

Welcome to our Parish of the HOLY GHOST

Pastoral Area of Luton [St Alban] Diocese of Northampton

OUR LITURGY and NEWS – 25 February 2018

SECOND SUNDAY of LENT – Year B

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OUR LENT LITURGY

& Mass Intentions this week

Fridays of Lent

6.30am Mass

**7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Exposition & Confessions**

LENT GROUPS – Tuesdays 2.30pm here

Wednesdays 7.30pm at Beech Hill Methodist

TODAY -Second Sunday of Lent Year - Year B

8.30am - Sung [RIP: Imelda Penny, Mary Connolly,
Evanna Murnane, Tony Cloonan]

10am - Music Group [RIP: Mary McAnulty, Pat Kilduff,
Tom Hannon, Mary Murray, Maureen Owen]

11.30am – Organ and Cantor [People of the Parish
RIP: Kathleen McLaughlin]

4pm REFLECTION TIME for Readers and Ministers

7pm – Mass for our Polish Community

MONDAY– Lent Feria

1.30pm REQUIEM MASS – Andre Till
[Canon Stephen Coonan]

7.30pm [RIP: Mary Fitzpatrick, Matthew O'Malley]

TUESDAY- Lent Feria

9am [Int: Wahide Ghali, Crummey Family]

WEDNESDAY - Lent Feria

7.30pm- [RIP: Martin Bannon]

THURSDAY –St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

9am- [RIP: Mary Murray, Gerry Donnelly]

FRIDAY – Lent Feria – First Friday

6.30am Mass– [RIP - All Holy Souls, Bernie McAnulty]

7.30pm – Stations of the Cross – lead by Legion of Mary
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions. 8.25pm Benediction

SATURDAY – Lent Feria - No Liturgy today

NEXT SUNDAY Third Sunday of Lent Year B

8.30am - Sung

[RIP: Peter McIntyre, Carmel McManus, Carmel Cleary]

10am - Music Group [RIP: Kathleen O'Shea, Brian
Dunbar, Seamus Doherty, Pat Kilduff INT: Rita]

11.30am – Organ and Cantor

[RIP: Teresa Carey, Pat Kilduff]

7pm – Mass for our Polish Community

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday Night Social – Parish Centre. All welcome

Monday – 7.30pm First Communion Parents - Mass and
meeting

8pm Rosary Group - Chapel

Tuesday – 2.30pm Lent Group - Centre

- 8pm Sharing our Faith- Bernadette

- 8pm Legion of Mary – Sacristy

Wednesday - 9.30am- Church Cleaning -Group 2

Thursday – from 12noon – Senior Citizens' Social Club

PARISH FINANCES

THANK YOU for your generosity £1367.43

Second Collection TODAY for CAFOD

We really need £1500 each week to meet our budget.

300 CLUB – renewal for 2018 from March begins now.

WINDOWS+ FUND now £25293.67 (Target £150K)

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

CONTACTS

POLISH COMMUNITY - Mass in Polish - Sundays 7pm

☎662807 parafiadunstable@gmail.com

Frs Piotr Redlinski, Slawomir Strycharski SChr.

SYRO MALANKARA COMMUNITY

Eucharist : 10am every 4th Saturday

Fr Thomas Madakkumootil ☎07722116265

HOSPITAL - Chaplain: Fr Michael Patey ☎ 663706

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.

☎723312 / admin@nores.org.uk www.nores.org.uk

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

LENT. In Lent the whole church becomes a catechumen, receiving instruction from the Word of God, a penitent practising ascetical exercises. She meditates on the Word, and cleanses herself, so that, enlightened and free, she may receive the grace of Easter, and experience more vividly the joy of salvation which comes with the Risen Christ.
Luigi della Torre

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

O raise your heads on high and see there stands our sovereign Lord. His glory is this day revealed, His Word a two-edged sword.

We glimpse the splendour and the power of him who conquered death,
The Christ in whom the universe knows God's creating breath.

Of every creed and nation King, in him all strife is stilled.
The promise made to Abraham in him has been fulfilled.

The prophets stand and with great joy give witness as they gaze.
The Father with a sign has sealed our trust, our hope, our praise.

