

Welcome to our
**Parish of the
 HOLY GHOST**
*Diocese of Northampton
 Pastoral Area of Luton [St Alban]*
**OUR LITURGY
 and NEWS**
9 December 2018



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OUR LITURGY THIS WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent - Year C
8.30am - Sung Mass – [People of the Parish. RIP: Bernie Rose, Ben, Jane & Mary McManus, Michael & Annie Cafferty]
10am – Sung Mass with Music Group
 [RIP: Louise McClave, Thomas O'Reilly & deceased members of the O'Reilly family, Kevin McMahon, Michael Conway]
11.30am – Mass with Organ and Cantor [RIP: James Yourell, Paddy, Mary & Tommy Hoare, Deceased members of the Doherty Breen Cavanagh, Feely & Cloonan families]
4pm ADVENT VESPERs and BENEDICTION
7pm Mass for our Polish Community

MONDAY – Advent Feria
 9am [INT: Peggy Deery]

TUESDAY – Advent Feria, St Damasus, Pope
 9am [RIP: Michael Johnston]

WEDNESDAY – Advent Feria, Our Lady of Guadalupe
 7.30pm [RIP: John James Winters]

THURSDAY – St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
 7.30pm – [RIP: Frank Drenan]

FRIDAY – St John of the Cross, Priest & Theologian
Day of abstinence
 6.30am [INT: Bridie Monaghan]
 7.30pm Mass [RIP: Tom Burns]
Exposition & Confessions until Benediction at 8.25pm

SATURDAY – Advent Feria

**NEXT SUNDAY – 16 December
 Second Sunday of Advent Year C**

8.30am - Sung Mass – [RIP: Alice Cavanagh, Thomas McNicholas, Patrick McNicholas, Maureen Fitzgerald]
10am – Sung Mass with Music Group
 [RIP: Tony Hannigan, Seamus Hopkins, Veronica Hopkins, Deceased members of the Hopkin & Brogan families]
11.30am – Mass with Organ and Cantor [RIP: Mary Ann Murphy, Philip & Josie Chapman * deceased members of the Chapman family]
4pm – Carol Service, Nativity, Cringle
7pm Mass for our Polish Community

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday Night Social – from 8pm. *Parish Centre.*
 Music – James O'Leary
Tuesday - 8pm Legion of Mary - *Sacristy*
Wednesday - 9.30am Church Cleaning – Group 3
Thursday – from 12noon – Senior Citizens' Social Club.
Saturday – 10am Nativity Rehearsal

CONTACTS

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SYRO-MALANKARA COMMUNITY
Eucharist : 10am every 4th Saturday
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HOSPITAL – Chaplain: Deacon Jim Hannigan
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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.
 ☎ 723312 / admin@nores.org.uk / www.nores.org.uk

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

TODAY

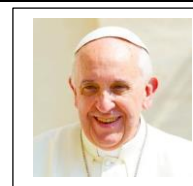
NOAH BINS COLLECTION TODAY

**4pm ADVENT
 VESPERs &
 BENEDICTION**



**NEXT SUNDAY
 CAROL SERVICE, NATIVITY, CRINGLE 4pm**

Pope Francis continues to offer us his thoughts on our worship in the Eucharist
 After Communion, to keep the gift received in our hearts, we are helped by silence, silent prayer. Prolong a little that moment of silence, speaking with Jesus in the heart helps us greatly, as does singing a psalm or a hymn of praise that helps us to be with the Lord. The Eucharistic Liturgy is concluded by the Prayer after Communion. In this, on behalf of everyone, the priest turns to God to thank Him for making us His guests and to ask that what has been received may transform our life. The Eucharist makes us strong to bear the fruits of good works for living as Christians...
 .Let us partake of the Eucharist: receiving Jesus Who transforms us into Him makes us stronger.
 Very good and very great is the Lord!



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 - *we repeat the call of John the Baptist*

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

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When is he coming, when, O when is he coming, the Redeemer?

When will we see him, when, O when will we see him, the Redeemer?

Come, o come, from your kingdom up there,

from your kingdom up there above!

Come, o come to your people on earth,

to your people on earth bring love".

Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!

Long years awaiting, many years awaiting the Redeemer!

Ready to greet him, always ready to meet him, the Redeemer!

Greeting and Introduction

Lighting the second candle of our Advent Wreath

Penitential Rite – *God's mercy is shown to us through Christ's love*

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom. Lord have mercy, Kyrie Eleison – KYRIE ELEISON

You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy:

Christ have mercy, Christe Eleison – CHRISTE ELEISON

You will come again in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord have mercy, Kyrie Eleison – KYRIE ELEISON

LITURGY of the WORD of GOD

First Reading - Baruch 5:1-9

Put on the beauty of the glory of God forever

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The Word of the LORD—THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm 24 TO YOU, O LORD I LIFT UP MY SOUL

Second Reading Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

You will reach perfect goodness for the glory and praise of God

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more

and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception. so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the LORD—THANKS BE TO GOD

Greeting the gospel after a time of silent reflection

(Maranatha means Come Lord Jesus!)

Word of healing, ALLELUIA, heal our sorrow, MARANATHA

Word of comfort, ALLELUIA ...bring us hope now, MARANATHA

Word of gladness, ALLELUIA ...fill our hearts now, MARANATHA

Word of wisdom, ALLELUIA ...come renew us, MARANATHA

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (3:1-6)

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

Prepare a way for the Lord – all shall see the salvation of God

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God *The Gospel of the Lord - PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST*

Acclaiming the Gospel

Word we long for, ALLELUIA ...Word we thirst for, MARANATHA

Key of David, ALLELUIA ... Son of Mary, MARANTHA

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 – *we pray the this Advent Collect [ICEL 1992]*

God of our salvation,

You straighten the winding ways of our hearts

and smooth the paths made rough by sin.

