



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Third Sunday after Epiphany	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Christie Harrison, RIP
Tuesday St Agatha	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday St Paul Miki & Companions		NO MASS
Thursday Feria	2.00pm	Funeral Mass & Requiem – Mary Molan, RIP
	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass – Int. Susan Sylvester, RIP
Saturday Blessed Virgin Mary (OL of Walsingham)	9.30am	Mass – Int. Christie Harrison, RIP, rec. Deceased.
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 10th Feb. Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Christie Harrison, RIP

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.



Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019. The children will be presented to the parish at the 10am Mass today. Along with their families, they will make promises to prepare well for these Sacraments. **We their faith family will also promise to support them through our prayers and example.**

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the Second Reading, Paul tells the Corinthians that it is more important to live as followers of Christ by loving others than it is to aspire to spiritual gifts. Not only is love patient and kind, but it “never fails,” he says. Prophecies, knowledge, and tongues, he tells them, “will be brought to nothing.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that the community is essential to faith. The Catechism states: “Baptism is the disciples of Christ live the faith, profess it, witness to it, and spread it, following Christ along the way of the cross (1816). To live out love is to die to self. When people are loving toward another, they are not pompous even when they are right. A loving person seeks out the community’s interests, not just their own. Such a person is not happy to see that one is wrong, but as Paul states, “rejoices with the truth.” The *Catholic Catechism, for Adults* explains that Christ was baptised as a sign that we too, must die to ourselves and follow the Father’s will. A Christian disciple makes a conscious decision to follow Jesus despite the cost (184, 451). With our own gifts and responsibilities, we follow Christ by daily taking up the cross. This witness, empowered by the Spirit of God, is a sign to all of the love God bestows on the world (*Lumen gentium*, 41). Today we hear that Jeremiah prophesies to the nations, “they will fight against you.” *Christifidelis laici* relates how the suffering and martyrdom that disciples endured has been a gift to Christianity. This post-synodal apostolic exhortation by Pope John Paul II explains that the giving of one’s life is an astonishing sign of the abundant fruit of the apostolic life and that God’s Church is born of God’s grace (39).

Our **sympathies and condolences** to the family of **Mary Molan**, of Chesham, who died on 1st January 2019. Her funeral will take place at **Our Lady’s Church at 2pm on Thursday 7th February 2019.** *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Vocations Weekend for young women
Follow your Heart - Discernment and Vocation 15 - 17 Feb 2019 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.** For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Is this for you OR for someone you know? **St Scholastica’s Retreat – Open Day – Saturday, 16th February, 2019** Offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £491pcm – more information on the poster and from The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy 01844 344437. email: info@stscholasticas.co.uk www.stscholasticas.co.uk

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



World Day of Prayer – Praying for Slovenia – A Service for Everyone
Amersham Churches invite all singers to join our choir for year’s **World Day of Prayer service at 11.00am on Friday 1st March at St John’s Methodist Church, Woodside Road, Amersham.** **Rehearsals are on Mondays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th February at 2.00pm.** Contact Helen on 07710 271324 if you have any questions.

Lectionary for Mass

All of us, because of our Baptism in Christ, are called to do the work of God. Today’s readings help us to reflect on what it takes to respond to God’s calling. The First Reading recounts Jeremiah’s call to be God’s prophet. We are told that it is a vocation for which he was destined even before he was born, and it is not an easy one. He must make the leaders of Jerusalem recognise their wicked ways, but Jeremiah need not be afraid, because God will make him strong and give him the right words to speak.

Today’s Gospel picks up where last week’s Gospel ended, with Jesus identifying himself as the fulfilment of Isaiah’s prophecy about bringing Good News to the afflicted. At first, the crowds clamour after him, until some realise that he grew up among them, and begin to question, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?” Jesus responds by comparing himself to two prophets of old who, likewise, were rejected by their people. The tone is accusatory, and the situation quickly escalates to the point that they try to throw him off a cliff.

In the Second Reading, Paul offers a teaching that is patterned after the Greek literary form “praise of the greatest virtue.” He writes of a love that surpasses all other spiritual gifts, is unfailing and total self-giving. This is what it takes to respond to the call to do God’s work. Without it, we are nothing.

Liturgy and Life
(1) When has a relationship flourished because you failed to boast when you were right? (2) How can your parish help people grow in listening to God’s call? (3) Have you ignored someone in your family or community who may be speaking prophetically?

St Luke Academies Trust, Corby, Northamptonshire, have a vacancy for **School Improvement Director** required for September 2019. *Full details are on display porch noticeboard.*



#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 www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org** Open to those aged 12-18. Cost is £10 plus your train fare.

Money Matters

Last Sunday’s Offertory Collection – £330.66
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 FEBRUARY 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.