This glory that today our eyes have glimpsed of God's own Son
Will help us ever sing with love of Three who are but One

Greeting and Penitential Rite

Lord, have mercy - *Kyrie eleison*

Christ, have mercy - *Christe eleison*

Lord, have mercy - *Kyrie eleison*

LITURGY of the WORD

First Reading Genesis 22 1,2,9-13,15-18

God makes a saving covenant with Abraham

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm 105

SEEK THE LORD! LONG FOR THE LORD!
SEARCH FOR THE FACE OF GOD!

Give thanks and acclaim God's name always
make known God's deed among the peoples always.

O sing to the Lord, sing praise always
tell all his wonderful works always.
Be proud of God's holy name always

let the hearts that seethe the Lord rejoice always

Consider the Lord who is strong always
constantly seek his face always.

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give.

Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us. He rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us *The word of the Lord* THANKS BE TO GOD

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

**Greeting the Gospel - PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST
SON OF THE FATHER, WORD OF GOD**

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (9:2-10)

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD *This is my Son, the Beloved*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus:

'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord - PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

**Acclaiming the Gospel - PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST
SON OF THE FATHER, WORD OF GOD**

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;

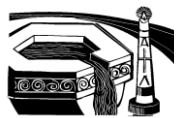
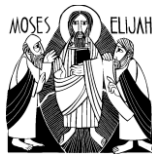
HE DESCENDED INTO HELL;
ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD;

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

At the Preparation of the Gifts

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here, Your beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be!
We hail your body glorified And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death, We see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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*
SAVE US, SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD,
FOR BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION,
YOU HAVE SET US FREE

The Communion Rite

The 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 the sign of 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
LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
HAVE MERCY ON US
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

Psalm 62

We respond with this chant together as we process to communion.

Let us support each other in prayer by our singing
O GOD, I SEEK YOU, MY SOUL THIRST FOR YOU,
YOUR LOVE IS FINER THAN LIFE

Communion Thanksgiving

We behold the splendour of God shining on the face of Jesus.
We behold the splendour of God shining on the face of the Son.

*And oh, how his beauty transforms us, the wonder of Presence abiding.
Transparent hearts give reflection
of Tabor's light within, of Tabor's light within.*

*Jesus, Lord of Glory, Jesus beloved Son. Oh how good to be with you;
how good to share your light, how good to share your light.*

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional

O Christ who shares our nature,
In whom God found delight
You stood in radiant glory
Transfigured by the light.

Resplendent in God's favour
O Christ in beauty bright
Illumine all who seek you
Transform us by your light.

Organ Voluntary at 11.30am

Prelude and Fugue in E minor – J S Bach

*[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)
*Readings: The Jerusalem Bible DLT 1966 Excerpts from the Roman Missal (3rd edn) – ICEL.
Common of the Mass – Plainsong Missal tone Gospel Acclamation – M Foster
Psalm – Colledgeville Composers Processional – Ralph Wright osb
Preparation – EJ A Robinson Communion Procession – Bob Hurd
Thanksgiving – Carey Landry Recessional – Dolores Dufnerosb*

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



FRIDAYS in LENT

6.30am Lent Station Mass

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

8pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
with Confessions until Benediction at 8.25pm

READ

- Bishop Peter's Pastoral Letter for Lent
- My Day by Day booklet

FOLLOW

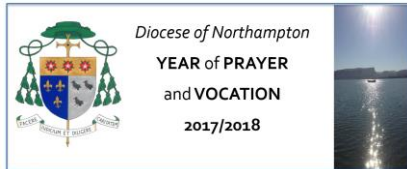
- Children's Lent Calendar
- Year of Prayer and Vocation
- Your personal resolution to do something for Lent

SHARE

- Ecumenical Lent groups : Tuesdays/Wednesday
- TODAY 4pm : READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS'
reflection for Lent and Easter, ending with BENEDICTION
at 5.15 or just after, for all to come along!

LITURGY & SACRAMENT

TIME FOR PRAYER



Pray with POPE FRANCIS in FEBRUARY -

Say "No" to Corruption that those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

[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 [75917].

