

Welcome to the HOLY GHOST PARISH



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OUR LITURGY & NEWS THIS WEEK THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT – B 17 December 2017

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OUR LITURGY THIS WEEK

[The names in brackets are those we remember at mass]
Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10am & 11.30am when possible.

SUNDAY 17 December – Third Sunday of Advent

Great O Antiphon preparing for Christmas – O Wisdom

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, Teresa Carey]

11.30am – Sung Mass with Cantor and Organ [RIP: Mary Judge, Mary Sammon, Mary Doherty, Thomas & Jane Burns]

4pm Carol Service, Nativity & Cringle

7pm Mass for our Polish Community

CONFESSIONS after all Masses this week

MONDAY – Advent Feria – O Adonai
9am – Service of Word and Communion

TUESDAY – Advent Feria - O Root of Jesus
7.30pm – [RIP: Marion, Ellen, & William Fitzgerald]

WEDNESDAY – Advent Feria - O Key of David - No Liturgy Today

THURSDAY – Advent Feria - O Rising Sun
7.30pm – Mass [RIP: Bernie McNulty, Eddie Wall]

FRIDAY – Advent Feria – O King
Friday is always a day of abstinence except on feasts
6.30am RORATE MASS in honour of Our Lady – by candlelight
7.30pm Mass [RIP: Martin Sonny Morrison INT: Crummey Family]
Exposition & Confessions follow mass until Benediction at 8.25pm

SATURDAY – Advent Feria – O Emmanuel
9am – Mass [Celebrant's Intentions]
10am – Syro Malabar Community Mass

NEXT SUNDAY 24 December – 4th Sunday of Advent [B]

Please remember it is Sunday as well as Christmas Eve

8.30am – Sung Mass [RIP: Christy Brennan, Marta Da Costa,
Mark Scheneider Clinch, Maggie McMahon]

10am – Sung Mass with Music Group
[RIP: Seamus Hopkins, Veronica Hopkins, Deceased members of
the Hopkins families INT: Callum Kinsella]

11.30am – Sung Mass with Cantor and Organ [People of the
Parish RIP: Thomas & Jane Burns, Deceased members of the
Morrison family INT: Tom Burns]

PARISH LIFE THIS WEEK.

Sunday Night Social – from 7pm – Parish Centre Hall

Monday – Rosary Group – 8pm – Chapel

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

CONTACTS

Polish Community – Mass - Sundays 7pm

[Fr Piotr Redlinski & Fr. Slawomir Strycharski SChr.]
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Syro Malankara Community

Eucharist : 10am every 4th 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 www.nores.org.uk

NYMO – Northampton Diocese Youth Ministry Office
in the Parish Centre. ☎ 01582 720627 / 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 raised **£22954.90** [£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]

O God most high and most near,
you send glad tidings to the lowly,
you hide not your face from the poor;
those who dwell in darkness you call into the light.
Take away our blindness, remove the hardness of our hearts,
and form us into a humble people,
that, at the advent of your Son,
we may recognise him in our midst
and find joy in his saving presence.
We ask this whose coming is certain, whose day draws near:
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

TODAY is **GAUDETE SUNDAY** – a time of rejoicing
preparing for the feast, so we wear rose colour vestments

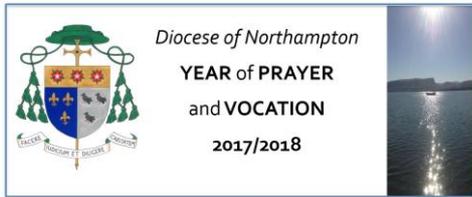
OUR MASS TODAY

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.



Diocese of Northampton

YEAR of PRAYER

and VOCATION

2017/2018

Processional – Today is known as *Gaudete Sunday*, which means to rejoice. The Church celebrates with rose coloured vestments, a sign of our joy, and of the hope that the coming of Christ is getting nearer.

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS, AND AGAIN I SAY REJOICE.

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REJOICE, REJOICE AND AGAIN I SAY REJOICE.

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 wisdom from on high
and order all things mightily;
to us the paths of knowledge show and teach us in her ways to go.

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.

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 A reading from the prophet Isaiah (61:1,2,10,11)

I exult for joy in the Lord

The spirit of Lord has been given to me for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring the news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison, to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in a cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. For as the earth makes fresh things grow and a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.

The word of the Lord - THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm 25

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (5:16-24) *May you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [1:6-8,19-28]

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

There stands among you - unknown to you – the one who is coming after me

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: A voice of one that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord!' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the Prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you - unknown to you- the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.



