

Welcome to our Parish
of the HOLY GHOST

Pastoral Area of Luton [St Alban]
Diocese of Northampton

OUR LITURGY
and NEWS

29 April 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY
of EASTER – Year B

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OUR LITURGY THIS WEEK

TODAY -Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B

8.30am – Sung Mass [INT: Johnny Farrell]

RIP: Monica McIntyre, Joe O'Malley, Mary Fallon]

10am - Mass with Music Group [People of the Parish]

RIP: Mary Ann & Tom Harris]

11.30am – Mass with Organ and Cantor [RIP: Thomas &

Jane Burns, John Curneen, Bridget McNerney]

7pm – Mass for our Polish Community

MONDAY– Easter Feria - Pope St Pius V

9am Service of Word and Communion

TUESDAY- St Joseph the Worker

7.30pm [INT: Tom Keegan]

WEDNESDAY – St Athanasius, Bishop & Theologian

9am – [RIP: Jonny Fitzgerald]

THURSDAY – SS PHILIP & JAMES -feast

9am [RIP: Mary Gannon]

FRIDAY – MARTYRS OF ENGLAND & WALES -feast

7pm MASS of CONFIRMATION with Bishop Peter

SATURDAY – Easter Feria

NEXT SUNDAY Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

8.30am - Sung Mass – [RIP: Annie Clinch, Teresa Carey]

10am - Mass with Music Group [RIP: Sally Egan, Joe

O'Malley, Mary O'Donnell, Evelyn Loftus]

11.30am – Mass with Organ and Cantor [for the People

of the Parish. INT: Tom Burns RIP: Tom Morrison, Michael
& Mary McMorrow]

7pm – Mass for our Polish Community

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday Night Social – Parish Centre. All welcome

- 8pm Rosary Group - Chapel

Tuesday – 8pm Gift Course- Bernadette

- 8pm Legion of Mary – Sacristy

Wednesday-7pm Confirmation Rehearsal

Wednesday - 8pm- Church Cleaning -Group 5

Thursday – from 12noon – Senior Citizens' Social Club

CONTACTS

POLISH COMMUNITY - Mass in Polish - Sundays 7pm

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SYRO MALANKARA COMMUNITY

Eucharist : 10am every 4th Saturday

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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.

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NYMO – Northampton Diocese Youth Ministry Office

in the Parish Centre. ☎ 01582 720627 | nymo.org

ADOREMUS – the Eucharistic Congress for the Catholic Church in England & Wales – Liverpool

Friday 7 September: Talks & workshops, mainly for catechists, eucharistic ministers and R.E. teachers.

Saturday 8 September: Congress Day - Programme of Presentations: the Nuncio, Cardinal Nichols, Bishop Robert Barron [Los Angeles] ending with Exposition, Benediction and Evening Prayer

Sunday 9 September: Mass in Liverpool Cathedral [9.30 and 11.30] –

Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon.

1pm: Outdoor Eucharistic Procession. [in 1908 this was banned by the government!]

Please contact Catherine Bolam (07789 243 453), our parish coordinator, if you are interested.

The aim is to re-awaken Eucharistic Adoration in our parishes; for us to find in it the source of strength for our lives - and also for our mission, ..to make present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society.

Pope Francis says : " I encourage everyone to visit the Blessed Sacrament ... especially amid life's difficulties

... to speak filially with Him, to listen to Him in silence, and to peacefully entrust yourself to Him."



OUR MASS TODAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIME

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

(Tune : Sweet Sacrament)

I am the holy vine, which God my Father tends.

Each branch that yields no fruit my Father cuts away,
each fruitful branch he prunes with care

To make it yield abundant fruit.

I am the holy vine, which God my Father tends.

If you abide in me, I will in you abide.

Each branch to yield its fruit must with the vine be one.

So you shall fail to yield your fruit

If you are not with me one vine.,

If you abide in me, I will in you abide.

I am the fruitful vine, and you my branches are.

He who abides in me I will in him abide.

So shall you yield much fruit, but none

If you remain apart from me.

I am the fruitful vine, and you my branches are.



Greeting and Introduction

Penitential Rite

Gloria

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, and on earth peace, 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

Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the LORD – THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 117

LET ALL THE EARTH CRY OUT YOUR PRAISES

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

His commandments: to believe in his Son, to love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.
This is 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*

The Easter ALLELUIA greets the gospel

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA. JESUS, RISEN LORD OF LIFE.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

Gospel

John 15:1-8

The Lord be with you - AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Easter ALLELUIA acclaim the gospel – as before

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 – *we pray together as our concluding prayer 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

At the Preparation of the Gifts

Lord, accept the gifts we offer at this Eucharistic feast,
bread and wine to be transformed now
through the action of thy priest.
Take us too, Lord, and transform us, be thy grace in us increased.

May our souls be pure and spotless as the host of wheat so fine;
may all stain of sin be crushed out, like the grape that forms the wine,
as we, too, become partakers, in this sacrifice divine.

Take our gifts, almighty Father, living God, eternal, true,
which we give through Christ, our Saviour, pleading here for us anew
grant salvation to all present, and our faith and love renew.

