

Welco me to our Parish

of the **HOLY GHOST**
Pastoral Area of Luton [St Alban]
Diocese of Northampton
OUR LITURGY
and NEWS
22 April 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY
of EASTER – Year B

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OUR LITURGY THIS WEEK

TODAY -Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B

8.30am – Sung Mass [RIP: People of the Parish, Kevin Gardner, Keelan Gaffney, Brian Maguire]

10am - Mass with Music Group [INT: Danny & Sheila Kiernan, Caroline & Helen Kiernan, Sheila Marie Kiernan]

11.30am – Mass with Organ and Cantor

[RIP: Teresa Carey, Peter McIntyre]

7pm – Mass for our Polish Community

MONDAY– SOLEMNITY of ST GEORGE, Martyr,
Patron of England

7.30pm [INT: Rachel Roberts, Mary O'Donnell]

TUESDAY- Easter Feria- *St Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

7.30pm [RIP: Tommy Taylor, John Harrington]

WEDNESDAY – Feast of St Mark, evangelist

9am – [RIP: Marie Bolam, Rita McElhatton]

THURSDAY – Easter Feria

9am [RIP: Monica Ring, Patrick McNamara]

FRIDAY – Easter Feria

7.30pm – [RIP: Martin Walsh]

8pm Confessions & Exposition. 8.25pm Benediction

SATURDAY – Easter Feria -St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr. St Louis de Montfort, priest.

10a1m Syro Malankara Rite Mass

NEXT SUNDAY Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

8.30am - Sung Mass – [INT: Johnny Farrell]

[RIP: Monica McIntyre, Joe O'Malley, Mary Fallon]

10am - Mass with Music Group

[People of the Parish RIP: Mary Ann & Tom Harris]

11.30am – Mass with Organ and Cantor [RIP: Thomas & Jane Burns, John Curneen, Bridget Mc Nerney]

7pm – Mass for our Polish Community

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday Night Social – Parish Centre. All welcome

Monday – 7.30pm Mass and Confirmation Parents Mtg

- 8pm Rosary Group - *Chapel*

Tuesday – 8pm Gift Course- *Bernadette*

- 8pm Legion of Mary – *Sacristy*

Wednesday - 8pm- Church Cleaning -Group 4

Wednesday - 8pm-SVP

Thursday – from 12noon – Senior Citizens' Social Club

Saturday - 10am First Eucharist Rehearsal

Saturday 28 April BLAZE RETREAT for
Confirmation candidates. 9.15am
Coach leaves Dunstable Rd Gate

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.

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

ADOREMUS – the Eucharistic Congress for the Catholic Church in England & Wales – Liverpool

Friday 7 September: Talks & workshops, mainly for catechists, eucharistic ministers and R.E. teachers.

Saturday 8 September: Congress Day - Programme of Presentations: the Nuncio, Cardinal Nichols,

Bishop Robert Barron [Los Angeles] ending with Exposition, Benediction and Evening Prayer

Sunday 9 September: Mass in Liverpool Cathedral [9.30 and 11.30] –

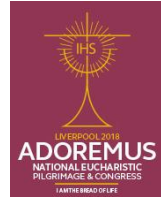
Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon.

1pm: Outdoor Eucharistic Procession. [in 1908 this was banned by the government!]

Catherine Bolam (07789 243 453), our parish coordinator, is available after Mass with literature for you.

The aim is to re-awaken Eucharistic Adoration in our parishes; for us to find in it the source of strength for our lives - and also for our mission, ..to make present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society.

Pope Francis says : " I encourage everyone to visit the Blessed Sacrament ... especially amid life's difficulties ... to speak filially with Him, to listen to Him in silence, and to peacefully entrust yourself to Him."



OUR MASS TODAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIME

Vocations Sunday

Please read Bishop Peter's Letter

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.

Proclamation

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
he makes me down to lie in pastures green.
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.



My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill.
For thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.

Greeting and Introduction

The Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father
You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth
You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life

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 of the Apostles 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.

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 3:1-2

We shall see God as he really is

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.

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

John 10:11-18

The Lord be with you - AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father

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

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff me comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadest a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

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

*Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain with no life.*

If anyone serves me then they must follow me.

Wherever I am my servants will be.

Make your home in me as I make mine in you.

Those who remain in me bear much fruit.

If you remain in me and my word lives in you

Then you will be my disciples

Solemn Blessing and Dismissal from the Easter Garden

Recessional

In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
love is come again like wheat that springeth
green.



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.**

**TODAY is VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2018 - pray especially for
more people to think about God's call for them and
whether it is a call to the priesthood or religious life.**

National Office for Vocation, 39 Eccleston Square

London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 7901 4829

Email: enquiries@ukvocation.org

web.ukvocation.org/ ukreligiouslife.org/ ukpriest.org

WE ARE

AN EASTER PEOPLE

AND ALLELUIA IS

OUR SONG

ALLELUIA!

So says St Augustine! We have 50 days of Eastertime [until
Pentecost] to sing the praise of God for all that he has done
for us by raising Jesus from the dead. [Lent is only 40
days!] That is why we SING ALLELUIA. Sing it with joy, and
full of life. So don't be shy to sing it with gusto! Make it mean
something really powerful in your prayer life.

THE GIFT - a Life in the Spirit Course - 10 April to 15 May
Continues Tuesdays at 8pm in the Parish Centre [Bernadette].
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 :£1120.86

Foreign Missions Appeal: £548.12

2nd Collection today for Diocesan Priest Training Fund

We really need £1500 each week to meet our budget

WINDOWS+ FUND now £28,752.65

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?

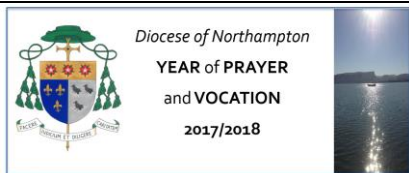
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currency, or old pre Euro coins? Donate now in an envelope at
the shop. We are also looking for gold, silver and jewellery.

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 : **FATHER TONY HARRIS** [RIP 17 April] who, in his retirement, helped us and many Luton parishes so generously.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

MARRIAGE at HOLY GHOST – The Catholic Church needs 6 months notice. 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 PARISH DIARY

Friday 27 April from 8pm. Leagrave Branch of Comhaltas Session of traditional Irish music at St Joseph's Parish Centre.

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 – Theme : *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.

This is always a great occasion for prayer, spiritual refreshment and sharing friendship with parishioners from here and Aylesbury.

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 April 10 his latest Apostolic Exhortation : **GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE** [Rejoice and be glad] **ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD**

find the full text at Vatican.va/gaudete-et-exultate – here is another extract

9. Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church. But even outside the Catholic Church and in very different contexts, the Holy Spirit raises up "signs of his presence which help Christ's followers". [7] Saint John Paul

II reminded us that "the witness to Christ borne even to the shedding of blood has become a common inheritance of Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants" In the moving ecumenical commemoration held in the Colosseum during the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, he stated that the martyrs are "a heritage which speaks more powerfully than all the causes of division"

12. Within these various forms, I would stress too that the "genius of woman" is seen in feminine styles of holiness, which are an essential means of reflecting God's holiness in this world. Indeed, in times when women tended to be most ignored or overlooked, the Holy Spirit raised up saints whose attractiveness produced new spiritual vigour and important reforms in the Church. We can mention Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Saint Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. But I think too of all those unknown or forgotten women who, each in her own way, sustained and transformed families and communities by the power of their witness.

13. This should excite and encourage us to give our all and to embrace that unique plan that God willed for each of us from eternity: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5).

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