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

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.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade,
and wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thy hand to heal our sore,
and make us rise, to fall no more;
once more upon thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.

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

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 plunge into the saving water,
ready to welcome Christ, the Prince of Justice.
We shall be reborn and rise to new life,
ready to welcome Christ, the Prince of Peace.

11.30am Recessional

The voice of God goes out to all the world.
His glory speaks across the universe.
The Great King's herald cries from star to star.
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

Give glory to the mystery revealed :
The voice of God, his image and his Word,
His word of peace, the image of his grace.
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

The Lord has said : receive my messenger,
My promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,
A lamp to every nation, light from light,
With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

Organ Voluntary at 11.30am - Wacht Auf – Max Reger

*[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 (3rd edn) – ICEL.*
Eucharistic Acclamations & Agnus – S Bodley Gospel Acclamation – B Farrell
Communion Procession - Taize Processional – Great "O" antiphons
Preparation – C Coffin/J Chandler Thanksgiving – P Inwood
Recessional : 10am PM Hoog & RB Kelly 11.30am L Connaughton

LITURGY & SACRAMENT

MY DAY BY DAY for JANUARY – COLLECT YOURS TODAY!!!

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

VERY URGENT 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.

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]

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.

KEVIN McINTOSH,

James Black RIP – his family thank Mgr Kevin, Sr Teresa, Sr Margaret & all the parish for all the help and support received. for all the messages of sympathy and mass cards. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

OUR PARISH FINANCES

THANK YOU - for last week's collection – not yet counted. [If you can give last week's envelope please do as we were less than 100 people at Mass because of the snow.]

£500 received from the diocese to the parish for Fr Kevin's expenses as Episcopal Vicar for the last quarter.

SVP Christmas Appeal – so many missed last week please give what you can to the wall box in the narthex or by an envelope in any collection marked SVP

Today - Second Collection for Christmas Flowers

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

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES always available

WINDOWS+ FUND stands at

£22954.90 (Target - £150K)

£428.45 just received as our share from

the Historic Churches Sponsored Bike

Ride. Thanks to all who took part and organised the day.

We have completed the painting [in & out], restoring the windows, reframing the Stations and renewing external lights. We move onto finishing the electrics, rebuilding the boundary wall behind the church, 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.



OUR PREMISES

Church Cleaning – Big Clean for Christmas all Groups please – Wednesday 8pm

OUR PARISH DIARY

Fr Kevin's Diary – Monday - Family funeral, Daventry
Wednesday - Funeral, Eastbourne.



Preparing for CHRISTMAS

TODAY - 4pm - PARISH CAROL

SERVICE, NATIVITY PLAY and CRISTINGLE

- **NATIVITY PLAY REHEARSAL** beforehand

- **CHRISTMAS POSTERS** available for your home windows – let people know what Christmas is about

- **take a CHRISTMAS SERVICES LEAFLET** for anyone who may not always be at church



- **POINSETTIAS** – please donate one in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving (£5 via the shop) for Christmas

- **HOLLY** – have you any at home? – please bring what you can to church asap

CHRISTMAS CARDS/GIFTS in the shop.

- **READERS, SERVERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** – please sign up to let us know when you are available over Christmas and the New Year. Your new rotas available.

COMMISSIONING for 2018 –

Servers 26 December / Eucharistic Ministers 7 January

Readers & Children's Liturgy Leaders 21 January

Monday 18 December 7pm **PENITENTIAL SERVICE** at Holy Family. The town's Priests will hear confessions.

Monday 18 December 7.30pm **PEACE LIGHT SERVICE** at All Saints, Shaftesbury Rd. All welcome

Monday 18 December 7pm. Cardinal Newman Catholic School annual Carol Service. All are welcome for this service of readings, music and drama, with refreshments

Wednesday 20 December, 6pm **CAROL SINGING** - outside Oakdale Methodist Church (followed by refreshments) – to raise funds for Food Bank

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

YEAR of PRAYER and VOCATION –

FRIDGE MAGNETS in the shop @ £1!

BOOKMARKS available for your prayer each day!!!!!!



Luton Food Bank asks for more help than usual for Christmas. Please see what you can give – tinned/dry foods, gifts

FIRST RECONCILIATION [Confession] is postponed to the New Year as snow prevented people coming out last Sunday. Continue to pray for the children, their families and catechists.