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 -
LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
HAVE MERCY ON US
LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
HAVE MERCY ON US
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 – *our Eastertime chant begins quietly*

CHRIST HAS DIED, ALLELUIA.
CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA.
CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

Thanksgiving Chant after Communion

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another. (*repeat*)

Solemn Blessing and Dismissal from the Easter Garden

Recessional

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting.

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)

Scripture Readings – Jerusalem Bible (1964) DLT

Excerpts from the Roman Missal (3rd edn) – ICEL I am the holy vine – J Quinn

Gospel Acclamation Bernadette Farrell Lord accept – Sr M Teresine Fonder

Gloria & Acclamations - New Celtic Liturgy – Chris Walker

A new commandment - Anon Thine be the glory – E L Budry

CONFIRMATION

On Friday Bishop Peter will
celebrate Confirmation
for our young people at 7pm.
It is a great parish occasion
as well as a great celebration
for our young Catholics,
their families and catechists.
Come along and support them!
We thank them for their witness
to the faith, and thank their families
and catechists for all their support

*What the Spirit brings
is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness,
goodness, truthfulness,
gentleness and self
control (Galatians 5:22)*



Prayer for the week

O God, you graft us onto Christ the true vine, and with tireless
care you nurture our growth in knowledge and reverence.
Tend the vineyard of your Church, that in Christ each branch
may bring forth to the glory of your name
abundant fruits of faith and love.

THE GIFT – a Life in the Spirit Course – 10 April to 15 May
Continues Tuesdays at 8pm in the Parish Centre [Bernadette].
Think about "unopened" Spiritual Gifts - like gifts we receive
and decide to keep for "later" use.

A great way to keep Eastertime, and prepare for Pentecost

OUR PARISH FINANCES

THANK YOU for your generous weekly offering :£1297.51
Diocesan Priest Training Fund :£432.16

We really need £1500 each week to meet our budget

WINDOWS+ FUND now £28,959.29

We have already spent £57,914.75 *We need to finish the
electrical works, CCTV and replace the bell system.*

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

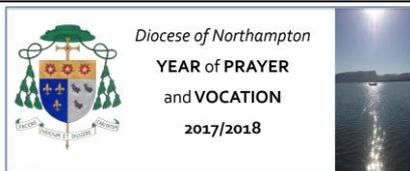
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Thank you for your support and generosity.

LITURGY & SACRAMENT

COLLECT YOUR *MY DAY BY DAY* – TODAY!!!

TIME FOR PRAYER



This month's theme : celebrating our Baptismal Vocation especially how single people contribute to the Church

POPE FRANCIS asks you to pray with him in APRIL

For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters - that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.
[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 by celebrating 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 :

FATHER TONY HARRIS [RIP 17 April] who, in his retirement, helped us and many Luton parishes so generously.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory. His funeral will be celebrated at Sacred Heart, Leighton Buzzard – LU71HZ.

Reception 8 May - 4.45pm. Requiem 9 May - 11am

Fr Kevin's Diary

Monday/Tuesday – Liturgical meetings, Huddersfield

Wednesday – Milton Keynes Head Teachers

Thursday – Education Team/Diocesan Property Committee

Saturday – Liturgy Conference, Coventry

OUR PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 1 May 2018 6.30pm - Churches Together in Bedfordshire Annual Forum at Bunyan Meeting Church, Mill Street, Bedford MK40 3EU. All welcome.

ASCENSION DAY 2018 – we will return to the ancient tradition of keeping Ascension Day as a Holyday of Obligation on Thursday 10 May with Mass at 10am & 7.30pm.

11 May 8pm Fundraising Italian Night for Glenfield Children Group - St Joseph's. Parish Centre Tickets from 01582 754850

12 May 11am-3pm CREATION SPIRITUALITY – a reflection day for Catholic women, led by Sr Gemma Corbett hfb at St John's Sundon Park. [*National Board of Catholic Women*]

26 May Solitude Saturday 10-3pm at St Clare's Convent, Luton, LU3 1ND

2-9 June MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 7 nights £589. For more details contact Mary Gillespie on 01582 579120

9 June DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM with Bishop Peter – Theme : *Woman who followed him*

22-26 August WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES in Dublin with Pope Francis. If you are interested in attending the event go to www.worldmeeting2018.ie

LOURDES 2018 – Parish Pilgrimage with Aylesbury - 10-15 September [4* - from £590] Contact Biagio Patalano 07980222620 or ask via the Parish Office. This is always a great occasion for prayer, spiritual refreshment and sharing friendship together

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – urgent notice!!!

- it is imperative that you wash the dish [paten/ciborium] with water which you then pour into the chalice to drink

- please make sure you tick yourself off on the rota before Mass. If you are on duty move forward at the Sign of Peace.

In that way we can see if there are any ministers missing.

Then we can judge if we need additional ministers.

Pope Francis issued on April 10 his latest Apostolic Exhortation : **GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE** [Rejoice and be glad] **ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD**

find the full text at Vatican.va/gaudete-et-exultate – here is another extract

14. To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain.

16. This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures. Here is an example: a woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbour and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: "No, I will not speak badly of anyone". This is a step forward in holiness. Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness. Later she experiences some anxiety, but recalling the love of the Virgin Mary, she takes her rosary and prays with faith. Yet another path of holiness. Later still, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step.

There are plenty more wise words to read from the Holy Father in the complete document