

Welcome to our Parish of the HOLY GHOST  
Pastoral Area of Luton [St Alban] Diocese of Northampton



## OUR LITURGY and NEWS – 11 March 2018

### FOURTH 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 -Fourth Sunday of Lent Year - Year B**

**8.30am - Sung** [People of the Parish RIP: Charles McNerney, Ann Brophy, Theresa Early, Susan Brohan]

**10am - Music Group** [RIP: Tommy Kelly, Hughie McElwain, Maurice & Philomena O'Sullivan, Marion Sullivan, Philip Hancock]

**11.30am – Organ and Cantor** [RIP: Mary McMeel, John Kavanagh, Monica Ring]

**7pm – Mass for our Polish Community**

**MONDAY**– Lent Feria

9am [RIP: Maud Harkin, Rose Evans]

**TUESDAY**- Lent Feria

9am [RIP: Carol Bruce, Tom Fahy]

**WEDNESDAY** – Lent Feria

No Liturgy today

**THURSDAY** – Lent Feria -

No Liturgy today

**FRIDAY** – Lent Feria–

6.30am Mass– [RIP: Richard Bateman, Paddy Connolly]

7.30pm – Stations of the Cross – lead by our Music Group

**8pm Confessions & Exposition. 8.25pm Benediction**

**SATURDAY** – St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

9am Mass

**NEXT SUNDAY** Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

**8.30am - Sung**

[RIP: Peter McIntyre, Maureen Owen, Kathleen & Danny Cowan, Teresa Moran INT: John Ward]

**10am - Music Group**

[People of the Parish RIP: Andre Till, Mary Gannon]

**11.30am – Organ and Cantor**

[RIP: Pat & Bridie Considine, Teresa Ingram]

**7pm – Mass for our Polish Community**

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday Night Social** – Parish Centre. All welcome

**Monday** – 8pm Rosary Group - Chapel

**Tuesday** – 2.30pm Lent Group - Centre

- 8pm Sharing our Faith- Bernadette

- 8pm Legion of Mary – Sacristy

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

**Thursday** – from 12noon – Senior Citizens' Social Club

### PARISH FINANCES

**THANK YOU** for your generosity **£1241.77**

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

Collection for **BOSNIAN CHILDREN'S APPEAL**

**WINDOWS+ FUND** now **£26406.66** (Target **£150K**)

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

### CONTACTS

**POLISH COMMUNITY** - Mass in Polish - Sundays 7pm

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Frs Piotr Redlinski, Slawomir Strycharski SChr.

**SYRO MALANKARA COMMUNITY**

**Eucharist** : 10am every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

Fr Thomas Madakkumoottil ☎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

**TODAY is LAETARE SUNDAY** - a Sunday of Joy

In the middle of Lent. It is meant to give us a glimmer of hope as we keep the Lenten fast, hope that Easter will come at the end of that journey to the mountain that is Easter, and for us here the journey to seek the face of God. So we use ROSE coloured vestments to lessen the seriousness of purple. In olden days servants were given the afternoon off to visit their families, and so it became known as **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

# 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

Gift of love, dawning bright, Pierces through endless night:

God of life, sharing might, All creation holding,

Earth and sky enfolding.

Gift of love, love, love. Gift of love, love, love.

Glory be, Lord, to thee, God of salvation.

Thus he spoke from on high: Choose to live or to die,

Love to give or deny -- Life and love now blending;

Love is life unending.

Then he came on the earth, Gift of love from his birth;

Shared our life, gave us worth; To himself inviting,

God with us uniting.

For our sake was he killed; Once foretold, now fulfilled;

Love so great, be not stilled! Beams of love he lifted,

And with life was gifted.

## 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

2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23

*God's mercy revealed in the release of his people from exile*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke: through Jeremiah, Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation. And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up. *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

Ephesians 2:4-10

*Dead through your sins, you have been saved through grace.*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

*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*

**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 John (3:14-21)

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD**

*God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

**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

**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

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

### 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 [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

*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 THIRSTS FOR YOU,  
YOUR LOVE IS FINER THAN LIFE

### Psalm 62

### Communion Thanksgiving

Oh, the love of my lord is the essence  
of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see he has given to me  
and his giving is gentles as silence.  
Every day, every hour, every moment  
have been blessed by the strength of his love.  
At the turn of each tide he is there at my side,  
and his touch is as gentle as silence.  
There've been times when I've turned from his presence,  
and I've walked other paths, other ways.  
But I've called on his name in the dark of my shame,  
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

### Prayer over the People, Blessing and Dismissal

#### Recessional

Hail glorious Saint Patrick, dear saint of our isle,  
On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile.  
And now thou art high in the mansions above  
*On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.*

