



FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This Friday we had the great honour of formally receiving the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis here in our parish of Our Lady's. It is my hope and prayer that this incredible Blessed will pray for each and every one of us as we pursue virtue and holiness in our own lives.

Even though this Blessed of the 21st Century lived only a few short years, his entire life was a witness to leading people to a loving relationship with the Good Shepherd. He encouraged his lapsed parents to return to Mass and a relationship with God, he prayed for friends who were experiencing difficulties, he defended the teachings of the Church, and he encouraged a deeper devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament amongst all those who knew him.

Let us pray that, through the intercession of this soon to be saint, each of us may become the saints that know and love the Good Shepherd.

Oremus pro invicem!

SAINT OF THE WEEK Saint Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as an immoral woman in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers.

*St Mary Magdalene
Pray for us!*

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday - CLOSED
Tuesday - CLOSED
Wednesday - CLOSED
Thursday - CLOSED
Friday - 10 am 2 pm
Saturday / Sunday - CLOSED

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JOSEPH RICHTER

This Sunday is Joseph's last with us at Our Lady Help of Christians.

It has been an absolute joy to host Joseph for his summer assignment - please continue to pray for him and all those in formation to the Priesthood.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the following whose funerals will be taking place at Our Lady's over the next few weeks.

-Mary Maguire whose Reception into Church will take place on Thursday 25th July at 4 pm and whose Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 26th of July at 12.45 pm.

-Karl Luft who Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 29th July at 2 pm.

-Elizabeth "Lily" Daly whose Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 9th August at 12.45 pm.

For Mary, Karl, Lilly, 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."

RCIA

If you are interested in learning more about the beauty of the Catholic Faith or would like to become a Catholic, then the RCIA Programme is for you!

For more details, please email the Parish Office or phone Kate on 07921 778507

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

PUBLIC ROSARY

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

SUNDAY VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

There is an opportunity to pray the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) on Sundays at 4.15 pm. This will be followed by Benediction.

ALTAR CROSS AND CANDLE STICKS

A new Altar Crucifix and Candle Sticks have been gifted by Fr Barrie McKenzie in memory of his late Mother and Father.

As we use these beautiful items, let us pray for Fr Barrie and for his late parents.

PARISH FEAST DAY

We will be celebrating our 140th anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic Mission in Luton on Friday the 6th September at 7 pm.

Please keep this date free!

VINNY'S PANTRY

Vinny's Pantry will be open on Tuesdays between 5.45 pm - 6.45 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 tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, cereal, coffee, soaps, and cleaning products.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week.

The Office will be open on Friday between 10 am - 2 pm.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

POPE'S INTENTIONS

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Beginning in August, Parishioners will be invited to host a statue of Our Lady of Walsingham for a week at a time and pray for particular intentions while meditating on the Rosary.

The idea is to have a chain of prayer for the parish and for various intentions.

The sign up - sheet is at the back of the church.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and please continue to pray for priests!

"Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus! Amen"

Our Lady, Mother of Priests

Pray for us!

ALTAR OF DIVINE MERCY

It is hoped that during the summer, a side altar will be added beneath the Divine Mercy Image.

The purpose of this altar, along with the images of St John Paul II and St Faustina, is to emphasise the incredible mercy and love of God and to act as another area of popular devotion.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Walsingham for the Sanctity of Life - Saturday 3rd August 2024. Led by Bishop David Oakley.

Coaches leave St Mary's Dunstable at 7.20am, St Joseph's Luton at 7.40am (No parking – Vigil Mass that evening), Our Lady's Luton at 8.00am. Adults £24.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. Seats reserved only with payment. Bring a packed lunch and drinks.

For more information go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org and to book kevin.drew@btinternet.com or 07802 525581.

SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

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

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for: 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.

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

It is now possible to sign up for the Confirmation Programme that will begin in the autumn.

Please collect a form from the sacristy and return it as soon as possible.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

It is now possible to sign up for the First Confession and First Holy Communion Programme that will begin in the autumn.

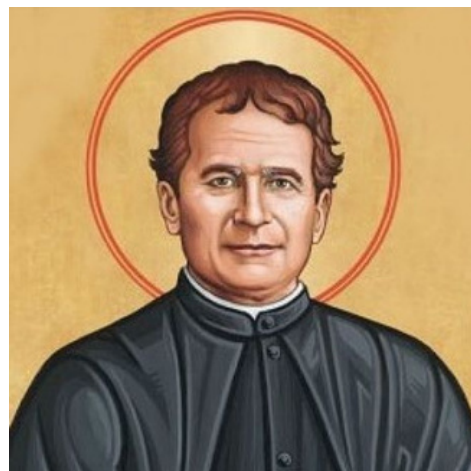
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LITTLE HELPERS OF OUR LADY

The Little Helpers of Our Lady will be meeting **THIS** Sunday 21st of July following the 11.30 am Mass.

The Little Helpers apostolate is to help organise events within the parish as well as support each other in the pursuit of holiness.

All are welcome to join!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Walk with your feet on earth, but in your heart be in heaven!”

- St John Bosco

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LECTIONARY

Our Bishops have mandated a new translation of the Lectionary [our Scripture Readings at Mass] to be used from 1 December 2024. We currently use the Jerusalem Bible translation. Our books have been in use since before 1980 and many are beginning to show their age.

The new lectionaries are a great improvement physically and will use the English Standard Version for England, Wales and Scotland. For us this will mean a cost of £1139 for lectionaries and a Book of the Gospels. They will, however, last 20+ years so that comes down to less than 20p a day!

We welcome donations towards this cost. Donors' names will be recorded in the Lectionaries.

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.

£1810.87

Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 21st July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS 11 am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS 4 pm Rosary 4.15pm Adoration and Benediction 5 pm MASS	Anne Da Costa Int., Colin Smith Int., Sr Kathleen Int., Leonard Francis RIP, David Wells RIP. Pro Populo, David Wells RIP. David Wells RIP.
MONDAY 22nd July S. Mary Magdalene	7 am MASS (LATIN) 12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Doris Bolger RIP. Joseph Richter Int.
TUESDAY 23rd July S. Bridget	7 am MASS (LATIN)	Doris Bolger RIP.
WEDNESDAY 24th July S. Sharbel Makhluf	7 am MASS (LATIN) 12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Doris Bolger RIP. Jim Seery RIP, Frances Sheeran RIP, Anthony Sheeran RIP.
THURSDAY 25th July S. James	12.45 pm MASS 4pm Reception into church of Mary Maguire RIP	University of Bedfordshire.
FRIDAY 26th July SS Joachim & Anne	12.45 pm Funeral Mass of Mary Maguire RIP	
SATURDAY 27th July Votive Mass of Blessed Carlo Acutis	9 am ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS 9.30 am MASS <i>followed by veneration of the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis</i> 1 pm Baptisms	For Young People of the Parish.