

# 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, Frithwood 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 Gate, CMK, MK9 2ES

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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.

## 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.

## Congratulations

This weekend we welcome Niall Da Costa-Coelho who was baptised at Christ the King. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

## Weekday Mass

Just a reminder that from this week we will celebrate Mass at Christ the King on a Monday morning and St Augustine's on a Tuesday morning, both at 9.30am.

## Stations of the Cross



We do not have any permanent Stations of the Cross in the church at St Augustine's, and so, with Lent approaching, it seems a good time to commission some new Stations and a few other new items for the church. Inside the newsletter at St Augustine's this weekend you will find a leaflet explaining what we hope to do and how you can support this project.

## 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, if you are free at lunchtime please come and join in this cycle of prayer, which will go around the world on the day.
- Christ the King, Kents Hill, at 7.30pm. The service will include readings and hymns.

## Quiz Night

Christ the Cornerstone Church, are holding a Quiz Night with fish and chip supper on Friday 22nd February. This is a fundraising event for the church, tickets will be available from the reception at Christ the Cornerstone until Tuesday.

## CAFOD Supporters Event

On Saturday 23rd February at Our Lady of Help of Christians, Olney, MK46 5HJ come along and hear how your support is giving power to the most vulnerable communities in the world. 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](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk)

## 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.

## 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. If you can help on the day or clear up afterwards please contact Peter Laws from the Community Church. Email [p.laws@hotmail.com](mailto:p.laws@hotmail.com) The money raised will be donated to a local charity. Please come along, have a good time and support this joint church event.

## Parish Schools:

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Mrs Joanne Hoarty

## Diocesan Vocations Weekend



Our Diocese will be hosting a weekend for those men considering a Vocation to the Priesthood. This will be held at the Cathedral in Northampton from Friday 22nd March to Sunday 24th March. If you are interested in exploring this please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak to Fr Mark Floody at the same number.

## Catholic Women's Organisation

The CWO meet every third Sunday of the month and the next meeting will be today 17th February in the Chapel at St Augustine's after the 11am Mass. All are welcome to attend.

## St Bede's Book Group

The Group will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 13th March. The book to be discussed is "My Name is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout. New members are welcome. For further information please contact Anne Milton, 07909762366.

## Volunteers needed

Our Lady of Lourdes, St Paul's, are seeking volunteers to help in the following areas:

- weekly cleaning of the Church
  - Mass welcomers
- There will be sign up sheets available this week, both new roles will commence later in February.



## 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 26<sup>th</sup>.

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 are available from the school office.

## St Bernadette's Governors

There are currently opportunities to join St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School's Governing Body, as Foundation Governors. 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](mailto:mcgowanmt@stbernadetteschool.com)

## Mental Health: Distress and Wellbeing

On Saturday 16th March 10am till 4pm, coffee at 9.45am, there will be a workshop for all Pastoral Workers in our Parishes. The workshop will be held at Christ the King Church, Kents Hill. The subject of the session is 'Mental Health and Wellbeing' presented by two psychotherapists, Catriona Cahill and Hannah Russell. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be available.

## NYMO Events in 2019

The Northampton Youth Ministry Office (NYMO) offer many opportunities for young people aged 11-18, as well as young adults up to 30 years old. Here are some details of up coming events. This is open to everyone and all are extremely welcome:

- True Survivor Weekend: 25th to 27th May. For young men aged 14+, this weekend couples survival techniques in the wild with spiritual survival techniques. Cost £100 per person.
- Summer Camp 2019: 4th to 8th August. At the start of the summer holidays, over 100 young people gather together for a mix of outdoor activities, sleeping in a castle, a day out at Alton Towers and daily Mass, talks, music and lots of fun! Cost £200 per person (incl. transport).

For further details please visit [www.nymo.org](http://www.nymo.org) or speak to Fr Brendan.

## 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 school years 6-13. It is a residential event held over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Application forms are now available from the Sacristy, after Mass.

## Exam Results!

So...the waiting is over and the results from Leuven are in! I passed my exams! I would like to thank you all for your prayers and kind words of encouragement and ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers as I return to Leuven for the next few weeks to begin the next semester of Canon Law studies.

Fr Brendan

## 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 Tony Pratt RIP

7pm St Augustine's (Polish)

### Sunday Sixth Sunday of the Year

9am St Augustine's Maureen Jezorski RIP

9am St Bede's Rose Brett RIP

9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes

10.30am St Mary's Martin and Bridget Quill RIP

11am St Augustine's

11.30am Christ the King Matias Ung RIP & Francis Motajo RIP

2pm St Augustine's (Polish)

6.30pm St Augustine's

6.30pm Cranfield University

### Monday

9.30am Christ the King

12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone

### Tuesday

9.30am St Augustine's People of the Parish

10am St Mary's

### Wednesday

9.30am St Augustine's Ceslav Mazuur RIP

12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone

### Thursday

9.30am St Augustine's Philip Tanuska Int

10.00am St Mary's People of the Parish

### Friday St Peter's Chair

10am St Bede's People of the Parish

6pm St Augustine's Reconciliation and Adoration,

7pm St Augustine's

### Saturday St Polycarp

10am Our Lady of Lourdes Followed by Reconciliation

## Money Matters Last weekend's collection:

St Augustine's  
£ 1,261.38

St Bede's  
£407.44

Christ the King  
£571.37

Our Lady of Lourdes and Christ the Cornerstone  
£ 952.38p

(All amounts include Standing Orders)

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