

Welcome to our
Parish of the
HOLY GHOST



Diocese of Northampton
Pastoral Area of Luton [St Alban]

**OUR LITURGY
and NEWS**

16 December 2018

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OUR LITURGY THIS WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday 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 Parish Carol Service 2018

7pm Mass for our Polish Community

MONDAY – Advent Feria – O Wisdom

9am Mass [RIP: Mary O'Callaghan]

7pm TOWN PENITENTIAL SERVICE – Our Lady's

TUESDAY – Advent Feria – O Adonai [Lord]

10.30am REQUIEM MASS – Agnes McCann RIP

WEDNESDAY – Advent Feria – O Root of Jesse

9am Mass [RIP: Walter Kennedy]

THURSDAY – Advent Feria - O Key of David

9am Mass

FRIDAY – Advent Feria - O Rising Sun Day of abstinence

6.30am RORATE MASS by candlelight in honour of the Blessed Virgin [RIP: Joe Costello]

7.30pm Mass [RIP: Eileen Brook]

Exposition & Confessions until Benediction at 8.25pm

SATURDAY – Advent Feria – O King

11am *Marriage of Ashika Ashi Kahn and Suresh Kumar*

**NEXT SUNDAY – 23 December
Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C**

8.30am - Sung Mass – [RIP: Christy Brennan, Mark Schneider Clinch, Maggie McMahon, Marian Fitzgerald, Donato Ricchetti, Michele & Michelina De Michele]

10am – Sung Mass with Music Group

[RIP: Martin Sonny Morrison, Mary & Gerard McManus, Eddie Kilduff]

11.30am – Mass with Organ and Cantor [RIP: Maureen Byrne, Tommy Burns, Eileen Brock]

7pm Mass for our Polish Community

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

Music –Patch

Tuesday - 8pm Legion of Mary - *Sacristy*

Wednesday – 8pm **Big Christmas Church Clean** – all groups please, and anyone one who can spare an hour!!!

CONTACTS

POLISH COMMUNITY - Mass in Polish – Sundays 7pm

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Fathers Piotr Redlinski, Slawomir Strycharski SChr.

SYRO-MALANKARA COMMUNITY

Eucharist : 10am every 4th Saturday

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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

TODAY- 4pm

**OUR PARISH
CAROL SERVICE,
NATIVITY,
CRISTINGLE**



FRIDAY

**6.30am RORATE MASS
by candlelight in honour
the Blessed Virgin MARY**



Pope Francis continues to offer us his thoughts on our worship in the Eucharist

Christians don't go to Mass to carry out a weekly task and then forget, no. Christians go to Mass to take part in the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord and then to live more as Christians: the commitment of Christian witness opens. We leave the church to "go in peace" to bring God's blessing to our daily activities, in our homes, in work environments, among the occupations of the earthly city, "glorifying the Lord with our life....Every time I go out of the Mass, I must leave better than I entered, with more life, with more strength, with a greater desire to give Christian witness. 4 April 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.

Today is GAUDETE SUNDAY, a day when we are called to rejoice in the promises God makes to us with the coming of Christ. That is why the priest wears rose vestments.

As we enter the last week of Advent each weekday is given a name – a title of Jesus himself. They give us the Advent hymn, O Come Emmanuel

Processional - we repeat this chant several times with joy!

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice rejoice and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice.

Greeting and Introduction

Lighting the third 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 - Zephaniah 3:14-18

Rejoice, the Lord your God is in your midst

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The Word of the LORD—THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm 24

TO YOU, O LORD I LIFT UP MY SOUL, O MY GOD

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7: *Rejoice, the Lord is very near.*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the LORD—THANKS BE TO GOD

Greeting the gospel after a time of silent reflection

(*Maranatha means Come Lord Jesus!*)

Word we long for, ALLELUIA.

Word we thirst for, MARANATHA

Key of David, ALLELUIA.

Son of Mary, MARANATHA

Promised Saviour ALLELUIA. True Messiah, MARANATHA

Cry of prophets ALLELUIA. Hope of ages MARANATHA

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (3:10-18)

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD *Someone more powerful than I is coming*

When all the people asked him, 'What must we do, then?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same'. There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them 'Exact no more than your rate'.

Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them. *The Gospel of the Lord - PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST*

Acclaiming the Gospel

Light of nations, ALLELUIA. Light in darkness, MARANATHA

Risen Saviour, ALLELUIA. Lord of glory, MARANATHA

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]

Who are we, Lord God, that you should come us?

Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son.

As we prepare to celebrate his birth,

Make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your Word, and move us by your Spirit

to bless your wonderful works.

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

O come, o come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee O Israel

O come, o come thou Lord of might
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depth of hell thy people save
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come thou key of David,
come and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
bid every sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace.

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

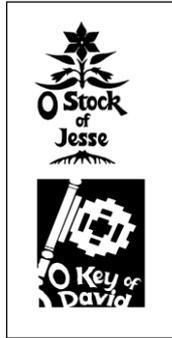
OUR FATHER

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 – as we come together to receive Christ 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

The coming of our God our thoughts must now employ;
then let us meet him on the road with songs of holy joy.

The everlasting Son was born to set us free;
and he a servant's form put on to gain our liberty

Daughter of Sion, rise to greet your infant King,
nor let your stubborn heart despise the pardon he doth bring.

In glory from his throne again will Christ descend,
and summon all that are his own to joys that never end.

Let deeds of darkness fly before the approaching morn,
for unto sin 'tis ours to die, and serve the virgin-born.

Our joyful praises sing to Christ, that sets us free;
like tribute to the Father bring, and, Holy Ghost, to thee.

Prayer after Communion

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the end of day
*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of Kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King.*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting

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!)

HOW IS YOUR ADVENT GOING? Today John the Baptist challenges us again. 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 the Parish Carol Service at 4pm today? Will you make 6.30am Mass on Friday? the special candlelight Rorate Mass in honour of Mary Pope Francis wrote recently.....** 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, ANN HARRISON

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 :£1289.95
Second Collection today for Christmas Flowers in the church
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 £ 35,455.49

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 – Head Teacher Interviews, Northampton
Wednesday- Schools, Aylesbury Thursday – Education team.

OUR PARISH in 2019 – I am thinking of asking us all to keep 2019 as a Year of our Parish following on from the diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation. Let's think and pray about how we can build up the parish community. We have four groups which all need your help –Catholic Spirituality, Social Life, Premises, Resources [includes Finance]Each month will have a different focus. Any ideas or help welcome!

OUR PARISH DIARY

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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

31 December -New Year's Dance here at the Holy Ghost. Tickets available after mass from Eileen Devane, £5 each including food & 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!

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 moving on!

Join us for the **PARISH CAROL SERVICE** today at 4pm.

Will you give a **POINSETTIA** for **CHRISTMAS** ? Donate



at the shop. Please give generously to the collection for Christmas flowers for the Church

We **LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH** at Mass

YOUR ADVENT WREATH AT HOME – is it lit?

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

Confessions in preparation for Christmas?

Friday 8pm – and Monday 17 December is our Town Penitential Service at Our Lady's, Castle Strees

**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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Thanksgiving – C Coffin/R Campbell

Recessional - Traditional