



HOLY GHOST PARISH LUTON

Sunday 2 May 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Year of the God who Speaks and of St Joseph

This Week

Monday – SS Philip & James, Apostles, Bank Holiday.
Tuesday – Martyrs of England and Wales
Wednesday – Easter Feria
Thursday – Easter Feria
Friday – Easter Feria [Day of abstinence]
Saturday – Easter Feria

MASS TIMES

Sunday
8.30am, 10am, 11.30am
5pm Polish Mass
Wednesday 9am
Friday 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday 8-8.25pm [Sacristy]

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 8-8.25pm

SACRAMENTS

Confirmation, First Confession - see back page.
Baptism, Marriage – see Fr Kevin

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**EASTER TIME LASTS 50 DAYS UNTIL PENTECOST [Lent was only 40 days!]
NOW WE MUST REJOICE AND SPREAD THE HOPE OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION
WE ARE ALL CALLED BY OUR BAPTISM TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL, AND TO
EXPLORE WHAT IS OUR PARTICULAR VOCATION WITHIN THE CHURCH.**

LET US DREAM – a new book by Pope Francis. Copies available in the shop [£10]. Our Bishops' Conference Spirituality Committee has drawn up a reading guide to this for a Book Club. As a parish we will meet via Zoom Thursdays - May 6, 20, 27, June 3. 7-8pm
For the Zoom invitation please email admin@nores.org.uk or mcginnell@nores.org.uk
The guide is available to download at northamptondiocese.org/faith/spiritualitynetwork

OUR SACRAMENTAL LIFE

CONFIRMATION 2021 – great meeting yesterday – we're on our way
Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop David Monday 22 November 2021
[**CONFIRMATION 2020** – you will receive news soon of a meeting to get ready for July 1 when Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop David at 7pm.]

FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST – families who have enrolled will be contacted soon with details of the programme. Meeting for parents & candidates 15 May, 10am.

ADULT BAPTISM and RECEPTION into the CATHOLIC CHURCH – contact Fr Kevin

INFANT BAPTISM 2021 – families who have already booked, details are being confirmed. Any more families need to see Fr Kevin and apply as soon as possible.

MAY as the month of MARY – As we begin the Month of May, Pope Francis has made a special plea to the faithful to recite the Rosary daily. He writes :
Dear Brothers and Sisters, the month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.
For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

MASS INTENTIONS

TODAY - 2 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter - B

8.30am RIP Mary Fallon, Patrick Carmody, John Mangan, Tommy Carty, John Moran, Theresa Byrne
10am People of the Parish [Pro Populo] RIP Tony Rogers, Lorenzo Araci, Nigel Blennerhassett, Annmaire Johnson
11.30am RIP Ann Marie Foley, Kathleen Barrett, Tommy Burns, Helen Dixon

Monday BANK HOLIDAY MASS 11am – Health & Soucs of Gunja, Fernandes Families
2pm SYRO MALABAR MASS

Tuesday INT Fr Malachy Steenson
Wednesday 9am PUBLIC MASS INT Alice and Jimmy Purcell
Thursday RIP John Lennon
Friday 7.30pm 1st Friday (All Holy Souls - November List)
Saturday Donor's Intention

SUNDAY – 9 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter - B

8.30am RIP Kevin Lavelle, Annie & Andrew Clinch, Kathleen Moran, Peter Stephenson, Sr Mary Gwent
10am RIP Noel Kavanagh, John Devane, Veronica Connor, Terry and Una Wynne, Lorenzo Araci
11.30am People of the Parish [Pro Populo] RIP Rose Conway, John Lennon, Kathleen Barrett, Lorenzo Araci, Maureen McGiviney INT Lorraine Day

OUR MASS - Fifth Sunday of Easter – B

Our parish prayer - pray it at home each day remembering all of us

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created
AND YOU WILL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH
Let us pray (*pause*)



Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit, you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to love what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ProceSSIONAL

cf Ps 97

Lector: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

ALL: Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
he has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.

For he comes, He comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness.

Greeting and Introduction

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the LORD – THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 21 - *You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!
You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the LORD – THANKS BE TO GOD

We reflect in silence after the readings to prepare ourselves to greet and hear the gospel of Jesus Christ

The Easter ALLELUIA greets the gospel

Fr Kevin: Alleluia!

ALL: ALLELUIA! MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME, AS I MAKE MINE IN YOU.
WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME BEARS FRUIT IN PLENTY. ALLELUIA!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

The Lord be with you - AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
GLORY TO YOU, O LORD *I am the vine, you are the branches*
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.' *The Gospel of the Lord PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST*

Homily

The Apostles' Creed used in Easter because of its baptismal nature

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD,
(during the next line all bow)
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED AND WAS BURIED; HE DESCENDED INTO HELL;
ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD;
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY;
FROM THERE HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

Intercessions – *we bring our prayers together with the pandemic Collect*
Merciful God, come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community.
Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction.

