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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

It is hard to believe that it has already been fifty days since we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday!

But today, Pentecost Sunday, we mark this milestone and, as we do so, we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit that was given to the Apostles on that day and, by extension, each and everyone of us as followers of the Risen Christ.

This gift of the Holy Spirit empowered those Apostles who were huddled in a locked upper room, to leave their comfort zones and go out to the known world to proclaim the Good News of our Salvation through Christ.

We, in our turn, are empowered by the same Spirit to be the missionary disciples of our own time. We are called to invoke the same Holy Spirit to give us the grace and courage to proclaim to an apathetic world the joy of the resurrection!

Oremus pro invicem!

SAINT OF THE WEEK Our Lady Help of Christians

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help. If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me?

Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities,

in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations.

I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life.

Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven.

Amen

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 the following whose funeral service will take place this week:

Jacqueline (Jackie) Taylor RIP - Funeral Service at the Vale Cemetery on Monday 20th May at 10 am.

Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace! Amen.

SOLEMN VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

To at least mark the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians in some way on Friday 24th May, there will be Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 6. 30 pm. There will be refreshments in the Narthex afterwards.

PARISH FEAST DAY MASS 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for our young people who received Jesus for the first time on Saturday!

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.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

To celebrate the vocation of Marriage, there will be a Mass on Saturday 22nd June at 12 pm.

The date has been changed due to other events taking place across our Deanery!

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.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

There will be Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) and 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.

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

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

A gentle reminder that all payments for the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year are due by the 1st June.

Payments can be made via the Parish Office.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

:"Lord grant us priests. Grant us many priests! Grant us many holy priests! Amen!"

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 on pilgrimage to Northern France from 15-22 October 2024.

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

LITTLE HELPERS OF OUR LADY

The Little Helpers of Our Lady group will be meeting **THIS SUNDAY 19th May** following the 11.30 am Mass.

All are welcome to join and take part in this apostolate for the parish and the local community.

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.

LUTON BETHANY MASS

The next Mass for our brothers and sisters with SEN will take place **THIS 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.

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.



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.

£1755.80

Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 19th May Pentecost	9am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS 11 am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS 4.30 pm Vespers and Benediction 5 pm MASS	Terry Farrington RIP. Cetin Denlisoz RIP. Pro Populo.
MONDAY 20th May Mary Mother of the Church	7.30 am MASS (LATIN) 12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Nigel Fitzhugh RIP Mary Emeji Int.
TUESDAY 21st May S. Christopher Magallanes & Companions	7.30 am MASS (LATIN)	Rev. Mr David Lee Int.
WEDNESDAY 22nd May S. Rita	7.30 am MASS (LATIN) 12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Jackie Taylor RIP. Fr Joseph Ferme Int.
THURSDAY 23rd May Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal Priest	12.45 pm MASS	University of Bedfordshire
FRIDAY 24th May Our Lady Help of Christians	12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS 6.30 pm Solemn Vespers and Benediction	Pro Populo., Sony Family Int., Christy Rasaiya RIP.
SATURDAY 25th May S. Bede	9am ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS 9.30 am MASS 1 pm Baptisms	Mihai Int., Elaine Moniz Peters RIP.
SUNDAY 26th May Holy Trinity	9am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS 11 am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS 4.30 pm Vespers and Benediction 5 pm MASS	Monica & Tony Ring RIP. James Hayes RIP, Catherine O'Toole RIP. Pro Populo.