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**FROM THE
PARISH PRIEST**

This Sunday, we begin the “Great Week” of our faith - namely the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the institution of the Eucharist and the Ministerial Priesthood on Maundy Thursday, the crucifixion and death of Jesus on Good Friday, and then the resurrection of Christ from the dead on that first Easter Sunday!

This week is an opportunity for us to spend some more time with Jesus, to journey with him in “real time.”

It is true that the liturgies will be longer than usual this week but, these sacred days form the very heart of our faith and we are invited to be as generous as possible in giving time to Jesus as we celebrate His triumph over sin and death and our restoration to glory!

**SAINT OF THE WEEK
St Basil the Great**

St Basil the Great was one of the Cappadocian Fathers along with his his younger brother St Gregory of Nyssa, and St Gregory Nazianzen.

He was active at the Council of Nicaea and worked tirelessly to formulate the Church’s doctrine on the Trinity.

As well as his role in the formulation of the doctrine of the Trinity, St Basil was also instrumental in establishing the movement that would give rise to Easter Monasticism.

St Basil - pray for us!



**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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HOLY WEEK

We are delighted to welcome Fr Joseph Ferme (from the Archdiocese of Boston) as well as Christan and Reed (from the Diocese of Nashville) to Our Lady's for the celebration of Holy Week this year!

Please be sure to say hello to them!

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

To prepare for the celebration of Easter, there will be an opportunity for confessions at the Penitential Service held at St Joseph's church Luton on Monday the 25th March at 7 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE

There will be a short service for our younger saints - in - training on Good Friday at 11 am. This will begin in the church and conclude in the parish centre.

FRASSATI GROUP

Starting after Easter, 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

After Easter we will be launching a Life Teen Youth Group for young people aged between 11 - 16. More details to follow.

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

DOOR OF GRACE YOUTH RETREAT

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries will be leading a retreat for young adults here at Our Lady's.

The retreat will take place on Saturday 6th April from 11 am - 2 pm.

For more information, please refer to the poster in the Narthex.

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.

PUBLIC ROSARY

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

CHURCH CARPET

Thanks to a generous donor we have been able to replace the carpet in the church and the narthex.

CHURCH SECURITY ALTAR RAILS

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

DEFIBRILLATOR

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!

OFFERTORY GIVING ENVELOPES

New Offertory Giving Envelopes are being delivered to those in the scheme over the next 3 weeks. These will be for the financial year April 2024 - 25.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have changed your address in the last year, or if you wish to join the scheme.

EASTER OFFERING

The Easter Offering at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday is the traditional gift from the parish to its priest. Easter Offering envelopes can be found at the back of the church.

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.

HOLY WEEK

Thursday 28th March - 11 am

Chrism Mass offered by Bishop David Oakley at Northampton Cathedral. (Northampton Cathedral)

Thursday 28th March

8 pm - Maundy Thursday Mass followed by watching until Midnight (Church)

Midnight - Compline (Church)

Friday 29th March

9.15 am Matins and Lauds (Church)

11 am Children's Good Friday Liturgy (Church and Parish Centre)

3 pm - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Church)

6.30 pm - Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday 30th March

9.15 am Matins and Lauds (Church)

10 am - 11.30 am - Święconka / Blessing of Food (Parish Centre)

8.30 pm - Easter Vigil (Church)

Reception to follow the Easter Vigil in the Parish Centre.

Sunday 31st March

9.30 am - Mass

11.30 am - Mass

Please note that there will be no 5 pm Mass on the 31st March

Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Friday 4th April

10 am - Mass

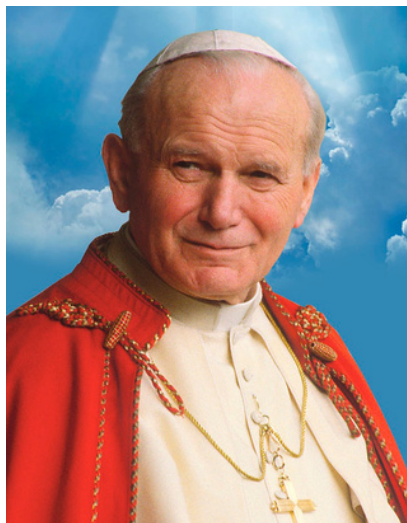
Sunday 7th April - 2 pm - 4pm

Divine Mercy Sunday devotions at Our Lady Help of Christians.

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for: Seamus Wilhare, Sally Rhodes, Tommy Hannigan, Connor McFadden, Margaret Malone, Alexander El-Lamaa, Margaret Spring, Agnieszka 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.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

““Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure.”

-St. John Paul II
1920 - 2005

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.

£1702.54

Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY 24th March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Palm Sunday</p>	<p>9.30 am MASS</p> <p>11.30 am MASS</p> <p>4.15 pm Adoration & Vespers 5 pm MASS</p>	<p>Vals Int., Ann Halloran RIP.</p> <p>Eddie & Marie O'Mahony Int., Noreen O'Mahony Int., James Patrick Hayes RIP.</p> <p>Pro Populo.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY 25th March</p>	<p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>Thomas Hannigan Int.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY 26th March</p>	<p>10 am Funeral Service</p>	<p>Ellen Monica Singh RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY 27th March</p>	<p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>Joseph Seery Int.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY 28th March</p>	<p>8 pm MASS (Followed by watching until Midnight)</p> <p>11.45 pm Compline</p>	<p>Pro Populo.</p>
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