



TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Quinquagesima	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Special Intention (Isabelle)
Monday <i>St Casimir</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Mass
	11.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	7.00pm	Mass
Thursday <i>After Ash Wednesday</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>After Ash Wednesday</i>	9.00am	Mass
	5.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday <i>After Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 10 th March 1st Sunday of Lent	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

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.

Lent begins on Wednesday.

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.

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 TODAY. **Please place your used palms in the basket in the porch.**



Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

St Paul lets the Corinthian community know that their witness to the Christian life matters when he tells them to "be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord." Likewise, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes the Christian's duty to act as a witness. "The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as witnesses of the Gospel and of the faith in words and deeds. Witness is an act of justice establishes the truth or makes it known" (2472).

In the Second Reading, Paul tells the Corinthians how Baptism makes a difference. For Christians, death will not hold its sting because they have been clothed with immortality. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains: "By death the soul is separated from the body, but in the resurrection God will give incorruptible life to our body, transformed by reunion with our soul. Just as Christ is risen and lives forever, so all of us will rise at the last day. Jesus conquered death once and for all time" (1016).

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.

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.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019. Yesterday, the children and their families attended a session to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation next week. At their Parish Enrolment, **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. *Please keep them all in your prayers this week as they prepare for this important Sacrament.*

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 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

Lectionary for Mass

The integrity and credibility of a person is evident in the words that he or she speaks. Today's readings help us reflect on our tendency to overlook our faults but judge others. These Scriptures provide an opportunity to examine our tendency to act harshly toward others while acting kindly to ourselves. As we are only a few days before entering the season of Lent, this is an apt time for such reflection.

In today's First Reading, we hear several wise sayings of Ben Sira, the author of the Book of Ecclesiasticus. Each is a metaphor to help us recognise that our secret motives and intentions will be revealed in our words. Whether good or bad, we cannot keep them hidden.

In the Second Reading, Paul recalls the words of the prophet Hosea and exclaims, "Death, where is your victory?" This question is rhetorical insofar as it is designed not to elicit an answer but to emphasise a point. He knows without a doubt that death will never be victorious, because God have us victory over sin and death through the crucified Christ. Earlier in this letter, Paul describes Christ as God's wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-24).

The Gospel presents Jesus as introducing a parable with the rhetorical query "Can one blind man guide another?" What follows is a collection of wise sayings about not judging others lest you come under judgment yourself. The teaching follows upon promises that the poor and disenfranchised will be blessed in God's kingdom and that one's enemies should be loved.

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 the Vocations Director, Fr Mark Floody,

Dear Father Andy,

Once again, a very **big thank you** to your parishioners for their generous contribution of **£230.50 towards our work in Albania.**

I don't know if you heard that Sr. Imelda received the MBE, last November, in recognition of the work she does against human trafficking. She accepted it on behalf of all those who work with her and all who support the work. That include YOU! *Thank you. Sister Jacinta Davenport, IBVM.*

Thank you for your Christmas Crib offerings of £55.66

Last year the crib offerings enabled **Friends of the Holy Land** to support around 200 ad hoc emergency requests for help with the cost of operations, medication, medical equipment and family support. With no NHS the cost of these is often prohibitive, putting families who are already struggling into a desperate situation.

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

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £242.84

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.