



Third Sunday of Easter



FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

I have just returned from a few days retreat in Rome and Assisi that have been a great opportunity to spend time with brother priests and be indulgent with prayer.

During those few days, not only did I pray for the entire parish but, I was also reminded of the beauty of our Catholic faith. Whilst in prayer in Assisi, I was moved by the words of Christ to St Francis, "go and rebuild my church which is falling down!"

I was struck by the reality that that call to Francis is a call that each of us receives through our baptisms. We are called not necessarily to rebuild our physical churches (although that is helpful!) but to constantly rebuild our relationship with Christ through the Eucharist and Confession.

In the lives of the saints we can see that the only way to be effective missionaries is if we strive each and every day to grow in holiness, to strive for sainthood!

Let us pray for each other that we may answer this call and so rebuild the Church in our own time beginning with ourselves!

Oremus pro invicem!

EASTER MARIAN ANTHEM

It is a great and beautiful tradition to invoke the prayers of Our Lady at the end of each Mass.

During this Easter Season, we will be praying the *Regina Caeli*:

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

*Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray to God for us, alleluia!*



PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday - 10 am - 2 pm

Tuesday - 10 am - 2 pm

Wednesday - 10 am - 2 pm

Thursday - CLOSED

Friday - CLOSED

Saturday / Sunday - CLOSED

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REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for all those who have died and entrust them to God's love and His mercy.

In a special way, please pray for Diana Margaret Lidstone whose Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 26th April at 10 am.

For Diana and for all of our loved ones who have died we pray,

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PUBLIC ROSARY

There is an opportunity to pray the Rosary outside of the church (Castle Street side) from 4 pm.

FRASSATI GROUP

Beginning in May, there will be a monthly gathering for young adults aged between 18 - 30 to learn more about the faith and engage with other young Catholics.

LIFE TEEN

Beginning in May we will be launching a Life Teen Youth Group for young people aged between 11 - 16. Keep an eye out for more details in the next few weeks!

CHURCH SECURITY AND ACCESSIBILITY RAILS

Some rails will be made and installed around the sanctuary over the next few weeks to improve security and disability access.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please use the following link to register as a member of the Parish (<https://www.caspar.church/me>)

VINNY'S PANTRY

Vinny's Pantry will be open on Tuesdays between 6 pm - 8 pm.

The Pantry is open to anyone and everyone who may be in need of essential items as well as a place to have a cup of tea or coffee and speak with one of our incredible SVP Members.

The Pantry is currently in great need of bags of rice, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, pasta, tinned meats, tea, and coffee.

If you are able to provide any of these items, please leave them in the sacristy before or after Mass.

OFFERTORY GIVING ENVELOPES

New Offertory Giving Envelopes have now been delivered to most of those in the programme. A small number still remain undelivered and a notice after Easter will let those families know from the church. If you would like to join the scheme, please contact the Parish Office.

NEW CHURCH LIGHTING

Thanks to a very generous donor, the lights in the church will be replaced making them more environmentally friendly and help enhance the beauty of our church.

To allow for their replacement, there will be 7.30 am Mass on Wednesday 17th of April and then the church will be closed until Friday morning.

KEYS FOUND

Some keys were found in the church on the 26th March. If these keys belong to you, please collect them from the Parish Office during office opening times.

DEFIBILLATOR

We have been successful in our application for a defibrillator which will be installed at Our Lady's over the next few weeks.

Hopefully, it will never have to be used, but it will be available for anyone who needs it!

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Bishop David invites all of us to join him on Friday 26th April at St Johns's Catholic Church in Luton.

It will be an opportunity to pray together in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025 and be inspired by stories of faith across our town and diocese.

The program for the evening is:

7.00pm: Prayer led by the host parish

7.30pm: Bishop David's talk on being 'Pilgrims of Hope'

8.00pm: Open questions and answers.

8.30pm: Social Time

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

There is an opportunity to take part in an escorted pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo on the 26th May 2024.

