the I Belong books they received last Sunday. They will bring these books along to Mass and follow the prayers and the Bible Scripture Readings.

Preparing for the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary
Bringing England's Nazareth to Northampton. The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will visit every English Diocese between 2018-2020. **The statue will visit our Cathedral in Northampton from 5pm Thursday 7th – noon Saturday 9th February 2019.** See: www.dowrytour.org.uk

Vocations Weekend for young women

Theme: *Follow your Heart - Discernment and Vocation*
Dates: **15 - 17 Feb 2019** Location: **Liverpool**

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). **There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God.**

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY – The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Bishop Peter Doyle will lead an evening of prayer at the **Bridgettine Convent, Fulmer Common Road, Iver Heath, SL0 0NR on Friday 25 January at 6pm.** Ecumenism is the main Charism of the Bridgettine Order and the Sisters invite you to join them for this service, followed by refreshments, as we mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. *All are most welcome.*

YOU CAT for Kids Sessions 2019

Following the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *Youth Catechism* (YOUCAT) a wonderful new resource aimed at younger children, **YOUCAT for Kids** is now available. This is a great new tool for catechists, and for parents and carers as they pass on the faith to children. **YOUCAT for Kids sessions** will take place on **Friday 1 February 2019, 7.30pm-9pm** at **St Aidan's Church Hall, Little Chalfont.** During this 90 minute session there will be the opportunity to:

- Browse the YOUCAT for Kids
- Be guided through a method of using the YOUCAT for Kids
- Have the opportunity to purchase a copy of the YOUCAT for Kids at the reduced price of £10 (please bring £10 cash or a cheque made payable to R.E Service).
- Hear about support and training for catechists.

There is no charge for the event itself. Booking however is essential as capacity is limited. Please book early to secure your place. Booking forms are on church porch noticeboard.

Lectionary for Mass

During Ordinary Time, we are called to reflect on the life of Jesus and try to conform our lives to his. Ordinary Time also has a forward motion, inviting us to eagerly await the salvation and redemption of God's holy people.

This theme of eager awaiting is vividly presented in the First Reading (Isaiah 62:1-5), when the prophet says that he is compelled to proclaim a message of hope to God's chosen as they return from the Babylonian exile and struggle to renew the holy city. Personified Jerusalem, we are told, will be given a new name as her salvation is made known to the world.

The Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:4-11) reminds us that we cannot earn our salvation. Rather, it comes to us by our cooperation in effecting the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the benefit of the community. No matter the gifts an individual possesses, Paul says, everything comes from God and is the work of God for the common good.

In today's Gospel (John 2:1-11), we learn how Jesus saves the day by miraculously providing choice wine for a poorly planned wedding feast, but the deeper message of this story is signalled by Jesus' cryptic response to his mother's request for help. The time (of Jesus' death) had not yet come, but the abundance of water into wine is a sign (Greek, *semeion*, meaning "an indication" or "a mark") of the great wedding banquet (Isaiah 62: 4-5; see Isaiah 54:4-8) that was expected to accompany the restoration of God's holy people at the end of time.

Liturgy and Life

(1) In what ways do you proclaim God's "marvellous deeds" as sung in the Responsorial Psalm? (2) How does your parish help each member contribute their gifts to the community? (3) Where do you see God's glory and are led to believe in him?



#SIGNIFICANCE: On **Saturday, 2nd March 2019** thousands of young people from all over the country will travel to **The SSE Arena in Wembley** for this year's **FLAME Congress**, entitled "Significance." We are in a world where it's easy to feel constrained, to measure self-esteem in Twitter and Instagram "likes", responses to Facebook status updates and Snapchat conversations. FLAME 2019 offers a fresh perspective for young people, centred in their creation in the image and likeness of God. **Book your place online now at stjosephs.org.uk/Flame** Open to those aged 12-18. Cost is £10 plus your train fare.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £231.10
SPUC 2019 WHITE FLOWER APPEAL – £341.38
SECOND COLLECTION – TODAY: PAX CHRISTI
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 JANUARY 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.