Thy people, now exiles on many a shore,  
Shall love and revere thee till time be no more.  
And the fire thou hast kindled shall ever burn bright,  
Its warmth undiminished, undying its light.  
*On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.*

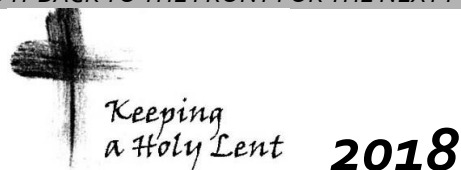
Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth,  
Where the shamrock still blooms as when thou wert on earth.  
And our hearts shall yet burn wheresoever we roam,  
For God and Saint Patrick, and our native home.  
*On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.*

### 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)  
Readings : The Jerusalem Bible DLT 1966 Excerpts from the Roman Missal (3<sup>rd</sup> edn) – ICEL.  
Common of the Mass – Plainsong Missal tone Gospel Acclamation – M Foster  
Psalm – Colledgeville Composers Processional – Bernadette Farrell  
Preparation – John Newton Communion Procession – Bob Hurd  
Thanksgiving – Estelle White Recessional – Dolores Dufner osb

**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 : 8.25pm Benediction

### READ

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

### FOLLOW

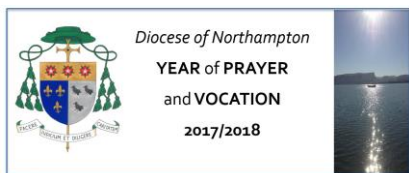
- Children's Lent Calendar  
- Year of Prayer and Vocation  
- Your personal resolution to do something for Lent

### SHARE

- Ecumenical Lent groups : Tuesdays/Wednesday

# LITURGY & SACRAMENT

## TIME FOR PRAYER



**POPE FRANCIS asks you to pray with him in MARCH** - that the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels. [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 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 : **MONICA MCINTYRE, MAUREEN BYRNE, WILLIM CORRIGAN**

### 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?

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

**300 CLUB** - renewal for 2018 from March begins now.

Please support this great help to parish finances and also the chance to win a prize each month. If you are a member please renew, if not a member give it a go - £12 for the year

### Fr Kevin's Diary

Monday - Teachers' training day, Luton

Tuesday/Wednesday : Diocesan Schools Commissioners, Oxford

Thursday/Friday : National RE Advisers, Mkt Harborough

**CONGRATULATIONS to our CATECHUMENS** - Ivey, Luke, Luke and his family, chosen now to celebrate the EASTER SACRAMENTS at our Easter Vigil. Pray for them and their godparents as they journey to Baptism. [See the Rite of Election on <http://northamptoncathedral.org/live>]

### READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If you were unable to be our recent meeting last Sunday please fill in the form in the Narthex about your availability today.

Anyone who missed being commissioned see Fr Kevin TODAY to be commissioned after mass. You must be commissioned to serve in 2018.

**READERS** - please prepare the readings on the website before coming to church and then check that they correspond to where you are in the Lectionary.

# OUR PARISH DIARY



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

**A. Tuesdays 2.30pm HERE at HOLY GHOST**

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

Meet, talk and pray with Christians from the other churches in the area. Come to one, some or all at either venue! We will read during the gospel during WALK OF WITNESS on Good Friday and in our own 3pm LITURGY of GOOD FRIDAY.



## LUTON ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL MARCH 2018

**# Friday 16 - A Wake in the West Drama 4pm/8pm at Luton Library Theatre**

**# Saturday 17 - St Patrick's Day Celebrations - 11am - 3.30pm at Luton Irish Forum**

**# Sunday 18 - Parade Day & Live Entertainment 10am - 4pm**

Stewards required for the 18<sup>th</sup> - free lunch vouchers provided

Info: 01582 720 447 Tickets: 01582 878 100

**Saturday 17 March St Patrick's Ceilidh, Cranfield Village Hall** tickets £16 including hot buffet. Contact 07889 9264370

**19 March 2-3pm Tasty Treats at St Margaret of Scotland School.** All grandparents & senior parishioners all welcome. Come & enjoy a cup of tea & hot cross buns served, followed by Year 5' performance of part of the Easter Story.

**24 March Solitude Saturday 10-3pm at St Clare's Convent, Luton, LU3 1 ND**

### Wednesday 28 March. 7pm

### HOLY WEEK PASSOVER MEAL

Tickets available after Mass - £3.50

**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.

### A BLESSING ON MOTHERING SUNDAY

*We invite God's blessing on all who are mothers here with us,  
and our own mothers wherever they may be,  
and on all who have shown us a mother's love.*

God the Father, through his Son Jesus, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless all mothers here with us, and all we know as mothers in our lives. They thank God for the gift of their children. May they be one with them and their families and friends in thanking God together forever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.