

Welcome to our Parish of the HOLY GHOST

Pastoral Area of Luton [St Alban] Diocese of Northampton

OUR LITURGY and NEWS – 15 April 2018

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER – Year B



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TODAY -Third Sunday of Easter - Year B

8.30am - Sung [RIP: Marie Bolam, Mick Jordan, Annie Gallagher, Martin Dronney, Nora Clarke]

10am - Music Group [RIP :Pat Kilduff, Mary McCallion, Maureen Byrne, Philip Hancock]

11.30am – Organ and Cantor [People of the Parish
RIP: Tom Morrison INT: Ivey Sawyer]

7pm – Mass for our Polish Community

MONDAY– St Bernadette

9am Service of Word and Communion

TUESDAY- Eastertime Feria

7.30pm [RIP: Matthew O’Connell]

WEDNESDAY – Eastertime Feria

9am – tbc [RIP: Patrick McNamara]

THURSDAY – Eastertime Feria

9am [RIP: Richard Blakley]

FRIDAY – Eastertime Feria

7.30pm – [RIP: Maureen Byrne]

8pm Confessions & Exposition. 8.25pm Benediction

SATURDAY – Eastertime Feria

NEXT SUNDAY Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

8.30am - Sung

[RIP: People of the Parish, Kevin Gardner, Keelan Gaffney, Brian Maguire]

10am - Music Group

[INT: Danny & Sheila Kiernan, Caroline & Helen Kiernan, Sheila Marie Kiernan]

11.30am – Organ and Cantor

[RIP: Teresa Carey, Peter McIntyre]

7pm – Mass for our Polish Community

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday Night Social – Parish Centre. All welcome

Monday – 8pm Rosary Group - Chapel

Tuesday – 8pm Gift Course- Bernadette

- 8pm Legion of Mary – Sacristy

- 8pm Finance Committee – Parish Office

Wednesday - 8pm- Church Cleaning -Group 3

Thursday – from 12noon – Senior Citizens’ Social Club

CONTACTS

POLISH COMMUNITY - Mass in Polish - Sundays 7pm

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Frs Piotr Redlinski, Slawomir Strycharski SChr.

SYRO MALANKARA COMMUNITY

Eucharist : 10am every 4th Saturday

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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



COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES BRITAIN

Sharing Gospel Joy

We welcome Fr Tom Ryan from the Columban Fathers to preach the annual missions appeal on behalf of all the orders, societies and congregations that work to proclaim the gospel throughout the world. Please give as you can.

OUR MASS TODAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIME

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

Christ the Lord is risen today! Christians, haste your vows to pay,
offer ye your praises meet at the paschal victim's feet;
For the sheep the Lamb hath bled, sinless in the sinners' stead.
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; now he lives, no more to die.

Christ, the victim undefiled, all to God hath reconciled
When in strange and awful strife met together death and life;
Christians, on this happy day haste with joy your vows to pay.
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; now he lives, no more to die.

Say, O wond'ring Mary, say what thou sawest on thy way.
'I beheld, where Christ had lain, empty tomb and angels twain,
I beheld the glory bright of the rising Lord of Light;
Christ my hope is ris'n again; Now he lives, and lives to reign.'

Christ, who once for sinners bled, now the first-born from the dead,
Throned in endless might and power, lives and reigns for evermore.
Hail, eternal hope on high! Hail, thou king of victory!
Hail, thou Prince of life adored! Help and save us, gracious Lord.

Greeting and Introduction

The Penitential Rite

Gloria

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth 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.

LITURGY of the WORD

First Reading

Acts 3:13-15.17-19

You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead
Peter said to the people: You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.

The Word of the LORD – THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 117

LET ALL THE EARTH CRY OUT YOUR PRAISES
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

He is the sacrifice that takes the sins of the whole world's

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

This is the Word of the LORD – THANKS BE TO GOD

We reflect in silence after the readings to prepare ourselves to greet and hear the gospel of Jesus Christ

The Easter ALLELUIA greets the gospel

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA. JESUS, RISEN LORD OF LIFE.
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

The Lord be with you - AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

You are witnesses to this

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Easter ALLELUIA acclaim the gospel – as before

Homily

The Apostles Creed

used in Lent & Easter to remind us of our baptism

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD,
(*during the next two lines all bow.*)

WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED AND WAS BURIED;
HE DESCENDED INTO HELL;
ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD;
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND
OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY;
FROM THERE HE WILL COME TO JUDGE
THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY AND LIFE EVERLASTING.
AMEN.



Intercessions – for our concluding prayer we pray together for Bishop Peter's Year of Prayer and Vocation
Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given us,
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

**AS PART OF THE PREPARATION OF GIFTS
THE STEWARDS WILL WALK WITH THE BREAD AND WINE
AS A SIGN THAT WHAT YOU GIVE THROUGH THE PLATE IS
YOUR OFFERING TO GOD FOR THE WORK OF THE CHURCH**

At the Preparation of the Gifts

Alleluia, sing to Jesus, his the sceptre, his the throne,
alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone;
hark the songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, Bread of Angels, thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal thee the Lord of Lords we own,
alleluia, born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic feast.

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 IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

- *After the Consecration: "The Mystery of Faith" - we respond*
WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD,
AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION,
UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN, 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.

Communion Procession – our Eastertime chant begins quietly
CHRIST HAS DIED, ALLELUIA. CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA.
CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

Thanksgiving Chant after Communion [CM]

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

Solemn Blessing and Dismissal from the Easter Garden

Recessional

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

This is the day Christ our redeemer
rose from the grave triumphant and free,
leaving the tomb of evil and darkness,
empty for all to see.

Now will the fire kindled in darkness
burn to dispel the shadows of night
Star of the morning, Jesus our Saviour,
you are the world's true light.

