

Welcome to our
Parish of the
HOLY GHOST



Diocese of Northampton
Pastoral Area of Luton [St Alban]

**OUR LITURGY
and NEWS**

30 December 2018

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OUR LITURGY THIS WEEK

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph –Year C
8.30am - Sung Mass

[RIP: Catherine Cassidy & deceased members of the Cassidy, Sullivan & Devlin families, Catherine, Michael, Patrick, Eamon & Philomena Hand & deceased members of the Hand family]

10am – Sung Mass with Music Group

[RIP: Mary & Chris Murray, Thomas O'Reilly, Eileen Brook. Mickey McHaon, Tom Broghan]

11.30am – Mass with Organ and Cantor

[RIP: John & David Henry & deceased members of the family, Mary Judge, Mary Sammon, Mary Doherty]

4pm LECTIO DIVINA – a chance for all to reflect together on the scriptures.

7pm Mass for our Polish Community

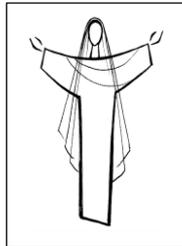
MONDAY – Christmas Feria – St Sylvester, pope.
9am [RIP: Eileen Prior]

**TUESDAY – SOLEMNITY
of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD.
New Year's Day.**

**11am – Solemn Mass
with Organ and dedication
of 2019 to Mary.**

[RIP: Connie Bell]

7 pm Polish Mass



**WEDNESDAY – SS Basil the Great and Gregory
Nazianzen, bishops and theologians**
9am Mass [Eileen Brock]

THURSDAY – Most Holy Name of Jesus
9am Mass [INT: Maureen Concannon, Tony Burke]

FRIDAY – Christmas Feria - First Friday
Day of abstinence
7.30pm Mass- [All Holy Souls- November List]
Exposition & Confessions until Benediction at 8.25pm

SATURDAY – Christmas Feria

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday Night Social – from 8pm. *Parish Centre.*

All very welcome., Music – Declan Gaynor

Wednesday Cleaning Group 4 at 8pm

Thursday - from noon-Senior Citizens Social Club Social

CONTACTS

POLISH COMMUNITY - Mass in Polish – Sundays 7pm

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SYRO-MALANKARA COMMUNITY

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HOSPITAL – Chaplain: Deacon Jim Hannigan

HOSPICE Chaplain: Fr Tony Brennan ☎ 502400

SCHOOLS - *Cardinal Newman Secondary [597125]

Primary – St Joseph [573446/572964]

- *St Margaret of Scotland [723430]

[* schools in St Alban Catholic Academy Trust]

NORES – *Diocesan Office for RE, Evangelisation, Schools,
& Catechesis* - 9.30-4.30pm [Mon-Friday] in the Centre.

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NYMO – *Northampton Diocese Youth Ministry Office*
in the Parish Centre. ☎ 01582 720627 / nymo.org

**NEXT SUNDAY – 6 January
Epiphany of the Lord-Year C**

8.30am - Sung Mass – [People of the Parish RIP: Mary Doonegan, Walter Kennedy, Frank Sammon INT: Eric Green]

10am – Sung Mass with Music Group [RIP: Liam McLaughlin, Gina Norrington, Jack Kehoe, INT: Speight & Fagan Family Intention]

11.30am – Mass with Organ and Cantor

[RIP: Sarah & James Hughes, Teresa Ingram, John Nolan, Deceased members of the Burns & Gillespie families]

7pm Mass for our Polish Community

Pope Francis offers us this reflection for Christmastime [Sunday 6 January is Twelfth Night]

Christmas is always new, as it invites us to be reborn in faith, to open ourselves to hope, to rekindle charity. This year, in particular, it calls us to reflect on the situation of many men, women and children of our time – migrants, refugees and refugees – on the move to escape wars, miseries caused by social injustices and climate change. To leave everything – home, relatives, homeland – and face the unknown, one must have suffered a very difficult situation.

Jesus too came “from another place”. He dwelt in God the Father, with the Holy Spirit, in a communion of wisdom, light and love, which He wanted to bring us with His coming into the world. He came to dwell among us, in the midst of our limits and our sins, to give us the love of the Most Holy Trinity. And as a man He showed us the “way” of love: namely, service, with humility, to give life. When Herod’s violent rage struck the territory of Bethlehem, the Holy Family of Nazareth experienced the anguish of persecution and, guided by God, took refuge in Egypt. The little Jesus reminds us that half the refugees in the world today are children, innocent victims of human injustice. *Pope Francis 13 December 2018*



OUR MASS TODAY

OUR PARISH PRAYER to prepare for MASS

Leader - Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

ALL - AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE

Leader - Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created

ALL - AND YOU WILL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH

Leader -. Let us pray (*we pause*)

ALL - Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit, you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to love what is right and always rejoice in your consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional -

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, virgin mother undefiled.