Contact Fr Kevin directly if you want him to come and anoint someone to celebrate 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 :
ANDRE' TILL, TERESA EARLEY, JOHN CURNEEN, MARY GANNON, DIANE PRICE, MONICA McINTYRE

READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS - COMMISSIONING for 2018 -

Anyone who missed being commissioned see Fr Kevin TODAY to be commissioned after mass

You must be commissioned to serve in 2018.

ROTAS out for the rest of Lent - collect yours

REFLECTION AFTERNOON TODAY 4pm - a Lenten time to pray, be together, and prepare for Easter

DIOCESAN YEAR of PRAYER & VOCATION

FRIDGE MAGNETS in the shop @ £1!

BOOKMARKS available for your prayer each day!

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

We have printed it for the last few weeks to pray at Mass and it is on the bookmark. Let's know it by heart!

WINDOWS+ FUND Can you help? Have you any unwanted foreign currency, or old pre Euro coins. It would be great if you could donate these to help raise funds. Place unwanted currency in an envelope and hand in at the shop. Thank you for your support and generosity

Fr Kevin's Diary

Tuesday : Ecumenical Deans, Luton / Liturgy, Northampton

Wednesday : Education Leadership, Luton

Thursday - Head Teachers' Conference , Mkt Harbrough

Friday - Diocesan Trustees, Northampton

Saturday - Society of St Gregory, Trustees, Luton

CONGRATULATIONS to our CATECHUMENS - Ivy, Luke, Luke and his family, who were chosen in the Cathedral last Sunday during the RITE OF ELECTION to celebrate the EASTER SACRAMENTS at our Easter Vigil. Pray for them and their godparents as they journey to Baptism. You can see the celebration [where Fr Kevin presided for the Bishop] on <http://northamptoncathedral.org/live>

OUR PARISH DIARY



LENT GROUPS 2018 will explore
The Passion of JESUS
according to John

Tuesdays 2.30pm HERE at HOLY GHOST

Wednesdays 7.30pm at BEECH HILL METHODIST CHURCH, Dunstable Rd.

It is a great chance to meet, talk and pray with Christians from the other churches in the area. Come to one, some or all at either venue! The gospel we will look at is the gospel we read during the WALK OF WITNESS on Good Friday and in our own 3pm LITURGY of GOOD FRIDAY

Saturday 3 March DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIED LIFE

12noon at Holy Family Church, Slough SL3 7UD.

Bishop Peter invites especially couples with significant marriage anniversaries : 1,10,20,25, 30,40,50 years, 60. Please speak to Fr Kevin to ensure you receive a special blessing or mfl@northamptondiocese.com. Leaflets in Narthex racks.

MASS FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CHCF).

Unfortunately, our mass due to be held at St Margaret of Scotland on 4 March has had to be cancelled. Please help to spread the word Our next mass is on April 15 at St Martin de Porres. Contact Sean Ballantyne [07930 305362]

Thursday 8 March 12.45 p.m. Memorial Mass for Sister

Eileen O'Mahony at Our Lady's, Castle Street - celebrated by Bishop Peter Doyle. She founded NOAH Enterprise.

Saturday 10 March LITURGY MATTERS! 10am-4pm HERE

A day with the Society of St Gregory on how we celebrate the Mass together. Book at ssg.org.uk or forms in the Narthex.

Saturday 17 March St Patrick's Ceilidh, Cranfield Village Hall

tickets £16 including hot buffet. Contact 07889 9264370

Wednesday 28 March 7pm - Passover Meal in

HOLY WEEK. Tickets £3.50 available next week.

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

LOURDES 2018 - Parish Pilgrimage

with Aylesbury - 10-15 September

[4* - from £590] Contact Biagio Patalano

07980222620 or ask via the Parish Office.

SOUP KITCHEN ROTA - available in the Narthex.

Holy Ghost Parish is on duty March 8 - 29

CONGRATULATIONS to EAMON KITCHING, 2018 ALL

IRELAND DANCE CHAMPION, to his teacher, Finbarr

Conway, and his family on his great success in the

Championships In Killarney last week.

PARISH CENTRE - in the Bernadette Conference room

the toilets have been refurbished. This is a partnership between the Parish Centre and Diocese, so is not a cost on the parish, but improves our facilities!