

## Welcome to the HOLY GHOST PARISH

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# OUR LITURGY & NEWS THIS WEEK

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY of the YEAR - A

### 30 July 2017

*What is the most precious thing in your life? Jesus is clear in the gospel that you can give up everything to gain the Kingdom of God. What is that Kingdom for you or for me?  
It is our relationship with Christ, our faith, our hope of heaven. This shapes the way we live, how we love and serve God and one another in all our other relationships.  
Live like that and you will indeed become a true image of Christ, as Paul reminds us.*



### Sunday 30 July 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday [A]

8.30am	People of the Parish      RIP: Paddy Hoare, Mick & Mary Breen, Laurence Buckley, Mary & Pater Fallon
10am	RIP: Mary Diggin, Mary Barry
11.30am	RIP: Tom Morrison, Aurora Gutierrez INT: Sr Kathleen
7pm	<i>Mass for our Polish Community</i>

### OUR LITURGY this week

*Readings from Week 17 – Year 1*

#### Monday – St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest . Founder of the Jesuits

9am      RIP: Betty Allen, Rose Byrne

#### Tuesday – St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

7.30pm      RIP : Betty Haque, Kathleen Gaffney

#### Wednesday Feria – St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

9am      RIP: Maura Adomaitio

#### Thursday –Feria - St Walthen, Abbot

9am      RIP: Maria Hewka, Michael McDonnell

#### Friday – St John Vianney, patron of parish clergy

7.30pm      RIP: Jim Shaw      INT: Private Intention  
*Exposition & Confessions follow. Benediction 8.25pm*

#### Saturday - Feria- Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome

### Sunday 6 August

### Eighteenth Sunday of the Year [A]

8.30am	RIP: Kevin Lavelle, Bernadette Heaney, Mary McBrien, Una Coyle
10am	People of the Parish      RIP: Rose Conway
11.30am	RIP: Liam Morrison INT: Kathleen Morris, Mary Thomas
7pm	<i>Mass for our Polish Community</i>



*The painting of the church is complete. out and in. We need to install a light to illuminate it our crucifix by night as part of the **Windows+** project. The bells too will be renewed as part of our witness to our Christian faith.*

CAFOD

*Power to Be* campaign is launched in the parish this weekend!

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK [ICEL 1998]

God of eternal wisdom,  
you alone impart the gift of right judgement.  
Grant us an understanding heart,  
that we may value wisely the treasure of your kingdom  
and gladly forgo all lesser gifts  
to possess that kingdom's incomparable joy.

### THIS WEEK in our parish

Sunday Night Social – from 7pm – Parish Centre  
Monday - 8pm - Rosary Group – Chapel  
Tuesday- 8pm - Legion of Mary – Church Upper Room  
Wednesday - SVP  
Thursday – Social Club from noon – Parish Centre

### CONTACT US

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Sister Teresa, Sister Margaret [Daughters of the Holy Spirit]  
106 Dorrington Close, LU3 1XR. ☎ 755917 e: [sisters\\_dhs@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sisters_dhs@yahoo.co.uk)

**Polish Community – Mass Sundays 7pm** – [Fr.Piotr Redlinski  
Fr. Leszek Rygielciz - ☎662807 e: [parafiadunstable@gmail.com](mailto:parafiadunstable@gmail.com)]

**Syro Malankara Eucharist** : 2pm every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month  
[Fr Thomas Madakkumootil 07722116265]

**PARISH OFFICE**: ☎ 722127 Parish Secretary: Caroline Anderson  
Monday to Friday 9.15am - 2.15pm e: [mail@holyghostluton.com](mailto:mail@holyghostluton.com)  
Website manager: Teresa Pierpaolo

Parish Safeguarding Representative: *to be appointed*

**PARISH CENTRE** ☎ 722127 - Lounge and Hall available for hire  
**NORES** - Diocesan Office for RE, Evangelisation, Schools, & Catechesis -  
9.30-4.30pm [Monday-Friday] in the Parish Centre.

