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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

We continue to listen to St John's Gospel this Sunday and hear how Jesus prays to His Father before His arrest and crucifixion. He prays for the same strength and protection He has received from the Father to now be given to His disciples who have already faced rejection and ridicule, with more to come!

The same protection that Jesus invokes on His disciples is exactly the same that He invokes upon us today.

Jesus does not tell His disciples (and by extension us!) that we are not to be in the world but, rather, He tells them that they are not to be of the world.

In other words, as followers of Christ, we are called to be missionaries of the good news of our salvation. We will face obstacles and ridicule but, today's Gospel reminds us that the Lord will be there with us to face whatever comes our way!

Oremus pro invicem!

SAINT OF THE WEEK Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Frances Xavier Cabrini was born in Italy on July 15th 1850.

She is often known as Mother Cabrini and was the founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This was one of the first missionary congregations run by women alone.

Mother Cabrini was pivotal in helping to support immigrants to the United States and providing them with education and medical care when no one else would.

She died in 1917.

Mother Cabrini was the first US citizen to be canonised a saint on July 7th 1946. She is the patron saint of immigrants.

Saint Frances Cabrini - 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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PARISH FEAST DAY CHANGE OF DATE

Due to the Radio One Big Weekend that is taking place from Friday 24th May - Sunday 26th May at Stockwood Park and the resulting closing of roads and areas, the Parish Feast Day celebrations will be postponed.

They will now take place on Friday 6th September at 7 pm.

Bishop David will be offering a Votive Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians and the event will still celebrate the 140th anniversary of the establishment of the Parish.

The postponement will allow us even more time to prepare for this great milestone!

LEGION OF MARY

THIS SUNDAY, there will be a presentation on the Legion of Mary and an appeal for members to join a new group here at Our Lady's.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

To celebrate the vocation of Marriage, there will be a Mass on Saturday 15th June at 12 pm. 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.

EMMAUS COURSE

Mission Northampton are running a course that helps open up the Scriptures. For more details please check out the website:

www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/a-weekend-journey-to-emmaus-july-2024-luton/

THURSDAY MASS

Please note that there will now be public Mass at 12.45 pm on Thursdays. This Mass will be offered by Fr Eustace in his role as Chaplain to the University of Bedfordshire.

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 tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, cereal, coffee, soaps, and cleaning products.

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 can be collected from the Parish Office. If you would like to join the scheme, please contact the Parish Office.

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 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!

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

A letter requesting a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis has been submitted to the postulator in Assisi. It is hoped that we will receive this incredible gift in the next few months.

When we have a date for the arrival of the relic, we will organise a number of events and information evenings.

CONFIRMATION

Please continue to pray for all of our young people who received the gift of Confirmation on Friday! May they become the saints that God created them to be!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for our young people as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time on Saturday 18th May!

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

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

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

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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

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!

PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN FRANCE

You are invited to join Bishop David and Canon John Udris on pilgrimage to Northern France from 15-22 October 2024.

The pilgrimage will begin with three nights in Lisieux, the home of St Terese, before we travel to Chartres to the beautiful Cathedral for one night. Leaving Chartres we travel to Paris via Rouen.

We travel home following three nights in the French capital.

For more details visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/france/>

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.

LUTON BETHANY MASS

The next Mass for our brothers and sisters with SEN will take place on Sunday 19th May at 3 pm at the Sacred Heart Church in Luton (148 Ashcroft Rd, LU2 9AY)

Refreshments will be provided in the Parish Hall following the Mass.

All are welcome to attend.

OPEN HOUSE

The next Open House will take place **THIS MONDAY** (13th May) between 5.30 pm - 7 pm.

Open House is an opportunity to have any forms signed*, sacraments celebrations arranged, and anything else.

No appointment needed - simply turn up during those hours!

**Please read the criterion for form signing as some require certain conditions to be met!*



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Love the Lord and pray for those who do not know Him. What a grace it is to know God!!”

-St Josephine Bakhita

ROTAS FOR LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

The new rotas for Lectors and Extra - Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers are now available for collection from the sacristy on Sundays.

If you are unable to collect them on Sundays, please collect them from the Parish Office during opening hours.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

Canon Tony Brennan, our Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, invites anyone interested in finding out more about serving as a Permanent Deacon in our Diocese and the discernment involved to come along to St Mary's Catholic Church in Dunstable on **Saturday 8th June** from **10am-12noon**.

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.

£1841.20

Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY 12th May</p> <p>7th Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>9am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS</p> <p>11 am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS</p> <p>11.30 am MASS IN HUNGARIAN</p> <p>4.30 pm Vespers and Benediction 5 pm MASS</p>	<p>Valerie Int., Tom Devane RIP, Leonard Francis RIP.</p> <p>Patrick Kenny RIP.</p> <p>Pro Populo.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY 13th May O.L. Fatima</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p> <p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>John Int., Elizabeth Int., Letizia Int., Anne Int., Helen McNeils RIP.</p> <p>Judit Pasamar Int., Noreen O'Mahoney Int.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY 14th May S. Matthias</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p>	<p>Kamal Raj Int.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY 15th May</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p> <p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>Mr McCullion RIP.</p> <p>Tommy Morley & Family Int., Sefin Francis Int., William O'Donnell RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY 16th May</p>	<p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>University of Bedfordshire</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY 17th May</p>	<p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>Mary & Daniel O'Mahoney RIP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY 18th May</p>	<p>9am ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>9.30 am MASS</p> <p>12 pm FHC MASS</p> <p>2 pm FHC MASS</p>	<p>Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY 19th May</p> <p>Pentecost</p>	<p>9am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS</p> <p>11 am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS</p> <p>4.30 pm Vespers and Benediction 5 pm MASS</p>	<p>Terry Farrington RIP.</p> <p>Cetin Denlisoz RIP.</p> <p>Pro Populo.</p>