



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Septuagesima	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Sheila Setright, (sick)
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Patrick Giblin, RIP (Anni.)
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS*	
Friday THE CHAIR OF PETER	NO MASS*	
Saturday <i>St Polycarp</i>	NO MASS*	
	NO CONFESSIONS	
SUNDAY 24th Feb. Sexagesima	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Eileen Cullen, RIP (Anni)

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

There will be no Children's Liturgy TODAY as leader, Tasha, is away.

TODAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

It's not Just Work – Dignity for All Workers

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, it is our responsibility to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited.

We are now collecting last year's palm crosses and branches, the remains will be used for our Ash Wednesday liturgies (6th March). We will burn the palms after the 10am Mass on Sunday 3rd March. Please place your used palms in the basket in the porch.

2019 NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN DIRECTORY are available in the porch – price: £5 each

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019. On Sunday 3rd February, our children were presented to the parish as they formally began 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 for these great gifts from God. We their parish family, promised that we would support and encourage them with our prayers and good example.

EMBRACE Middle East are looking to recruit a **Supporter Care Administrator** to provide a high-level of supporter care to our loyal and valued supporters on the phone, in writing and by email. This is a varied administrative role working in a busy, close-knit team. Suitable applicants will have experience of using and recording information on a central database (CRM) and excellent organisation and administration skills. **Full details about, and how to apply for, this be found at www.embraceme.org/vacancies.**



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 18th and 25th February at 2.00pm.** Contact Helen on 07710 271324 if you have any questions.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the Gospel, we hear that the blessed are the poor, the hungry, and those who weep. When we mourn, are hungry, and are impoverished in some way, we rely on God the most. We are called to trust God in all things, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches. It states, "A sound Christian attitude consists of putting oneself confidently in the hands of Providence" (2115).
In the Second Reading, St. Paul notes a contradiction when members of the Corinthian community say that there is no resurrection of the dead, even though they believe Christ rose. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that Christ is our hope of resurrection and the centre of our faith. It states, "Encounters with the risen Christ characterise the Christian hope of resurrection. We shall rise like Christ, with him, and through him" (995).
"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord," we hear in the reading from Jeremiah. Similarly, the Beatitudes tell of those in dire situations who are blessed, saying, "your reward will be great in heaven." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that the faithful may endure trials in this life but will be ultimately blessed. It states, "The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfil the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of heaven" (1716).

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

Trust is not easy to define in the abstract. But we know it when we see it. We also know we must "take the leap" before something can be experienced. Today's readings invite us to take the leap and trust in the Lord who gives life.

The First Reading consists of a collection of wisdom sayings centred on the importance of trusting in God and the foolishness of turning away and trusting in human values. The imagery of a tree with deep roots (Psalm 1:3; 52:10; Proverbs 3:18; 11:13; Sirach 24:13-22) is frequently used to describe those who trust in God, because even in times of trouble they will survive.

In today's Gospel, we encounter Jesus and a large crowd of Jews and non-Jews gathered on a plain in Galilee to hear him speak. He goes on to deliver the Beatitudes, which are, in fact about trust in God who cares for those who suffer. Jesus also includes a matching series of "woes" that focus on those who have turned away from God by refusing to do their part in alleviating these sufferings. Where will you stand?

The Second Reading is a small part of a longer teaching on the doctrine of bodily resurrection. In this section, Paul explains the consequences of not accepting this teaching. In effect, he says, we would have to declare that Christ was not raised, Paul says, and, with him, all who trust in his mane will be raised to new life.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) How has trusting in God eased a burden? (2) Does reading the Beatitudes give you consolation? (3) What does it mean to have the Lord as your hope?

Northampton Diocese will be hosting a weekend for those men considering the Vocation to the Priesthood. This will be held **at the Cathedral from Friday 22nd March – Sunday 24th March.** If you are interested please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak to Fr Mark Flody.



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, 2nd March 2019. 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 – £289.28

Second Collection – 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.