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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Happy Mother's Day!

ALTAR SERVERS – there is a rehearsal on **Saturday at 2pm** for all altar servers who want to serve on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

VEILING OF IMAGES – on **Saturday at 10am**.

NEXT SUNDAY – there will be a second collection for flowers for our Easter celebration.

HYMN BOOK APPEAL – Thanks for a strong response. There are a few more envelopes available in the porch. Please return the completed envelopes to Fr Michael via the sacristy or through the letterbox of the presbytery.

PARISH FINANCES – John Jephcott will speak to us about the new offertory envelopes and about our financial needs as a parish.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE (*May they rest in peace*)

We pray for:

- Joseph Quarrie RIP. Joe's funeral will be here at 10am on **Tuesday 20th March at 10am**.
- Bridget Bell, RIP. Bridie's funeral will be here on **Thursday 22nd March at 10am**.
- John Collins RIP – John died on Monday 5th March. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 28th March at 2pm**.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thanks to all our volunteers who will lead/coordinate the stations on Fridays at 6:30pm. Please open up by 6pm.

Friday 16th March Michael Williams & team
Friday 23rd March YFC (Youth for Christ)
Friday 30th March Good Friday

REPOSITORY – Will be open after all masses Sat/Sun (NB: closed next weekend). We have **NEW STOCK** including gift items for confirmation, communion and St Patrick's day. Buy now while stocks last!

LUTON ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL - 16th-18th March 2018

– Please see the posters in the porch!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE DATES – Sat 17th March, Sat 21st April & Sat 26th May. 3.00 – 5.30pm.

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL – Admissions Sept 2019

To sign the Supplementary Form the expectation of our parish priests is that children attend Sunday mass with their families weekly. This will be verified by an indeterminate number of unannounced 'Sign up Sundays' where families will have to resist that they are at mass. The period of Sign Up Sundays will begin on/after 3 June 2018 and may continue until 30 September 2018.

CHURCH CLEANING – on **Wednesday 28th March** after morning Mass, we will give the Church a clean ready for Easter. (NB: there will be a funeral at 2pm that day, so general cleaning will need to finish by 1pm.)

SUNDAY 11th MARCH 2018

Sat 6:30pm	Helen Hogan, RIP
9:00am	Francesco & Pietra Cannatella, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish
4:00pm	Stations of the Cross

Monday – Weekday of Lent

9:00am	Patricia Udofia, RIP
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Tuesday – Weekday of Lent

9:00am	Robbie Midea, RIP
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Wednesday – Weekday of Lent

6:30pm	Olive Regalto, RIP
7:00 – 7:30pm	Adoration & Confessions

Thursday – Weekday of Lent

9:00am	Sean McSorley, RIP
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Friday – Weekday of Lent

9:00am	Andrea Paul, Birthday
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY – CONFESSIONS 5:30PM – 6:00PM

SATURDAY – MASS AT 6:30PM

Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sat 6:30pm	Jack Healy, Ints.
9:00am	The People of the Parish
11:00am	Patrick McDonnell, RIP
4:00pm	Stations of the Cross

Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.

Legion of Mary: Friday 7:30pm in the Hall.

Lunch Club: Fridays 11:30am onwards.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2018

Holy Monday: 7:00pm Reconciliation Service [here](#) with all the priests of Luton available for confession.

Holy Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30am Stations, 10:00am Mass, 10:30am Confessions

Maundy Thursday 29th March: 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with watching until midnight.

Good Friday 30th March: 9AM – Office of Readings & Stations of the Cross

11AM Walk of Witness starting at Dominic Square, then to St Martin's.

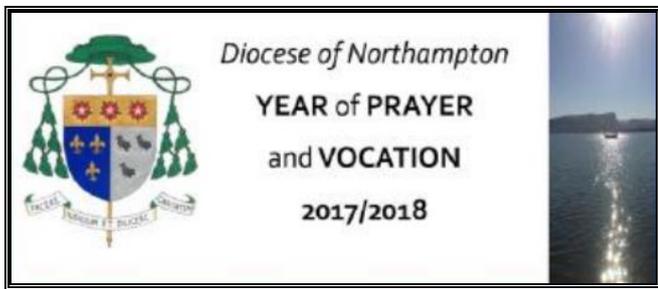
3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord.

Holy Saturday 31st March: 8:30pm Easter Vigil.*

Easter Sunday 1st April: 9:00am and 11:00am Mass **

* Following Mass all are invited to Hall for small reception.

**Full schedule of Easter Sunday events to follow; includes Easter Egg Hunt, Cake Sale and Raffle!



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. They burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "the Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 136(137):1-6

O LET MY TONGUE CLEAVE TO MY MOUTH IF I REMEMBER YOU NOT!

Second Reading – Ephesians 2:4-10

You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through

faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation

GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON; EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM HAS ETERNAL LIFE.

Gospel – John 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 6: Anne Jephcott & Diane

Next Week: Team 1: Anne Mead & John

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 4: Sunny, Clara, Charlotte & Paul

Next Week: Team 5: Margaret, Mary & Linda

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

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+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator)

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Monday-Thursday 9.15-1.15

+ **Parish Hall Bookings:** Contact Maura on 01582 724623 between 6pm-8pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS

Collection: Sunday 4th March – £919.95

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na
in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. *third time...* grant us peace.