Make our conduct blameless,

keep our hearts watchful in holiness,

and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.

We ask this through Him whose coming is certain,

whose day draws near:

your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

At the Preparation of the Gifts

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken for he brings
glad tidings from the King of Kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
and furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our heart prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade, and wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thy hand to heal our sore,
and make us rise, to fall no more;
once more upon thy people shine, and fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore, and Holy Ghost, for evermore.

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 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*
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

We express our unity as the Body of Christ the Church in this chant

Word made flesh, Son of God
COME, LORD JESUS, COME AGAIN

Lord and Saviour, Son of God.

Prince of Peace, Son of God.

Light of the World, Son of God.

Jesus Christ, Son of God.

Communion Thanksgiving

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD, BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.
HE TAKES AWAY THE SIN, THE SIN OF THE WORLD.

Prayer after Communion

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional

The voice of God goes out to all the world.
His glory speaks across the universe.
The Great King's herald cries from star to star.
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

Give glory to the mystery revealed :
The voice of God, his image and his Word,
His word of peace, the image of his grace.
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

The Lord has said : receive my messenger,
My promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,
A lamp to every nation, light from light,
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

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!)*

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME TO PRAY
or FOLD IT BACK TO THE FRONT NEATLY
FOR THE NEXT PERSON TO USE**

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Processional - Traditional

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HOW IS YOUR ADVENT GOING? Today John the Baptist
challenges us to **PREPARE A WAY for the LORD** in what is the
wilderness of our world. How will you make time for that this
week? Prayer? Reading? Doing something to help others? Will it
change how you prepare for Christmas?

**Will you join us for Vespers and Benediction at 4pm today? Will
you make 6.30am Mass on Friday?**

Pope Francis wrote last week..... We Christians are called to
safeguard and spread the joy of waiting: we await God who loves
us infinitely and at the same time we are awaited by Him., In this
way life becomes a great betrothal. Advent, the time of
consolation and hope: a new liturgical year brings with it the
novelty of our God, who is "the God of all consolation." I wish you
to experience Advent thus as a time of consoling novelty and
joyous waiting.

LITURGY & SACRAMENT

TIME FOR PRAYER

MY DAY by DAY for DECEMBER – collect your copy now!

POPE FRANCIS asks you to pray with him in December - That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time. [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.

especially for those who died recently : AGNES MCCANN

LOURDES 2019. Our parish pilgrimage will be from 9-14 September. Book the dates now!

OUR PARISH FINANCES

THANK YOU for your generous weekly offering :£1269.25

2nd Collection next week for Christmas Flowers

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

300 Club

£100 Margaret Araci (6)

£30 Mary Nolan (228)

£10 Andy Dolan (137)

£10 Kath O'Kane (188)

£10 Evelyn Burke (55)

£10 Mick Brady (37)

Many thanks for your support and all who organise it!

WINDOWS+ FUND is now £ 34,713.49

Many thanks as we have achieved so much.

We have already spent £62,176.14+. That covers all the refurbishment, new bells, and alarms. CCTV is half finished!!

This will bring our spend up to about £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



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2018 –
See the prize winners today-
Were you lucky?

We raised £732. Many thanks
for your support and all, who
organised the raffle.

Adult Irish Dancing - Thank you for all the support we have received this term. Classes start again on Tuesday 15 January when we look forward to welcoming you all back, newcomers also welcome. Happy Christmas everyone.

Fr Kevin's Diary this week :

Monday – Liturgy meeting London

Tuesday – Luton Head Teachers / Clergy Fraternal;

Wednesday/ Thursday – Head Teacher Interviews, Northampton

Friday – Diocesan Trustees, Bishop's House

OUR PARISH DIARY

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS and READERS please collect a green sheet of notes from the Narthex. If you can serve at Christmas [Eve or Day] please complete a form today.

TODAY- FUNDRAISING CAKE SALE for Cardinal Newman Year 11 Prom in the parish centre after all masses. Cake donations would be much appreciated.

10 December 2-3pm TASTY TREATS for grandparents and senior citizens at St Margaret of Scotland School. All welcome.

10 December 7pm All are welcome to join us for this service of readings, music and drama, and Refreshments!!!

12 December 7pm Luton Catenian Christmas at Harpenden Golf Club. All welcome for a three course dinner with wine and entertainment. £30 per head. Raffle in support of NOAH, Luton. To book a place: [01582 760547](tel:01582760547) or e: john.williams58@btinternet.com

14-16 December - VOCATIONS WEEKEND for men considering the call to Priesthood at Northampton Cathedral Contact the Cathedral [[01604 714556](tel:01604714556)] or speak to Fr Mark. Please continue to pray for Vocations.

Saturday 15 December, 1-6pm, tickets available after mass for **SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH** @£12 Music by James O'Leary

29 December Solitude Saturday 10am-3pm, St Clare's Convent, Abigail Close, Luton, LU3 1 ND

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](tel:01582723312).

CHRISTMAS CARDS and GIFTS now in the shop. Please use religious Christmas Cards and also make sure you get the religious Christmas stamps from the Post Office. You can demand them!! Or visit: shop.royalmail.com/special-stamp-issues/christmas-2018
Look out for CAFOD's WORLD GIFTS Catalogue



ADVENT is on!

Advent Calendar –

50p in the Shop

Will you give a POINSETTIA for CHRISTMAS ?

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH at Mass – sign up YOUR ADVENT WREATH AT HOME – is it lit?

Take your ADVENT LEAFLET home with thoughts and prayers to keep Advent well.