Sing of the hope deeper than dying
Sing of the power stronger than death
Sing of the love endless as heaven,
dawning throughout the earth!



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!)

Acknowledgements (Music - CALAMUS Licence)
Scripture Readings – Jerusalem Bible (1964) DLT
Excerpts from the Roman Missal (3rd edn) – ICEL Christ the Lord – J E Leeson
Gospel Acclamation & Christ be our light – Bernadette Farrell
Gloria – F Duffy Acclamations - New Celtic Liturgy – Chris Walker L553,554,5
I come with joy – Brian Wren Alleluia, sing to Jesus – W Chatterton Dix

**TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME FOR YOUR PRAYER
or FOLD IT BACK TO THE FRONT FOR THE NEXT PERSON.**

THE GIFT – a Life in the Spirit Course – 10 April to 15 May
Tuesdays at 8pm in the Parish Centre [Bernadette].

Look up these readings : Isaiah 11:2; 1 Corinthians 13:7-13 and 2:10-13 Think about "unopened" Spiritual Gifts - like gifts we receive and decide to keep for "later" use.

A great way to keep Eastertime, and prepare for Pentecost

OUR PARISH FINANCES

THANK YOU for your generous weekly offering :£1180.58

We really need £1500 each week to meet our budget

WINDOWS+ FUND now £28,742.65

*Many thanks to the Harkin Family who have donated £1500
in memory of Maud, their mother, a faithful parishioner*

We have already spent £57,914.75. We need to finish the electrical works, CCTV and replace the bell system.

'Home Collection Boxes' in the Narthex. Any full yet?

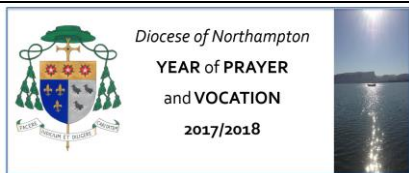
WINDOWS+ FUND Can you help with any unwanted foreign currency, or old pre Euro coins? Donate now in an envelope at the shop. We are also looking for gold, silver and jewellery.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

LITURGY & SACRAMENT

COLLECT YOUR *MY DAY BY DAY* – TODAY!!!

TIME FOR PRAYER



This month's theme : celebrating our Baptismal Vocation especially how single people contribute to the Church

POPE FRANCIS asks you to pray with him in APRIL

For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters - that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths. [www.thepopevideo.org]

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.

Those who died recently, and whose funerals we are to keep :

NEXT INFANT BAPTISM - Please see Fr Kevin to begin planning for the next dates or later in the year.

MARRIAGE at HOLY GHOST – Catholic churches require 6 months notice so please make sure if you are thinking of marrying here or anywhere else you see Fr Kevin in good time.

DIOCESAN YEAR of PRAYER & VOCATION

FRIDGE MAGNETS in the shop @ £1 only.

BOOKMARKS available for your prayer each day!

Have you learned the PRAYER of St Richard for the year?

OUR PREMISES

Church Cleaning – Group 3– Wednesday 8pm

HELP NEEDED – are you are free to join our cleaning groups once a month – Wednesday, at 9.30am?

Please contact the office if you can spare an hour or two

OUR PARISH DIARY

15 April 3pm CATHOLIC HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP MASS for those with special needs. St Martin's

21 April LITURGY and BEAUTY – here at the Holy Ghost. Four short talks, 10.30-2.30 exploring the liturgy we celebrate. Organised by the Catholic Theological Association and the Society of St Gregory

21 April Churches Together in Luton AGM at St Hugh's, Leagrave High Street, Luton, LU4 0ND. 9.30 for 10am start.

22 April VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2018

28 April Solitude Saturday 10-3pm at St Clare's Convent, Luton, LU3 1ND

Tuesday 1 May 2018 6.30pm - Churches Together in Bedfordshire Annual Forum at Bunyan Meeting Church, Mill Street, Bedford MK40 3EU. All welcome.

11 May 8pm Fundraising Italian Night for Glenfield Children Group - St Joseph's. Parish Centre Tickets from 01582 754850

2-9 June MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 7 nights £589. For more details contact Mary Gillespie on 01582 579120

9 June DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM with Bishop Peter – Woman who followed him

22-26 August WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES in Dublin with Pope Francis. If you are interested in attending the event go to www.worldmeeting2018.ie

LOURDES 2018 – Parish Pilgrimage

with Aylesbury - 10-15 September

[4* - from £590] Contact Biagio Patalano 07980222620 or ask via the Parish Office.

Luton Irish Forum's Baby & Toddler Group meets at 102 Hitchin Road Luton LU2 0ES every Friday from 9.30am to 11.30am during term time. For information call 01582 720447

CONGRATULATIONS TO EAMON KITCHING, his teacher Finbarr Conway and all the family on Eamon's recent success in the World Irish Dancing Championships held in Glasgow last week. Eamon was placed **FOURTH**. That is a fantastic achievement which means he qualifies for next year's World Championships to be held in Greensboro, USA

Pope Francis issued on Tuesday his latest Apostolic Exhortation : **GAUDETE ET EXULTATE** **Rejoice and be glad!**

ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

find the full text at Vatican.va/gaudete-et-exultate – and read it for yourselves

1. "REJOICE AND BE GLAD" (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. The call to holiness is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible. We see it expressed in the Lord's words to Abraham: "Walk before me, and be blameless" (Gen 17:1).
2. What follows is not meant to be a treatise on holiness, containing definitions and distinctions helpful for understanding this important subject, or a discussion of the various means of sanctification. My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each one of us "to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph 1:4).
7. I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them "the middle class of holiness". [4]

There are plenty more wise words to read from the Holy Father in the complete document