



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Christie Harrison, RIP
Monday Our Lady of Lourdes	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Ss Cyril and Methodius	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass – Int. Thanksgiving (Paulina & Mónica)
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 17th Feb. Septuagesima	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Sheila Setright, sick

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.

Last Sunday, our children were presented to the parish as they formally begin their preparation for these Sacraments: **Harrison, Sebastian, Mylee, Aidan, Abigail, Arianna, Sage and Elsie**, all made promises together with their families, that they will work hard to prepare well. We there parish family, promised that we would support and encourage them with our prayers and good example.

It's not Just Work – Dignity for All Workers - Racial Justice Sunday – 17th February

In a world steeped in violence, conflict, and discrimination, the Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of the human person, the necessity of building peace, prosperity, justice for all. In our task as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

Isaiah had not expected God to call him to be a prophet. "What a wretched state I am! I am lost," he says in the First Reading. Still, the reading shows that Isaiah's wickedness was "taken away" and his iniquity (sin) "purged." To understand the ways God calls us, we must know how God called Israel (CCC, 281).

St Paul tells the story of how Jesus appeared to him, even though he had "persecuted the church of God." This is an account of a follower giving up his life to preach the Gospel. In *Evangelii nuntiandi*, Pope Paul VI calls for a spiritual fervour in spreading the Gospel. "This fervour demands first of all that we should know how to put aside the excuses which would impede evangelisation," he writes in paragraph 80. The pope referenced the spirit within John the Baptist, Peter, and Paul and noted the need for the faithful to possess "an interior enthusiasm that nobody and nothing can quench."

"Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men," we hear Jesus say in today's Gospel. In *Evangelii nuntiandi*, Pope Paul VI teaches that Christians are called to evangelise others. In paragraph 21, he tells of the witness to the Gospel that Christians portray when they accept others and show solidarity with what is "noble and good." After spending a night fishing, the Apostles caught nothing, but we hear in today's Gospel, that upon lowering their nets at Jesus' command, their catch was bountiful. Peter came to believe that, as is taught in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "nothing is impossible with God" (274).

CATHOLIC BASICS COURSE:

- Part Two: Church – 11 April 2019**
- Part Three: The Moral Life – 16 May 2019**
- Part Four: Prayer – 13 June 2019**

After a very successful launch, join us for another day of engaging teaching with opportunities for interaction and discussion. Cost: £25 per person per day (£10 for the unwaged). Price includes a full lunch. No qualifications needed – just interest, good will and a sense of humour!

Part Two: CHURCH – 11 April 2019, 10am–3pm (arrive 9.30am for refreshments). **NORES Centre, Holy Ghost Parish, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD.** To book, contact admin@nores.org.uk or phone Jackie on 01582 723312.

Lectionary for Mass

Today's Scripture readings invite us to reflect on our sense of inadequacy in answering God's call. This reality reminds us that we do not need to be fearful, because we are called to do God's work and not ours.

The First Reading is an account of Isaiah's vision of God seated on his throne in the Holy of Holies of the Jerusalem Temple. When Isaiah realises that he is in the presence of God, he laments, "What a wretched state I am in! I am lost." He thinks he will die, because ancients believed that no one could see the face of God and live, but the Hebrew root of the word translated here as "lost" also means "brought to silence." Thus, the seraph responds by bringing a coal from God's altar to purify Isaiah's lips. Only then can he respond to God's call.

In today's Gospel, we also hear of Simon Peter's call. A fisherman by trade, he complains when Jesus tells him to take his boat into deep water and prepare for a catch. But before they know it, the nets are bursting and the boats so full that they are in danger of sinking. When Peter gets to shore, he is overcome with emotion, asking Jesus to leave him because he is not worthy of his presence. Instead, Jesus tells him, "Do not be afraid," and invites Peter to be a fisher of people on Jesus' behalf.

In the Second Reading, Paul assures the Corinthian community that they will be saved by believing in what he preaches. What follows is a creed and a list of witnesses to Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances. Paul identifies himself as the last to witness the resurrected Jesus and the least of his Apostles. To what does he attribute the honour of being an apostle? God's grace.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) When have you felt humbled when asked to do something?
- (2) Are there ways that your parish could help people realise that they evangelise by the way that they live?
- (3) Has there been a time when you received more from God than you asked?



BOOK NOW FOR FLAME 2019: The biggest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! If you are aged 12-18 then come and join 10,000 young people at Wembley Area for a memorable day out on Saturday, 2 March. Hear from inspiring speakers, watch RISE Theatre, listen to some amazing music and join Cardinal Vincent Nichols for Adoration. Cost is just £10 plus your train fare. Limited availability so book early via the parish website: www.ourladychurch-cheshambois.org

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £185.42

Second Collection – Next Week
 – Racial Justice Sunday
 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.

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

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

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.