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you - AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.
Lift up your hearts - WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God - IT IS RIGHT AND JUST.

- *The Priest continues the Preface until we pray the Sanctus*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD GOD OF HOSTS.
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

- *we kneel as the Eucharistic Prayer continues*

- *After the Consecration: "The Mystery of Faith" - we respond*
SAVE US, SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD,
FOR BY YOUR DEATH AND RESURRECTION YOU HAVE SET US FREE

The Communion Rite

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS NOW AND FOR EVER.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. AMEN

The peace of the Lord be with you always. AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

SIGN of PEACE in the Pandemic

we pray silently for peace for those celebrating mass with us

Agnus Dei - as the Bread (Christ's Body) is broken for us -
LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
HAVE MERCY ON US [twice]
LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,
GRANT US PEACE

The Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY
THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY ROOF
BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED.

The Priest holds the Host above the Chalice and invites us to respond in faith :

"The Body and Blood of Christ" all reply AMEN

OUR COMMUNION PROCESSION as the Church, the Body of Christ -

- *Come forward row by row by the centre aisle, return by the side aisle*
- *Please keep social distance in the Communion procession*
- *Communion is given silently in the hand only.*
- ***Please come up to the edge of the table stretch out your hands across the table so that the Host can be out in your hand reverently***
- *Then stand to one side, only then remove your mask, consume the Host reverently, replace your mask.*
- *In the current context "blessings" are inappropriate.*

Communion Thanksgiving Psalm

Psalm 79

Lector : I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

ALL : O shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph's flock, shine forth from your cherubim throne
You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.
before it you cleared the ground;
it took root and spread through the land.

The mountains were covered with its shadow,
the cedars of God with its boughs.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Visit this vine, and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.
May your hand be on the one you have chosen,
the one you have given your strength,
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Postcommunion Prayer

*Please turn for the **Blessing and Dismissal from the Easter Garden***

PLEASE LEAVE BY THE SIDE DOORS, unless you are in the GALLERY whence you leave by the FRONT DOOR

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THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

DAILY PRAYER – Join us daily at 6pm to pray the REGINA CAELI – see below. In Eastertime it replaces the Angelus. Pray for all who have died, those who are suffering, all in the NHS, all carers and all who work so hard to serve us in so many ways. Pray also for the vaccination programme so that all will be protected and feel safe.

Please observe all the required precautions and cooperate with our stewards as they help us worship together safely. Please wear a face covering, keep social distance at all times, stay with you household/bubble. Keep safe and make sure others feel safe.

REGINA CAELI – *in Eastertime we pray this instead of the Angelus at noon and 6pm as we honour Mary. Let's pray it for the parish and our future together.*

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia:

For he whom you deserved to bear, alleluia,

Has risen, as he said, alleluia. **Pray to God for us, alleluia.**

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

God of life, you have given joy to the world by the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

VACCINATION PROGRAMME – please encourage all you know to take the vaccination as soon as it is offered. If you can help to volunteer at a centre email bedscg.covid.volunteers@nhs.net

From Fr Kevin :

"In the rush to return to normal, use this time to consider which parts of normal are worth rushing back to." [Dave Hollis]
I keep repeating these words because we need to take seriously the challenge of how we can move forward to a new way of life as a parish. In his book *Let us Dream!* Pope Francis says *From this crisis we can come out better or worse. We can slide backward, or we can create something new. For now, what we need is the chance to change, to make space for the new thing we need. It's like God says to Isaiah: Come let us talk this over. If you are ready to listen, we shall have a great future. But if you refuse to listen, you'll be devoured by the sword. [Isaiah 1:18-20].* p.4
Our parish Book Club reading this book begins on Thursday. Details of how to join are on the front page. Copies of the book are available in the shop as it's a great read on your own . Over the next few weeks let's see what we will dream for our parish as we begin a new way of being Catholic here at Holy Ghost!