Sing of God's own Son most holy, who became thy little child.

Fairest child of fairest mother, God, the Lord, who came to earth.

Word made flesh, our very brother, takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, in the home of Nazareth.

Toil and labour cannot weary love enduring unto death.

Constant was the love he gave her, though he went forth from her side, forth to preach and heal and suffer, till on Calvary he died.

Sing of Joseph, spouse of Mary, foster father of the Lord.

Guardian of the Holy Family, forming Jesus, God's own Word.

Patron saint of all who labour, teach us how to live and die.

In the love of God the Father, in death's moments be thou nigh.

Holy Family, earthly image, of the Three who reign in love,

Guide, protect and guard your children, till we meet in heaven above.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,

glory be to God the Spirit, glory to the three in one.

Greeting, Introduction and Penitential Rite

Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and on earth peace, peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.

LITURGY of the WORD of GOD

First Reading - I Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

Samuel is made over to the Lord for the whole of his life

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel

'since' she said 'I asked The Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord. *The Word of the LORD—THANKS BE TO GOD*

Responsorial Psalm 96 - ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH

REJOICE TO HEAR OF THE SAVIOUR'S BIRTH.

Second Reading | John 3:1,2, 21-24 - *We are God's children*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the LORD—THANKS BE TO GOD

Greeting the gospel after a time of silent reflection

ALLELUIA You are the Christ everlasting, born for us of a virgin, you have conquered death, opened heaven to all believers ALLELUIA

Gospel The Lord be with you - AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [2: 41-52]

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers of the Temple

Every year his parents used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men. *The Gospel of the Lord - PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST*

Acclaiming the Gospel - ALLELUIA.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

all bow for the next two lines

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions – *to conclude we pray the this Collect* [ICEL 1992]

As your sons and daughters, O loving God, we come before you in thanksgiving, called and united by your eternal Word. Teach us to ponder the mystery of Nazareth, that we may always find in you the source of our strength and the unity of our families. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the until of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. Amen

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

At the Preparation of the Gifts

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo still their joyous strains
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your rapturous strain prolong?
Say, what may your tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing:
come, adore on bended knee the infant Christ, the new-born King.

See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid to celebrate our Saviour's birth.

Let us pray together that this our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God the almighty Father
MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR HANDS
FOR THE PRAISE AND GLORY OF HIS NAME
FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS HOLY CHURCH

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you - AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.
Lift up your hearts - WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God - IT IS RIGHT AND JUST.
- *The Priest continues the Preface until we sing the Sanctus*
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD GOD OF HOSTS.
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.
HOSANNA, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

- *After the Consecration: "The Mystery of Faith" - we respond*
WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THIS CUP
WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN

The Communion Rite

OUR FATHER

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we
may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope and the coming
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY
ARE YOURS NOW AND FOR EVER.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my
peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. AMEN

The peace of the Lord be with you always. AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Let us offer each other a sign of the peace of Christ

Agnus Dei - as the Bread (Christ's Body) is broken for us -
LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
HAVE MERCY ON US [twice]
LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
GRANT US PEACE

The Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the
world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY

THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY ROOF
BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED.

***Our Bishops ask that we should all bow our head in
reverence before receiving the Body of Christ and then
before receiving the Blood of Christ.***

Communion Procession – *our chant as we come*

Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est natus ex Maria virgine. Gaudete!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born of the virgin Mary. Rejoice!

Communion Thanksgiving

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

Prayer after Communion

Processional

God rest you merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. [repeat]

In Bethlehem in Judah, this blessed Babe was born,
and laid within a manger, upon this blessed morn;
the which his Mother Mary, did nothing take in scorn.

From God our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name:

Blessing and Dismissal from the Crib

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son
has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth
has illumined this most holy day, drive far from you the darkness of vice
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue. AMEN

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth
be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the
gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel. AMEN

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and
heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven. AMEN

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever. AMEN

Go in peace - THANKS BE TO GOD

Recessional

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm and wind,
and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find.

