

Milton Keynes Area Cluster

Churches

- St Augustine's,
Langcliffe Drive, Heelands,
MK13 7PL
- St Bede's,
High Street, Newport Pagnell,
MK16 8EN
- Christ the King,
Fritchwood Crescent, Kents Hill,
MK7 6HQ
- St Mary's,
Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands,
MK17 8NN
- Our Lady of Lourdes,
St Pauls, Moorgate,
Leadenhall, MK6 5NA
- Christ the Cornerstone, Saxon
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Open House

Each Monday evening between 5.30pm and 7.30pm we have an "Open House" in the Parish Offices (St Augustine's, Langcliffe Drive, Heelands). Each of the priests are usually available to speak about anything, and deal with any administrative tasks for all of our Parishes, such as booking Baptisms, completing school application forms or passport applications. Simply come along, there is no need to make an appointment.

Diocesan Directories

After such great sales last weekend of the 2019 edition of the Diocesan Directory there are only a few available at the back of our Churches. The Directory contains Mass times and full details of all parishes, pastoral areas and Catholic schools as well as other useful Diocesan information. We are still offering it to you at the bargain price of just £3.



Palm Branches



The ashes that we receive on Ash Wednesday traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous year's Easter celebration. Please bring along any palm branches that you may have at home and we will burn them as we come into church on the weekend of 2nd/3rd of March, in preparation for Ash Wednesday on 6th March.

World Day of Prayer



This year there will be two services to celebrate the World Day of Prayer, on Friday 1st March. The theme this year is 'Come - Everything is Ready', and is prepared by the women of Slovenia:

- The Church of Christ the Cornerstone at 12.30pm. The organisers are looking for people to participate in the service, both readers and non readers. If you would like to be involved, please email: rosemary.kearsey@btopenworld.com
- Christ the King, Kents Hill at 7.30pm. The service will include readings and hymns. All are very welcome.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

There are two events planned to mark the parish's Patronal Feast this year. On Monday 11th February at 6pm there will be a rosary gathering/procession meeting outside the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, MK9 2ES.

The second event is to be held on Sunday 17th February after the 9.30am Mass, at St Paul's Moorgate, MK6 5NA. You are invited to bake cakes to bring in, as well as finger food and drink to share and celebrate together.



Vocations Weekend for young women

If you are wondering if God is calling you to the religious life and would like to find out more, a weekend is being organised by the sisters of Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) in Liverpool, on the 15th to 17th February 2019. To find out more please contact Sr Lynne on lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org

CAFOD Supporters Event



Come along to hear about some of the hardest to reach most vulnerable communities in the world, such as those in Sierra Leone and Liberia and hear how your support is helping empower them to overcome poverty.

- Sat 23rd February, at Our Lady Help of Christians, West Street, Olney, MK46 5HJ
The day will start with tea/coffee at 10am and a shared lunch from 1.30pm, the event end at 2.30pm. All are very welcome. To book a place call 01494 863777 or book at: northampton@cafod.org.uk

St Scholastica's Retreat

There will be an Open Day on Saturday 16th February 2019 at The Retreat in Princes Risborough. The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practicing Catholics aged 60 or over. For more information visit www.stscholasticas.co.uk

Parish Schools:

St Bernadette's Primary School,
Tewkesbury Lane,
Monkston Park, MK10 9PH
Telephone: 01908 692438
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Headteacher: Mrs Jane Zamora

St Monica's Primary School
Currier Drive
Neath Hill, MK14 6HB
01908 606966
stmonicas@stmonicas.co.uk
Mr Robert O'Malley

St Paul's Catholic School
Phoenix Drive
Leadenhall, MK6 5EN
01908 669735
enquiries@st-uls.org.uk
Mrs Joanne Hoarty

Celebration 2019

Now in its 42nd year, Celebration explores issues in Christian faith through discussion, drama, games and prayer. It is open to all Catholic youngsters in Milton Keynes, school years 6-13. It is a residential event held at Thornton Convent over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Application forms for Celebration 2019 are now available from the Sacristy.

Quiz Night

Christ the Cornerstone Church, are holding a Quiz Night with fish and chip supper on Friday 22nd February 2019. Please reserve this date in your diaries and get your team together. This is a fundraising event for the church, tickets will be available from the reception at Christ the Cornerstone.

Food Bank

Please remember those who are dependent on our generosity. The Food Bank and Food Cupboard* are short of these specific items at the moment; spreads, sugar, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned spaghetti, dried rice, tinned rice pudding, tinned soup (especially vegetable). Please place items in the box at the back of each church. Your support is very much appreciated. *The Food Cupboard is run by the Lions Club in Bletchley, and is supported by Christ the King Church.