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**NYMO** – Northampton Diocese Youth Ministry Office  
in the Parish Centre. ☎ 01582 720627 / [nymo.org.uk](http://nymo.org.uk)

### SCHOOLS - HOSPITAL & HOSPICE - AIRPORT

**HOSPITAL** - Chaplain: Fr Michael Patey ☎ 663706

Hospital Chapel - Last Friday of each month – Mass at 12.30pm

**HOSPICE** Chaplain: Fr Tony Brennan ☎ 502400

**SCHOOLS** Cardinal Newman Secondary [597125]

Primary - St Joseph [573446/572964] St Margaret of Scotland (723430)

**AIRPORT CHAPEL** – Catholic Service, 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month 1pm

### FUND RAISING – Thank you.

We now have **£18,384**. Our target is **£150,000**.

Please help all you can!

# OUR MASS TODAY

## OUR PARISH PRAYER to our patron before MASS

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE  
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created  
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

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you, *Alleluia*

Ask and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you. *Alleluia*

We do not live by bread alone but by ev'ry word  
that comes from the mouth of God. *Alleluia*

Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
there am I in your midst. And whatsoever you ask I will do.

### The Sign of the Cross, Greeting and Introduction

#### Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*And, striking the breast once, we say:*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. Amen

*Lord, have mercy - Christ, have mercy - Lord, have mercy.*

**Gloria** [when sung a tune is repeated every two lines – indicated by \*/^]

\*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. Amen.

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### The Opening Prayer

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** –1 Kings 3:5-7-12

*You ask for a discerning judgement for yourself.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, Ask what you would like me to give you. Solomon replied, Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great? It pleased the Lord

that Solomon should have asked for this. Since you have asked for this the Lord said and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.

*The Word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD*

**Responsorial Psalm 118** – LORD, HOW I LOVE YOUR LAW

**Second Reading** - Romans 8:28-30

*God intended us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

*The Word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD*

### Greeting the Gospel

Sing Alleluia to the Lord. Sing Alleluia to the Lord.

Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia. Sing Alleluia to the Lord.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [13:44-52]  
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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

**Acclaiming the gospel** - Sing Alleluia to the Lord .....

### 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

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## At the Preparation of the Gifts

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross;  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;  
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;  
and all things cry, "Glory!" to God all in all.

Sisters, brothers pray, that my sacrifice and yours  
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.

## Prayer over the Offerings

### 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 - when sung*  
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,  
HAVE MERCY ON US

### 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** – *we sing this chant together as we process*

EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP  
COME TO ME AND NEVER BE HUNGRY.  
EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP  
TRUST IN ME AND YOU WILL NOT THIRST

### Communion Thanksgiving

Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our sin; Jesus, Saviour  
HEAR OUR PRAYER, HEAR OUR PRAYER,  
THROUGH THIS BREAD AND WINE WE SHARE.  
MAY WE BE YOUR SIGN OF PEACE EVERYWHERE

Jesus, Lamb of God, broken as our bread, here among us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, poured out as our wine, shared in gladness.

Jesus, Word of God, speaking in our hearts, God's compassion.

### Blessing and Dismissal

#### Recessional

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!  
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways.  
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,  
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;  
I praise and adore you for all you impart:  
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,  
your presence to cheer me whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;  
if e'er I disown you I stumble and fall;  
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,  
I walk in your freedom to the end of the day

#### 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!]*

*From Friday we welcome Father Erick Mwangi from the diocese of Nakuru, Kenya, who will be sharing our parish life in August. I know you will make him most welcome*



## CALL TO THE SACRAMENTS

Today we begin enrolment for **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

[First Confession, followed by First Communion] – Year 3 from September or older **and for CONFIRMATION** – Year 8 from September or older  
**MAKE SURE YOU FILL IN ONE of the FORMS In the NARTHEX after Mass.**

*The sooner we know the better*

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC** – we need a real sense of welcome into the Church for those who could become Catholics with us. Who can you invite and accompany? It's over to you. Forms available in the Narthex!



#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (Music - CALAMUS Licence)

Readings taken from *The Jerusalem Bible DLT 1966*

Excerpts from the *Roman Missal (3rd edn) - ICEL.*

Gloria – Psallite Eucharistic Acclamations & Fraction – Seorise Bodley

Gospel Acclamation – Linda Stassen

Communion Procession - Taize

Processional – Seek ye first – K Lafferty/Anon

Preparation – Kevin Nichols

Thanksgiving – Bernadette Farrell

Recessional – Jack Winslow

# LITURGY & SACRAMENT

**MY DAY BY DAY for August – COLLECT YOURS TODAY!!!**

## TIME FOR PRAYER

**POPE FRANCIS in July 2017 asks you to pray** for lapsed Christians - that our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

### 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]

**PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEAD** to know God's mercy.

Those who died recently –



## WINDOWS + FUND stands at £18384.11 (Target - £150K)

**MANY THANKS** to all the individuals who are giving donations each week. This really is helping us build up the fund. Please think about what you can give.

