

# Welcome to the HOLY GHOST PARISH



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## OUR LITURGY & NEWS THIS WEEK SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT – B 10 December 2017

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### OUR LITURGY THIS WEEK

*[The names in italics are those we remember at mass]*

*Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10am & 11.30am when possible.*

#### SUNDAY 10 December – Second Sunday of Advent 8.30am Sung Mass

*[RIP: Alice Cavanagh & deceased members of the Cavanagh family, Annie Cafferty, Michael Cafferty  
INT: Kelly & Hoey Family]*

#### 10am – Sung Mass with Music Group

*[RIP: People of Parish RIP: Louise McClave, Michael Conway,  
Tony Kitching INT: Maureen Owen]*

#### 11.30am – Sung Mass with Cantor and Organ

*[RIP: Paddy, May, Tommy Hoare & members of the Hoare, Breen,  
Cloonan, Doherty, Keenan, Cavanagh, Feely, Murnane Families]*

3pm – First Reconciliation

7pm Mass for our Polish Community

**MONDAY** – Advent Feria – *St Damasus I, pope*  
9am – [RIP: Patrick & Thomas McNicholas]

**TUESDAY** – Advent Feria- *Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
7.30pm – [INT: Callum Kinsella]

**WEDNESDAY** – *St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*  
9am -Mass [INT: Tom Burns]

**THURSDAY** – *St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor*  
7.30pm – Mass [INT: Marie Bruce]

**FRIDAY** – Advent Feria

*Friday is always a day of abstinence except on feasts*

6.30am RORATE MASS in honour of Our Lady – by candlelight  
7.30pm Mass [INT: Kathleen Moran, Dennis & Teasie O'Mahoney]  
*Exposition & Confessions follow mass until Benediction at 8.25pm*

**SATURDAY** – Advent Feria – *St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

**NEXT SUNDAY 17 December – 3rd Sunday of Advent [B]**

#### 8.30am – Sung Mass

*[People of the Parish RIP: James Black, Margaret Shelvin,  
Donato Ricchetti, Michele & Michelina De Michele]*

#### 10am – Sung Mass with Music Group

*[RIP: Eddie Kilduff, Tony Hannigan, Thomas O'Reilly  
& Deceased members of the O'Reilly family]*

#### 11.30am – Sung Mass with Cantor and Organ

*[RIP: Mary Judge, Mary Sammon, Mary Doherty,  
Thomas & Jane Burns]*

7pm Mass for our Polish Community

### PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK.

**Sunday Night Social** – from 7pm – Parish Centre Hall

**Monday** – 7.30pm Mass and First Confession parents' meeting

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

**Tuesday – Sharing our Faith** – 8pm Parish Centre – Bernadette

**Wednesday – SVP** – 8pm - Sacristy

**Thursday – Social Club** – Parish Centre – from Noon

**Saturday – First Confession Candidates** [9am] 10am-11.30am

### CONTACTS

**Polish Community – Mass - Sundays 7pm**

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**Syro Malankara Community**

**Eucharist** : 10am every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month  
Fr Thomas Madakkumoottil ☎ 07722116265

**NORES - Diocesan Office for RE, Evangelisation, Schools, & Catechesis** - 9.30-4.30pm [Monday-Friday] in the Parish Centre.  
☎ 723312 / [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) [www.nores.org.uk](http://www.nores.org.uk)

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

**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)

**WINDOWS+ FUND RAISING – Thank you.**

We now have **£22526.45** [£150,000 needed].

*We have completely replaced the windows above the sacristies,  
and the outside lights. The bells and CCTV are next!*

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK [ICEL 1998]

With tender comfort and transforming power  
you come into our midst, O God of mercy and might.  
Make ready a way in the wilderness,  
clear a straight path in our hearts,  
and form us into a repentant people,  
that the advent of your Son  
may find us watchful and eager for the glory he reveals.  
We ask this whose coming is certain,  
whose day draws near:  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

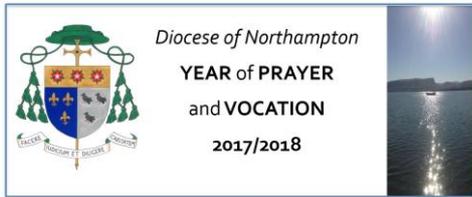
# OUR MASS TODAY

## 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** - *we repeat the call of John the Baptist*

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD  
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*When is he coming, when, O when is he coming, the Redeemer?  
When will we see him, when, O when will we see him, the Redeemer?*

Come, o come, from your kingdom up there,  
from your kingdom up there above!  
Come, o come to your people on earth,  
to your people on earth bring love".  
Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!