Weekday Mass Days

From next week (18th February) we will celebrate weekday Mass on Monday, rather than Tuesday mornings at Christ the King and Tuesday rather than Monday mornings at St Augustine's!! All at the usual time of 9.30am.

Music Lessons



There is an opportunity to learn a skill and play with St Augustine's music group. If you or someone in your family would like to learn to play the flute or recorder, Sally Easton is offering to teach you. The first 3 lessons are free of charge and an instrument is provided. Contact Sally on 01908 668776 to discuss.

Thinking Theology Lecture

St Paul's Catholic School, Leadenhall, invites you to a lecture by Fr Pius, entitled "Henceforth All Generations Will Call Me Blessed", about the place of Our Lady in the Scriptures. The Lecture is being held on Monday 25th February at 7pm, in the Chapel. Admission is free and all are very welcome to attend.

Pancake Party



The Annual Pancake Party will take place on Tuesday 5th March, from 4pm to 6pm in the Narthex, at Christ the King Church, Kents Hill, MK7 6HQ. If you can provide, or volunteer to help on the day or clear up afterwards please contact Peter Laws from the Community Church. Email p.laws@hotmail.com There will be a raffle, and together with the money collected from the sale of pancakes, the proceeds will be donated to a local charity. Please come along, have a good time and support this joint church event. All are very welcome to attend.

St Bernadette's Nursery

St Bernadette's is now accepting applications to start the Nursery in September 2019. Nursery places are available for children who turn 4 between Sept 2019 and Aug 2020. There are full-time (30 hours) and morning-only places (15 hours) available. Children with working parents can claim the 30 hours nursery places for free with an eligibility code. Application forms can be collected from the school office; deadline is April 26th.

If you are making a late application to join Reception for September, this must be done both via the council and also by submitting supplementary forms to the school. These available from the school office.

St Bernadette's Governors

There are currently opportunities to join St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School's Governing Body. Foundation Governor appointments are made by NORES (Northampton Office for Religious Education). Induction and training is available for all Governors. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mary McGowan, Chair of Governors, for an informal chat, on 07906507635 or email: mcgowanmt@stbernadetteschool.com

Grenfell Tower Silent Walk

On Thursday, 14 February 2019 there will be a silent walk and vigil to remember the deaths of seventy-two people in the London Grenfell Tower Block fire of 14th June 2017, and to show solidarity with those who mourn. Meet at 6.15 pm near the MK Rose in Campbell Park and the walk ends outside the Church of Christ the Cornerstone around 7.00 pm. For more information contact David Chapman on 01908 666422

Liturgies for the Week

Saturday (Vigil)

- 5 pm Christ the Cornerstone Reconciliation
- 5.30pm Christ the Cornerstone People of the Parish
- 6.30pm St Mary's Patrick O'Neill Int.
- 7pm St Augustine's (Polish)

Sunday Fifth Sunday of the Year

- 9am St Augustine's Patrick and Nancy 60th Wedding Anniversary
- 9am St Bede's Pat Nally RIP
- 9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes Augustino Do Carmo Rodrigues RIP 2nd Anniversary
- 10.30am St Mary's Rod and Angela Rotherby RIP
- 11am St Augustine's Elizabeth Battye RIP 3rd Anniversary

- 11.30am Christ the King Patrick Anugwom RIP

- 2pm St Augustine's (Polish)

- 6.30pm St Augustine's Patricia Saul RIP

- 6.30pm Cranfield University

Monday Our Lady of Lourdes

- 9.30am St Augustine's Ralph and Eunike Mannas RIP
- 12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone Bridget Boyd RIP

Tuesday

- 9.30am Christ the King People of the Parish
- 10am St Mary's The Family of Baby Kineolisa Ogbonna RIP

Wednesday

- 9.30am St Augustine's Anna and Joseph RIP
- 12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone

Thursday St Cyril and St Methodius

- 9.30am St Augustine's
- 10.00am St Mary's NO MASS

Friday

- 10am St Bede's People of the Parish
- 6pm St Augustine's Reconciliation and Adoration,
- 7pm St Augustine's

Saturday

- 10am Our Lady of Lourdes People of the Parish Followed by Reconciliation

Money Matters Last weekend's collection:

St Augustine's
£ 1,460.01

St Bede's
£441.38

Christ the King
£687.39

Our Lady of Lourdes and Christ the Cornerstone
£ 951.11p

(All amounts include Standing Orders)

Thank you for your generosity