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**Welcome to the HOLY GHOST PARISH**  
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**OUR LITURGY & NEWS THIS WEEK - 29 January 2017**  
**4th Sunday of Ordinary Time**



<b>OUR LITURGY this week</b>	
<b>Monday - Feria</b>	
9am	INT: Margaret Doran
7.30p m	Noreen McGinnell RIP [Fr Peter Maher] <i>This is a mass for the parish to pray for Fr Kevin's mother and the family as they celebrate her funeral on Tuesday</i>
<b>Tuesday - St John Bosco, priest and educator</b>	
7.30p m	RIP: Patrick Sheehy, Mary Rafferty [Fr Peter Maher]
<b>Wednesday - St Brigid, abbess. Patron of Ireland</b>	
9am	RIP: Columba McConmy
<b>Thursday - THE PRESENTATION of the LORD - Candlemas</b> <b>Mass with Blessing of Candles and Procession</b> <b>The end of the Christmas season</b>	
7.30p m	RIP: Ernest Wilson
<b>Friday - St Blaise, bishop and martyr</b> <b>Blessing of throats at mass</b>	
7.30p m	All Holy Souls (November List)
<i>Confessions and Exposition after Mass - Benediction 8.25pm</i>	
<b>Saturday - St Thomas Aquinas, priest and theologian</b>	
<b>LITURGY next Sunday - 5 February 2017</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - A</b>	
8.30a m	RIP: Madge Cahill, Maureen Kane
10am	People of the Parish RIP: Mary Pender, Mary Cafferty, Frankie Gallagher
11.30 am	RIP: Julian Kurys, Teresa Field INT: Margaret Smith, Pauline, Bridget & Mary McCann
7pm	<i>Mass for our Polish Community</i>

*Prayer for the week [ICEL 1997]*

*O God teach us the hidden wisdom of the gospel, So that we may hunger and thirst for holiness, work tirelessly for peace, and be counted among those who seek first the blessedness of your kingdom*



**THE BEATITUDES**

Jesus teaches today the secret of happiness. It is to be truly blessed by living according to the will and mind of God for us. That is often very different to the values of the world in which we live. We need to find the strength

## **THIS WEEK in our parish**

Sunday Night Social - from 7pm - Parish Centre

Monday - 7.30pm Mass and Meeting for First Communion parents

Monday - 8pm - Rosary Group - Chapel

Tuesday- 8pm - Legion of Mary - Church Upper Room

Tuesday - 8pm - Sharing our Faith - Parish Centre

Thursday - Social Club from 12 noon - Parish Centre

Saturday - First Communion children meet, [9]10-11.30am

## **CONTACT US**

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**Syro Malankara Eucharist** : 2pm every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month

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**PARISH OFFICE:** ( 722127 Parish Secretary: Caroline Anderson Monday to Friday 9.15am - 2.15pm e: 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 (Mon-Fri) in the Parish Centre.

(723312 / 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)

## **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** Primary - St Joseph (573446/572964) St Margaret of Scotland (723430) Cardinal Newman Secondary (597125)

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

**SUPPORT NOAH** - (728416) offers hope and support to people struggling against homelessness and exclusion.

Soup Kitchen volunteers needed.

Bric-à-brac collection here every second Sunday of each month.

## OUR MASS TODAY

### OUR PARISH PRAYER to our patron, the Holy Spirit, to prepare for 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.

### COMMISSIONING for the LITURGY in 2017

**READERS/CHILDREN's LITURGY LEADERS/ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS -**  
*Anyone not commissioned as eucharistic minister or reader children's liturgy leader or see Fr Kevin today*

#### Processional

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven! To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting king.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide and swift to bless. Praise him! Praise him! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Praise him! Praise him! Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon bow down before him,

dwellers all in time and space, Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace!