The cost of the pilgrimage is £899.00 pps. and includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included.

Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

PARISH FEAST DAY

Friday 24th May at 7 pm is this year's Parish Feast Day Mass.

This year, we will be celebrating the 140th anniversary of the establishment of the parish and the beginning of the Catholic Mission in Luton.

Confirmed guests for the Mass offered by Bishop David include, among others, the Lord Lieutenant and our two Members of Parliament.

This is our feast day and it would be great for as many of us as possible to be there to give witness to our faith and thank God for the last 140 years!

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

There will be an opportunity every Sunday to pray the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) and receive benediction from the Blessed Sacrament at 4.30 pm.

The liturgy is short but, a beautiful way to make Sunday a day even dedicated to the Lord.

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for: Seamus Wilhare, Sally Rhodes, Tommy Hannigan, Connor McFadden, Margaret Malone, Alexander El-Lamaa, Margaret Spring, Agnilszka Daniel, Christopher Parfitt, Jimmy, Tina, John McCormick, Jane Matthews, Mary Williams, Michael Curtin, and all who are sick.

Please pray for: Maureen Friels, Jim Seery, Thomas O'Boyle, Francis Farrell, Augustine Abara and all our loved ones who have died.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

We are delighted to announce that we will be selling the Universe Catholic Weekly once again in the parish.

The newspaper is priced at £3.50 and contains information and news from across the Catholic World.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

This year's Eucharistic Congress will take place at St Mary's College, Oscott, on Saturday 14th September.

This is a beautiful opportunity to listen to inspiring talks and take part in seminars that are focused on understanding the gift of the Eucharist in a more profound way.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Fr Liam Castle on 01582 663706



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies!"

-Blessed Carlo Acutis
1991-2006

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

To celebrate the beautiful vocation of Marriage, there will be a Mass on Saturday 1st June at 12 pm. During the Mass, there will be an opportunity to renew wedding vows and receive a special blessing asking the Lord to continue to bless the Marriage.

There will be a reception afterwards in the Parish Centre.

SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

The self defence classes continue **THIS WEDNESDAY** at 7 pm in the Parish Centre.

This is a fantastic opportunity to keep fit, meet new friends, and learn some valuable skills.

All are welcome, regardless of ability!

MASS READINGS AND PRAYERS

Please scan the QR code to access the daily Mass readings and prayers.



PARISH OFFERTORY

A huge thank you to all those who are able to support the mission of the parish through their financial offering.

£1908.24

Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY 14th April</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>9.30 am MASS</p> <p>11.30 am MASS</p> <p>4.30 pm Vespers and Benediction</p> <p>5 pm MASS</p>	<p>Njiyeap's Family Int., Patrick Joseph Hayes RIP, Mary Browne RIP, Desidreus Perera RIP., Leonard Francis RIP.</p> <p>Rita Togher Int., M Fanning RIP, Ann Halloran RIP.</p> <p>Pro Populo.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY 15th April</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p> <p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>Edward Browne Int., Kathy Moroney Int., Iacinta Int.</p> <p>Con Lane Int., Ann Halloran RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY 16th April</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p>	<p>Charlotte Seery Int., William Browne RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY 17th April</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p> <p><i>Please note that there will be no 12.45 pm Mass today due to works taking place in the Church.</i></p>	<p>Diana Francis Int., James Browne RIP, Bridget Seery RIP, Joseph Browne RIP, Ann Halloran RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY 18th April</p>	<p>NO PUBLIC MASS</p>	<p>Please check the Pastoral Area Website for Mass time in local Catholic Churches.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY 19th April</p>	<p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>Richard Blakeley RIP, Frank Browne RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY 20th April</p>	<p>9am ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>9.30 am Mass</p> <p>11 am - 12.30 pm FHC</p> <p>1 pm Baptisms</p>	<p>Maureen Panter RIP.</p> <p>Parish Centre</p> <p>Church</p>

YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC RENEWAL

2023 - 2024