- Painting inside and out is complete. Some new windows needed
- There are some major electrical issues, eg new fuseboard
- Smoke and heat detectors
- CCTV needs replacing
- The bells have to be overhauled
- Some boundary walls need rebuilding ..... and .....
- in 2019 we will have serious issues to repair flat roofs & gutters.

## SO CAN YOU HELP ??

### 1 - with our Fund Raiser - Car Boot Sale

If you have any good condition, re-saleable items which you no longer need and would like to donate them - they will be taken to a car boot sale to raise monies for our Windows+ Fund. Please bring any items next Sunday and leave them in the Parish Centre main hall, there will be a collection point set up.\*\*\*No cost, recycling and hopefully fund raising !! \*\*\* How brilliant is that.

### 2 - Bike and Hike - 9 September 2017

If you can cycle and walk we need your help to raise money for this charity, 50% of which will go to our own church for our current refurbishment project. From 10am on this date we meet with others from local parishes (normally at St Joseph's) and set off to visit as many churches as we can. The idea is that we get people to sponsor us a sum of money for each church we visit. The more people we can get involved the better. It's great fun to take part in visiting local churches, where we sign in, meet people from other host parishes and are offered refreshments on the way. We cycle as a group and you may wish to cycle to a few churches or as many as you can up until 6pm. For more information contact Elaine Wheeler on 07740 628032 and/or visit [www.bedshertshct.org.uk/bikenhike.html](http://www.bedshertshct.org.uk/bikenhike.html)



# OUR PARISH DIARY

**SOUP ROTA** now available at the back of the church. Holy Ghost covers 20 July – 10 August

31 July- 2 August. 4-7pm **LABYRINTH** at All Saints Church, Shaftesbury Rd, Come and visit our church and experience walking the Labyrinth – a pathway of prayer. Children welcome / refreshments

2 September **MEDJUGORJE** - 7 nights half board from London Luton [£589] Contact Mary Gillespie 579120

4-9 September **PARISH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**. Contact Parish Office for details. 5 nights full board, all inclusive, from £600. It is very prayerful and enjoyable!

Sunday 17 September. **Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life** led by Bishop Robert Byrne Contact :581917 / 07789 243 453 / [c.bolam2@ntlworld.com](mailto:c.bolam2@ntlworld.com).

25- 29 September - **Luton Irish Forum trip to Bridlington, Scarborough and Hull** (City of Culture 2017) - £299. 4 nights at 3\* Hotel [half-board.] Coach travel and local excursions are included. Please call Luton Irish Forum on 01582 720 447 to book.

**Fr Kevin's Diary – Monday – Diocesan Property Trustees**  
**Tuesday/Wednesday – Education meetings**  
**Thursday – Bishop's House**

## OUR PREMISES

**Church Cleaning – Group 4 – Wednesday 8pm**

## OUR PARISH FINANCES

**THANK YOU** - for last week 's collection - £1264-86

We need £1500 each week to pay for the church, grounds, Parish Centre and all our commitments. Please think about it. We have a large site and large buildings to maintain. I need to ask everyone to think about how we can increase the basic collection by 10% at least, and then address the need for fundraising as you can see.

**LOOK leaflet for children at Sunday Mass** – this is for primary age children to help them explore the meaning of the readings here and at home. Please make sure you take one from the narthex racks and use it.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2017/18

- Advance notice of dates - Enrolment begins today  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION** Sunday –  
10 December 2017 3pm  
**FIRST COMMUNION** Sundays – at all masses  
2018 – 29 April, 6 May, 13 May  
**CONFIRMATION** - Friday 4 May 2018 – 7pm

**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 six months notice so please make sure if you are thinking of marrying here or anywhere else in 2018 you see Fr Kevin now!!!!

**SIGNING DOCUMENTS** - if you need Fr Kevin to witness/sign documents please bring them to the Parish Office with a note of what you need. He can only sign documents for members of the parish he has known for some time as the civil authorities carry out extensive checks to prove thi