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Easter Sunday

Happy Easter!

Today is the greatest feast in the life of the Church. With thanksgiving and joy we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. Christ's resurrection gives meaning and purpose to our earthly existence. He came so that we may have life and have it to the full. It is this Easter faith that we share which helps us experience, even now, something of the future life that awaits us in heaven. The Easter mystery gives us courage to persevere in the way of faith and so we take heart and rejoice on this day made by the Lord. *Alleluia!*



CONGRATULATIONS

To Mrs Bernadette Lana, awarded the *Bene merenti* medal, by Pope Francis, for her services to the hospital ministry for over thirty years!

CAFOD - Total collected **£1524.36**, special thanks to the Friday Lunch Club who raised £353.16, to Darcey and Connor who raised £39.26 through their cake sales.

HYMN BOOKS - Thank you to all who donated a Hymn book, 250 in total, including 90 offered in memory of James Dunne, RIP.

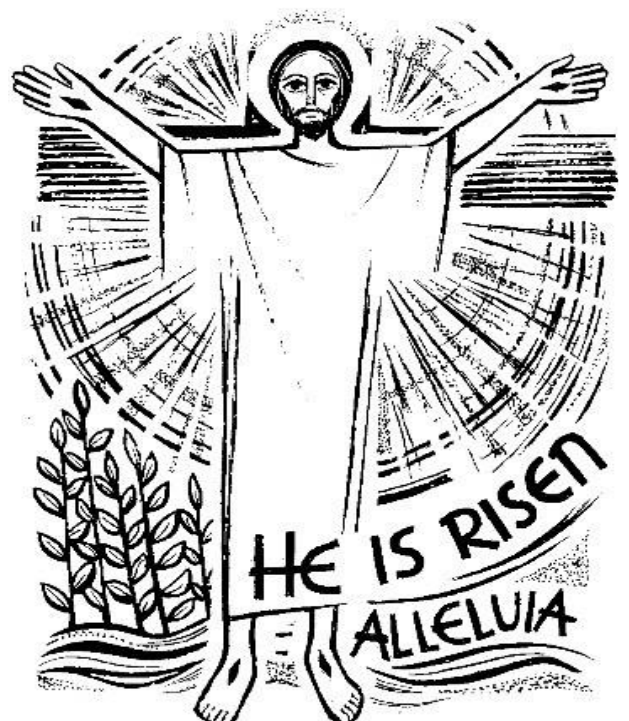
NEXT SUNDAY 8TH APRIL - Divine Mercy Sunday: (Adoration, Confession + Sung Chaplet) This will be at **Our Lady's in Luton**, 3pm-4pm.

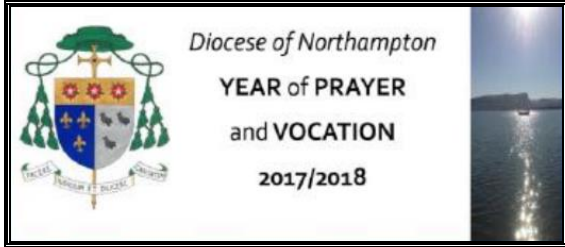


NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE DATES - Sat 21st April & Sat 26th May. 3.00 - 5.30pm.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND - A Vocations Weekend is planned for Friday 13th - Sunday 15th April at Northampton Cathedral for men thinking of a possible priestly vocation. For more details, please contact Canon Mark Floody on 01604 714556 or frmark@northamptoncathedral.org or Fr Andy Richardson on 01628 605 764 or frandyrichardson@gmail.com

SUNDAY 1 st April 2018	
Sat 8.30pm	John Curneen, RIP
9:00am	Lunch Club Volunteer Team
11:00am	Tom Danaher, RIP
Monday - Easter Octave	
10.00am	Ycherra Kenneth Ajulufoh, RIP
Tuesday - Easter Octave	
9.00am	Dave O'Shaughnessy, INTS
Wednesday - Easter Octave	
6:30pm	Anne Barrett, RIP
Thursday - Easter Octave	
9.00am	Dan Browne, RIP
Friday - NO MASS TODAY	
SATURDAY - CONFESSIONS 5:30PM - 6:00PM	
SATURDAY - MASS AT 6:30PM	
Next Sunday - Second Sunday of Easter	
Sat 6:30pm	Jim Fenlon, RIP
9:00am	Beatrice & Baptis Alleyakane, RIP
11:00am	The People of the Parish
Charismatic Prayer Group: Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.	
Legion of Mary: Friday 7:30pm in the Hall.	
Friday Lunch Club: Returns 13th April.	





your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER, HAS BEEN SACRIFICED;
LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST THEN IN THE LORD.
ALLELUIA!*

Gospel - John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Easter Sunday Readings

First Reading – Acts 10: 34.37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm – 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

*THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD;
WE REJOICE AND ARE GLAD.*

Second Reading – Colossians 3:1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Fr Michael & John Jephcott

Next Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 2: Charismatic Prayer Group

Next Week: Team 3: Michael, Elizabeth & Benedicta

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 25th March – **£1280.67**