### Greeting and Penitential Rite

**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.

## LITURGY of the WORD

### First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
*I will leave a humble and lowly people.*

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and

rest with no one to disturb them.  
*The Word of the Lord - THANKS BE TO GOD*

**Psalm 145** - our response - HOW HAPPY ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT; THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN  
**OR ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, I WILL PRAISE THE LORD ALL MY DAYS**

**Second Reading** - 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
*God chose what humans think foolish.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

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

*In silence we reflect on the readings and prepare for the Gospel*

**Greeting the gospel** - Alleluia .....

**Gospel** The Lord be with you - AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew [5:1-12]  
*How happy are the poor in spirit.*  
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:  
'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
 Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.  
 Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.  
 Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.  
 Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.  
 Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.  
 Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.<sup>1</sup>  
*The Gospel of the Lord - PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST*

**Acclaiming the gospel**  
 - Alleluia .....

**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**

Brother, sister let me serve you let as as Christ to you?  
 Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travellers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;  
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen the journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony born of all we've know together of Christ's love and agony.

**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 - when sung*  
 LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD, MISERERE NOBIS. [*twice*]  
 LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD, DONA NOBIS PACEM.

**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**



AS WE PREPARE FOR  
COMMUNION AND  
PROCESS TO RECEIVE  
CHRIST, SO THAT WE  
CAN BE HIS BODY IN THE  
WORLD.]

**Communion  
Thanksgiving**

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with men, their Pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart and for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

**Prayer after  
Communion**

**Processional.**

*The kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of heaven is yours. A new world in Jesus, a new world in Jesus is yours.*

Blessed are you in sorrow and grief for you shall all be consoled. Blessed are you, the gentle of heart, you shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are you who hunger for right for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you, the merciful ones, for shall be pardoned too.

Blessed are you whose hearts are pure, your eyes shall gaze on the Lord. Blessed are you who strive after peace, the Lord will call you his own.

**OR**

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

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

**Organ Voluntary at 11.30am** - Praeludium in C minor - Lubeck

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

*At the end of Mass fold this leaflet back for the next person. Better still take it home your prayer and reflection*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**  
(Music - CALAMUS Licence)  
Readings taken from The Jerusalem Bible DLT 1966  
Excerpts from the Roman Missal (3<sup>rd</sup> edn) - ICEL.  
Processional H F Lyte (Psalm 103)  
Gloria, Eucharistic Acclamations & Fraction- Psallite Mass Alleluia - J Berthier  
At the Preparation - Richard Gillard Communion Procession - John B Foley sj  
Thanksgiving - J Keble/W H Hall Recessional - Mike Anderson/K Lafferty+Trad

**SACRAMENT**

**COLLECT YOUR FEBRUARY MY DAY BY DAY - TODAY!!!**

**TIME FOR PRAYER**

January is dedicated to the Holy Name and Childhood of Jesus  
**POPE FRANCIS in January 2017 asks you to pray for**

**Christian Unity -** That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

**PRAY FOR ALL ON**

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children Jesus to the Temple as the Light of the Nations. As the crib comes down it is the last opportunity to donate to the Food Bank Fund.

Envelopes are available if you want a HOME PRAYER CANDLE [Suggested donation £5]. It is important that we have a prayer focus in all of our homes to pray together and alone.

or when someone recovers. Ask Sister Teresa to visit any parishioner who is sick at home in hospital for a visit [755917]

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

Those who died recently - NOREEN MCGINNELL [Fr Kevin's mother. Her Funeral is in Birmingham, 31 January, 11am.

Fr Peter celebrates Mass for her here, Monday at 7.30pm].

GERARD WRIGHT, MARY ANN NUERI KIMANI

**LITURGY &**

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** - any couple considering

marriage in the Catholic Church 2017 (whether here or elsewhere) should see Fr Kevin asap. Essential paperwork requires six months' notice. The next Town Marriage Course is on 18 February 2017. You must book **now** through St Joseph's parish [Tel 571187].

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** - The next Sunday for infant baptism is 26 February, after that it is Easter Sunday, 16 April.