Long years awaiting, many years awaiting the Redeemer!  
Ready to greet him, always ready to meet him, the Redeemer!

Spare us from evil, from the clutches of evil, O Redeemer!  
Though we are sinners we have known your forgiveness, O Redeemer!

### The Sign of the Cross and Greeting

#### Penitential Rite for Advent

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of God's kingdom:

You come in word and in sacrament  
to strengthen us and make us holy:

You will come again in glory  
with salvation for your people:

#### Opening Prayer

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

*Prepare a way for the Lord*

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and cry to her that her period of service is ended, that her guilt has been atoned for, that, from the hand of Yahweh, she has received double punishment for all her sins. A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem! Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

*The word of the Lord - THANKS BE TO GOD*

### Responsorial Psalm 25

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

### Second Reading - Second Letter of St Peter 3:8-14

*We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, a day can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised; the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace. *The word of the Lord - THANKS BE TO GOD*

### after a time of silent reflection Greeting the gospel -

*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.

The beginning of the holy Gospel according to Mark [1:1-8]

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

*Make his paths straight*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: "Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight."

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, "Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

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

### Acclaiming the gospel - we repeat the Gospel greeting above

### 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

Hark! a herald voice is calling; "Christ is nigh!" it seems to say;  
"Cast away the dreams of darkness, waken, children of the day!"

Startled at the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ her Sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the lamb so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us meet him with repentance, pray that we may be forgiven.

So when next he comes with glory, wrapping all the earth in fear,  
may he then as our Defender on the clouds of heav'n appear.

Honour, glory, praise and blessing, to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit, while unending ages run.

*Priest* : 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.

## 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,  
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## 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*

WAIT FOR THE LORD, WHOSE DAY IS NEAR.

WAIT FOR THE LORD, KEEP WATCH, TAKE HEART.

"The Communion procession expresses the humble patience of the  
poor moving forward to be fed, the alert expectancy of God's  
people sharing the Paschal meal in readiness for their journey, the  
joyful confidence of God's people on the march toward the  
promised land. In England and Wales it is through this action of  
walking solemnly in procession that the faithful make their sign of  
reverence in preparation for receiving Communion."

[Bishops of England and Wales]

***We are then asked to bow the head reverently  
just before receiving the Host and before receiving the Chalice***

## Communion Thanksgiving

Jesus, coming near to bring us joy  
Jesus, Son of God, Emmanuel  
*Hear our prayer, have mercy.*  
*Hear our prayer, have mercy, give us your peace.*

Jesus, bringing hope to all who fear  
Jesus, bringing strength to all who mourn

Jesus, Saviour heralded by John  
Jesus, son of David's house and line

Jesus, Lord of life and Lord of light.  
Jesus, here in form of bread and wine

## Blessing and Dismissal

### 10am Recessional – we repeat this chant

We shall set our sights on what is righteous  
ready to welcome Christ, the Prince of Justice.  
We shall smooth the path, prepare the Lord way  
ready to welcome Christ, the Prince of Peace.

### 11.30am Recessional

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
come then and hearken for he brings  
glad tidings from the King of Kings

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,  
and furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our heart prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent sets thy people free,  
whom, with the Father, we adore,  
and Holy Ghost, for evermore..