PARISH DIARY

4 May - DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE – live-streamed Service from the Cathedral at 6pm with Bishop David

9 May - DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS with Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India. Go to www.facecharity.org for Message from Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald (Patron of FACE) / Day of Prayer parish leaflet / Day of Prayer poster / Prayer Card

23 May **Churches Together PENTECOST PRAISE 2021**
4 pm - **Pentecost Praise Service** - YouTube or Facebook
6:30 pm - Pentecost Prayer - on Zoom
Save the date - and plan to be there!
Watch a video about the service <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpDi0ohLIBU>

DEVELOPING YOUR FAITH

The God Who Speaks – Our Liturgy of the Word -

WEBINARS Tuesdays - 7.30-8.30pm

4 May *Acts of the Apostles – The Holy Spirit and the growth of the early Church [Ask Fr Kevinn for Zoom]*
8 June *The Year of St Joseph*
13 July *Mark and John on the Bread of Life. “The Church draws her life from the Eucharist”*
Book for one or all for Zoom details.
e: admin@nores.org.uk /01582 723312 (x1)

Pastoral Ministry Office summer webinars for DIVINE RENOVATION Read-Along
Mondays, 7.30-8.30pm, from 19 April. Register at <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/readalong/>

CATHOLIC BASICS - an engaging introduction to the Catholic faith offered in four parts: *God, The Church, The Moral Life, Prayer*. Monday evening Zoom presentations on June 7, 14, 21, 28 2021. from 7-8:30pm There is a £20 cost for the course pack of four texts. For more information and booking, contact Ann Collon at admin@nores.org.uk or call 01582 723312.

PARISH FINANCES

THANK YOU Last Sunday's Collection £626..10 with Standing Orders = £826..10 Priests' Training Fund = £406..62

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES available and Gift Aid forms to reclaim the tax you paid.

- Standing Order:* NatWest Sort Code: 60-06-11 A/c No: 91052122 Name: Holy Ghost, Luton
- Diocesan Donation page:* specify Holy Ghost, Luton at <https://northamptondiocese.org/donate>
- “Giving Tuesday”:* ring 01604 712065, on Tuesdays 10-4, using your debit/credit card..

300 CLUB – RESULTS - APRIL 2021		
PRIZE	WINNING NUMBER	LUCKY WINNER
£100	228	MARY NOLAN
£30	16	SULLIVAN HOARE
£10	142	PATRICK McAREE
£10	315	SIONEK REMIGIUSI
£10	153	ROSALEEN McLAUGHLIN

Congratulations to our winners. Many thanks to everyone for your support and to all our organisers.

LITURGY & SACRAMENT.

HOLY WATER IS AVAILABLE FOR PERSONAL USE ONLY. Bottles are available in the Baptismal font. *[If you can give a donation for the bottles please do as they are part of PPE]*

HOSPITAL & HOME VISITING – A priest can be called to any end of life patient. This request must come through the ward sister or the Chaplaincy.

TIME FOR PRAYER

POPE FRANCIS asks you to PRAY with him in MAY *for those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.*

PRAY FOR ALL ON OUR PRAYER BOARD

- *Add your requests there for your particular intentions – send them in by email or post to Fr Kevin to put them up in Church.*

PRAY for ALL OUR SICK and HOUSEBOUND and all whose names are on the Prayer Board. Send names in to Fr Kevin

PRAY for ALL OUR DEAD to know God's mercy especially those who died recently: Fr Dariusz' mother – IRENE BIAOLWAS [in Poland]

2021 – A YEAR OF ST JOSEPH, dedicated by Pope Francis.

Use this prayer from his Apostolic Letter daily this year
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil.

EASTER GARDEN at ST CLARE's, 3 Abigail Close, LU3 1ND -- open for private prayer from 10am-6pm daily. A place of silence and reflection where all are welcome. Face coverings are essential. [Chapel closed]

If you know of anyone who is in difficulties need of help contact : 07565 724557
New members very welcome – could be you?



VACANCIES at Cardinal Newman Catholic School. Apply via MyNewTerm
1. Design Technology Technician to support the management and delivery of the Engineering and Graphic Communications curriculum. 37 hours per week, term time only. L2 Pt4/5. £15,911 per annum. Closing date – 3 May

2. Daytime Cleaner 30 hours per week, term time only + 10 days, £12,769 per annum. Closing date, 10 May.

Fundraising for St Vincent following the volcano eruptions in St Vincent, UK-SVG FRIENDSHIP TRUST is organizing a fundraiser, hoping to raise £250,000 Due the volumes of donations, items are not currently needed, but people can give to the go fund page www.gofundme.com/f/uksvg-combined-response-to-la-soufriere-eruption

FREE ONLINE COACHING AND SUPPORT PACKAGE for people who find themselves out of work as a consequence of the pandemic and have little or no access to onward support. Poster in the porch/ www.vitaeopus.co.uk

RETRouvaille a programme helping many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. Call or text 07887296983 or 07973380443. e: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com / visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

COLLECT YOUR MY DAY BY DAY for MAY – 3 people have forgotten!!