And when they came to Bethlehem where our dear Saviour lay,
they found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;
his mother Mary kneeling down, unto the Lord did pray.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and friendship each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface

Organ Voluntary at 11.30am –

*(In many places the people remain and listen to the voluntary
as a time of prayer and reflection. Try it for yourself!)*

LITURGY & SACRAMENT

TIME FOR PRAYER

LECTIO DIVINA – TODAY at 4pm – ALL WELCOME
MY DAY by DAY for JANUARY – collect your copy now!

POPE FRANCIS asks you to pray with him in January
That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom

PRAY FOR ALL ON OUR PRAYER BOARD

- Add your requests there for your particular intentions

PRAY for ALL OUR SICK and HOUSEBOUND and all whose names are on the Prayer Board. Ask Sister Teresa to visit any parishioner who is sick at home in hospital [755917].

Contact Fr Kevin directly if you want him to come and anoint someone by celebrating the Sacrament of the Sick.

PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEAD to know God's mercy.

especially for those who died recently : BETH TERRELONG
NEVILLE BEWLEY [Requiem Mass 10 January 1pm]

LOURDES 2019. Our parish pilgrimage will be from 9-14 September. Book the dates now! A New Year's Resolution??

OUR PARISH FINANCES

THANK YOU for your generous weekly offering :£1300-77
We need £1500 per week to build up reserves so please do think about this especially through Direct Debit or Standing Order. Gift Aid is a great boost to our income!
THE SHOP HAS NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

WINDOWS+ FUND is now £ 35,605.49

We have already spent £62,176.14+. That covers all the refurbishment, new bells, and alarms. The CCTV is now finished!! Our total spend up to now £80-85k. 'Home Collection Boxes' are in the Narthex. Take one and return it full! **Can you help** with any unwanted foreign currency, or old pre Euro coins? We can also use gold, silver and jeweller

300 Club Draw – December

£100 Liz O'Brien	£30 Rosaleen Burke
£10 Siobhan McSwiggan	£10 Ann Collon
£10 Eric Rose	£10 Fr Kevin

CONFIRMATION GROUP OF 2018 –

We are now accepting you as servers and readers at Mass. Please see Fr Kevin asap.

A few certificates are still to be collected!!

MANY, MANY THANKS

- from Fr Kevin for your generous Christmas offerings and personal gifts. They do mean so much.

- to everyone who did so much to prepare for Christmas in the church with flowers, cleaning, looking after the grounds, helping with the liturgy – servers, sacristans, readers, musicians, Eucharistic ministers. welcomers and in the parish office.

OUR PARISH DIARY

31 December - NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE here at the Holy Ghost. Tickets £5 including food.

Tickets available after Mass from Eileen Devane.

Music by Eamon & Country Sounds.

YOUCAT FOR KIDS - 25 January 2019 - 7.30-9.30pm

FOR ALL PARENTS How to pass on the faith to your children. Please make sure you book the date and time now – it's here !!!

January 31 2019 10am-3pm CATHOLIC BASICS COURSE – here at Holy Ghost. Want to know more about your Faith?

Join us for a basic introduction to the Catholic Faith in four parts: GOD, CHURCH, MORAL LIFE, PRAYER. A day each part - teaching - interaction - discussion. Cost: £25 per person per day (£10 for the unwaged) includes a full lunch.

Book: admin@nores.org.uk or phone 01582 723312.

February 7-9 in our Cathedral – we are the first host of the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2019!

OUR PARISH in 2019 – from Fr Kevin

I want us all to keep 2019 as a Year of our Parish.

This will allow us to build on the diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation that has just finished, Let's think and pray about how we can build up the parish community by our prayer and by the way we respond to the vocation we each have from our baptism.

We have four groups which all need your help

- Catholic Spirituality

= *Prayer, Liturgy, Catechetics.*

- Social Life

= *how we come together socially each week and for other occasions*

- Premises

= *looking after our land and building, cleaning and maintenance, refurbishing our assets*

- Resources

= *includes finance, fundraising, and much more.*

Each month will have a different focus. Any ideas or help welcome!

LUTON FOOD BANK is in great demand over the school holidays. Please do whatever you can to help. Perhaps it could be part of your New Year's Resolution. The donations at the Crib are for the Food Bank funds.

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Scripture Readings – Jerusalem Bible (1964) DLT

Excerpts from the Roman Missal (3rd edn) – ICEL

Common of the Mass and Psalm – Christopher Walker [Celtic]

Processional – SF Palmer & Holy Family hfb Preparation – J Chadwick

Thanksgiving – C Rossetti

Recessional – English traditional