## Organ Voluntary at 11.30am - Wacht Auf – Karg Elert

*[In many places the people remain and listen to the voluntary  
as a time of prayer and reflection. Try it for yourself!]*

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

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (Music - CALAMUS Licence)

*Readings taken from The Jerusalem Bible DLT 1966*

*Excerpts from the Roman Missal (3<sup>rd</sup> edn) – ICEL.*

*Eucharistic Acclamations & Agnus – S Bodley Gospel Acclamation – B Farrell*

*Communion Procession - Taize Processional – S Schwarz & D Palmer*

*Preparation – E Caswall (trans) Thanksgiving – P Inwood*

*Recessional: 10am PM Hoog & RB Kelly 11.30am C Coffin/J Chandler*

**HELP NEEDED** - After many years of faithful service Evans  
Ramesar is retiring as Sacristan at the new year. We need  
someone to replace him to support John Adjepong and others  
in the sacristy. If you are willing to give an hour or two for  
specific tasks each week please let Fr Kevin know.

## LITURGY & SACRAMENT

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

**READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER - sign up before Mass**

*Soup Rota available in the Narthex- Holy Ghost is covering from 21 December to 11 January 2018*

### TIME FOR PRAYER

**Pray with POPE FRANCIS in December** - That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations. [See [www.thepopevideo.org](http://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.

ROSE EVANS, Requiem Mass 13 December 10am, Holy Family,

**LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH** – Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies in Bedford - 8 module course, 4 Saturdays a term January 2018-March 2019  
You can do all or one or two or more as you wish. You can complete online too. See leaflets in porch for information or contact NORES.

**Vacancy – Parish Administrator – St Martin de Porres, Luton**  
(16 hours per week) Closing date Friday 15 December 2017.  
For further details [www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies).

## OUR PREMISES

**Church Cleaning – Group 2 – Wednesday 9.30am**

## OUR PARISH FINANCES

**THANK YOU** - for last week 's collection - £1291.34

Second Collection today - SVP Christmas Appeal

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

**NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES available. Collect yours!**



### WINDOWS+ FUND stands

**at £22526.45 (Target - £150K)**

We have completed the painting [in & out], restoring the windows, reframing the

Stations, renewing external lights, the crucifix, rebuilding the boundary wall behind the church. With the generous gift of the tarmacking the place looks really great!

We move onto finishing the electrics, , renewing the bells, CCTV etc. Please help all you can.

'Home Collection Boxes' for the Windows+ Fund available in the Narthex. Any full yet? If so empty the green boxes into the wooden donation boxes also in the Narthex.

**Thank you** for your continuous support to our Windows+ Fund. A further £980 added to our total this week.

**Our Christmas Raffle £639** – Prizes available in the narthex Please make sure you check ticket colour and serial number.

**Cake Sale £280**

**Children's Games Sale £61**

## OUR PARISH DIARY

*Fr Kevin's Diary –*

Monday - Ecumenical, Luton

Tuesday - Education, Luton

Saturday – Spirituality Network, Turvey Abbey

**TODAY – 3pm FIRST RECONCILIATION**

**[First Confession] for our young people and their families, & a party afterwards.** Pray for them, their catechists, sponsors & families.

**Monday 11 December 7pm. Cardinal Newman Catholic School annual Carol Service.** All are welcome for this service of readings, music and drama, with refreshments

**16 December PARISH SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH** here Holy Ghost. 1pm.  
Tickets £12 from Eileen Devane

**31 December at Holy Ghost PARISH NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE** here  
Tickets from Jim & Eileen £5 including food

## GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

- **ADVENT CALENDAR** for kids and adults available from the shop. GET YOURS TODAY!

- **MY DAY BY DAY for ADVENT** – collect yours today

- **SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL** – today at all Masses

- **CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS** in the shop.

- **BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

See [www.ChristmasStartsWithChrist.com](http://www.ChristmasStartsWithChrist.com)

As Catholics we need to help as many as possible around us to know the true meaning of keeping Christmas. Do we send cards which celebrate the birth of the Saviour and use religious Christmas postage stamps? You're your social media carry Christmas messages and hashtags??

**OUR PARISH ADVENT LEAFLET** – is your Advent wreath ready! Sign up to light the wreath in church.

**PARISH CAROL SERVICE, NATIVITY and CRISTINGLE**  
4pm Sunday 17 December – Book it now!!!



**POINSETTIAS** for Christmas in memory or as thanksgiving : please book through the shop.

## YEAR of PRAYER & VOCATION

**FRIDGE MAGNETS** in the shop @ £1!

**BOOKMARKS** available for your prayer!!

Pray the prayer each day during the year!