



**TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Special Intention
Monday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Special Intention
Tuesday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Lent Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday Lent Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Lent Feria <b>CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY</b>	9.00am	Mass
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> March <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Terence Fox, RIP

**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN**

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



The latest edition of the **Mission Today** magazines are available in the porch. Please take home a copy. If there are any **Red APF/Mill Hill boxes** which need to be collected, please bring them to church to be collected and emptied.

**Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition**

In the First Reading, from Deuteronomy, we hear the account that the Israelites are to give upon setting down their offerings. They are to tell how God heard their cry, saw their affliction, and relieved them of their torment. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that God provides for our needs and frees us from oppression (301-307). "Because he clings to me, I will deliver him," states today's Responsorial Psalm. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* points out that God is with us always, even in times of troubles. In an exposition on the Our Father, it explains that "the Father gives us strength when tempted and that temptations" will never exceed that strength (2848). In the Gospel, we hear how at each temptation, Jesus refused the devil, rebuking him with Scripture. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that Jesus was tempted but did not sin. "Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert" (538). St. Paul tells the Romans that "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Salvation comes through Jesus, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches. It states: "Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, will save his people from their sins" (430).

**LENT DEVOTIONS – STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 5pm on Fridays**

*There are Lent Prayer Books on Sale in the porch. All priced at £1.00 each.*

**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](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or phone Jackie on 01582 723312.

**Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019.**

The children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week. At their Parish Enrolment, **Harrison, Sebastian, Mylee, Aiden, 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. *Please keep them all in your prayers this week as they prepare for they prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time.*

**Job Vacancy – Full Time Youth Ministry Coordinator – NYMO**

A rare opportunity has occurred to join our youth ministry office (NYMO) and take youth ministry in the Diocese of Northampton into its next phase of development. The offices are based in Luton, but the role will involve travel throughout the diocese. Support with relocation can be provided if necessary, the detail of which would depend on the needs of the candidate. For full details of the role, job profile and an application form, please visit [www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies) or call 01604 714840.

**The National Novena to St Joseph**

will take place from 10 – 18 March 2019 at **St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead**. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena Booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Write to Fr. Brian Oswald MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)

**Lectionary for Mass**

The readings for this First Sunday of Lent remind us of the giving of the Law to God's people on Mount Sinai and the covenant relationship that we share in Christ. In today's First Reading, we hear about a ritual called the Offering of First Fruits. It was traditionally done in the Jerusalem Temple on the first day of Shavuot, also known as the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost, in thanksgiving for the spring wheat harvest. Even today, it is a celebration in remembrance of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. In the Second Reading, however, Paul contrasts Israel's relationship with God that comes through Jewish Law with the relationship that comes through faith in the Christ whom God raised from the dead. This is not to say that the Law is useless or obsolete. It continues to be the obligation of Jews for all time, but Paul's point is that, in Jesus who was a faithful law Jew and God's chosen, Jews and Gentiles can now worship the same God. The Gospel also references Jewish Law but in a vastly different way. Here we are given the opportunity to witness a verbal wrestling match between Jesus and the devil, a spirit with malicious intent. Notice that the devil quotes Psalm 91 as he tests the limits of Jesus; allegiance to God, but Jesus holds strong and responds with quotations from Deuteronomy, which represent Moses' restatement of the Law before God's Chosen People returned to the Promised Land. But this story is not over. We are told that the devil left Jesus for a time.

**Liturgy and Life**

- (1) How were you strengthened by the Lord's presence when you were troubled?
- (2) What can you do this Lent to believe more with your heart?
- (3) What temptation will you deal with this Lent?

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. If you are interested please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak to the Vocations Director, Fr Mark Floody.

**A MOVIE FOR LENT!!** Come and see 'GLOBAL HEALING' in St Aidan's Hall (HP7 9NE) on Thurs 21 Mar @ 7.30 for 7.45pm. A short and inspiring film showing how our faith helps us to care for the world around us. Then on Thursdays 28 Mar and 11 Apr come and join a presentation and reflection on 'Laudato Si' Pope Francis' 2015 letter on Care for our Common Home using CAFOD'S study guide. Tea & coffee on arrival. Come along and be inspired for Lent and beyond.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 15 March**

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. On Friday 15 March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help them? Through CAFOD's global Church network your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Fast Day envelope and give whatever you can. If you are a tax payer please do fill in the Gift Aid slip.

**Money Matters**

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £273.43

**SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY – CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY**

*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 MARCH 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.