**Fr Kevin's Diary**  
 Monday - Ecumenical Clergy, Luton  
 Tuesday - Fr Kevin's mother's funeral, Birmingham  
 Wednesday - Province Education, Luton  
 Thursday - Spirituality Committee, London  
 Friday - Ecumenical Liturgy meeting, Luton

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

**OUR PARISH FINANCES**

**THANK YOU - Last Week's Offering - £1381.47**

Please give what you can. As a parish we must now ensure we have £1500 per week to break even due to rising costs.

Don't forget your envelope for any week away!

**Second Collection** TODAY for St Joseph & the Helpers Charity, *Last week for crib collection for the Food Bank Fund.*

**WINDOWS + FUND stands at**

**£5382.66 (Target - £150K)**

to replace all our window frames around the stained glass, and then to refurbish other needed items in the Church. We will be organising many fundraising events to involve everyone as this is a real urgent need. Initially we may be able to renew the external doors which are in need of repair and also new locks.

**300 CLUB 2017 - a very valuable way to contribute to support parish funds and enjoy the chance to win money prizes every month! Only £12 for the year. Enter now - envelopes in the shop.**

**OUR PARISH DIARY**

**Sunday 29 January from 3pm Annual New Year Session - -**

Leagrave branch of Comhaltas - St Joseph's Parish Centre. All musicians, singers, dancers and anyone who enjoys listening to music are welcome to attend. Free admission.

**3-5 February 2017 - LUX MIRTH** --for young people! See [www.nymo.org](http://www.nymo.org) / Fiona 720627 / [Fiona@nymo.org](mailto:Fiona@nymo.org)



**4 February St Dymphna's Gaelic Foot Ball Club 59th annual Dinner and Dance** at St Josephs Club. Music - Martin Ruddy Band. Tickets available from Micky Foy on 07751341991

**5 February 3pm - CATHOLIC HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP MASS** for those with Special Needs at 3pm St Johns, Sundon Park . All welcome to this monthly celebration.,

**11 February, Noon - DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** with Bishop Peter at Christ the King, Bedford.

Those with significant anniversaries please see Fr. Kevin as there is a special mention made of you.

[Or contact [mfl@nores.org](mailto:mfl@nores.org) / 074112151157]

**Friday 17 February Leitrim Association CHARITY VALENTINE BALL** - St Joseph's

Tickets £50 each - 5 course meal- Dress to Impress. Music by Barry Owen Call Penny on 01582 722060 or email [leitrimluton@gmail.com](mailto:leitrimluton@gmail.com)

**18 February 7.30pm GALWAY DINNER DANCE.**

Here at the Holy Ghost, Ticket - £25 available now. Music - Eugene Doogan.

**MEDJUGORJE 2017-2<sup>ND</sup>** Sept 7 nights half board departing from London Luton £589 please contact Mary Gillespie for details 01582 579120

**PARISH KALENDAR 2017**  
 - Please take one for every home, especially to pray for the prayer intentions

**VACANCY - Diocesan Representative for The Medaille Trust - 16 hours per week.** It raises awareness of the plight of trafficked men, women and children, & provides relief and all forms of support to these victims. You need sympathy for such a charity and appropriate skills. Closing date is 30 January 2017. For all further details [www.medaille-trust.org.uk](http://www.medaille-trust.org.uk) or email [recruitment@medaille-trust.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@medaille-trust.org.uk)

**DEVELOPING PARISH GROUPS**

We already have active Social, Finance, and Buildings groups. We will share their minutes, plans, and terms of reference on our website soon.

We need other groups to complement these groups with new groups to cover other areas such as

- pastoral care  
 - spiritual life

Are there others? Have you skills to join any group?

Please talk to Fr Kevin if you are interested.

**Thanks** to all who came for the splendid morning on Christian Spirituality and all who helped in any way, which was

organised by the  
Ecumenical Deans'  
Group to mark the  
Week of Prayer for

Christian Unity.  
Let's work  
together with our  
fellow Christians!