

# 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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## Lent 2019



We will begin Lent this year with the following services on Ash Wednesday:  
St Augustine's  
Mass 9.30am and 7.30pm.  
St Bede's  
Service with Distribution of Ashes  
St Mary's  
Mass 10.30am  
Christ the Cornerstone  
Mass 12.30pm  
Christ the King  
7.30pm: Ecumenical Service with Distribution of Ashes

## Candidacy Mass

We currently have three students from the Diocese preparing to be ordained as Deacons. Lanre Sanni and Gerard Felix have just begun a three year course along with fifty other men throughout the south of England. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, at St Mary's, Woburn Sands, we are hosting a Candidacy Mass, during which Bishop Peter will formally accept them as candidates for ordination. Bishop Peter celebrates the Mass along with our own priests and others from across the Diocese. All are invited to attend the Mass and join in this special occasion.

## Make Lunch

Thank you to all who contributed to charitable events during the last year. We raised £772.25 for the local charity "Make Lunch" which aims to provide a hot meal for families who would usually receive free school meals during term time.

## Global Healing



In response to Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si*, we are hosting an evening entitled Global Healing, looking at how our faith helps us to care for our common home, on Wednesday 13th March at 7pm at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone. The evening includes a film, refreshments, discussion and chat. All are very welcome to attend. Flyers are available in each of the churches.

## Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

- Ministers in most of our parishes should have received new rotas recently. If you are unable to exercise your ministry on any given Sunday can you please ensure that you find a replacement.
- We are looking to increase the number of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers in each of our parishes. If you would like to find out more then please speak to one of the priests or deacons after Mass.

## Parish Card Payments

On behalf of the Diocese, St Augustine's is trialing a scheme which will allow parishioners to make payments to the parish directly by Debit or Credit Card either contactless, by chip and pin or over the phone. This can be used for fundraising schemes such as our own scheme for

Stations of the Cross or payment of deposits for Parish trips, in fact anything except the regular Sunday collection. We'll try it for the next few months and give our feed back about how useful it has been.

## Stations of the Cross

As you know, we are hoping to buy some new Stations of the Cross, chalices and ciboria at St Augustine's. Thank you for your great generosity so far. At the back of church you will find a yellow leaflet with details of how to participate. You can contribute in whatever way is most convenient. If you would like to do so by Debit or Credit Card please do so by calling the Parish Office or via the terminal available in the sacristy.

## Lent Fast Day

Friday 15th March. This is an opportunity to support CAFOD's work helping our brothers and sisters around the world. Please eat a simple meal in solidarity with those who live amidst drought, floods and storm. If you are a tax payer, I urge you to use the Gift Aid envelopes, filling in your details to enable your gift to be increased by 25% at no cost to yourself. You can view information and campaigns at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for your continued support.

## Pancake Party

Unfortunately the Pancake Party, at Christ the King, has had to be cancelled this year. Hopefully we'll be able to organise one again next year.



**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.

**Booking a Baptism:** Please attend the "Open House" to register the Baptism of your Child and receive further information

**Booking a Wedding:** Please contact the Cluster Office to make an enquiry.

### 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.

### 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.



### 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.

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We have arranged a pilgrimage to Lourdes for our cluster of parishes led by one of our priests. It will take place between 21st and 28th August, with three nights half-board in Paris and Nevers, to visit the shrines of St Bernadette and St Vincent de Paul, and then 4 nights full board in Lourdes, with the opportunity to join the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Peter. The total cost is £625 based upon two people sharing, £100 deposit is required with the possibility of paying the remaining balance in instalments. If you are interested please contact Susie on 07459774035.



### Catholic Basics Course 2019

After a very successful launch, join NORES for another day of prayer teaching and interaction. No qualifications needed - just interest, good will and a sense of humour. Part 2: CHURCH, will be at the NORES Centre, Holy Ghost Parish, LU4 8JD, on 11th April from 10am to 3pm, (9.30am for refreshments. To book, email [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) Or telephone 01582 723312. Price of £25 per person for the day includes lunch. Concessions available.

### Raising Funds

Trubys Garden Tea Room, an inter-faith community café is open on Saturday 9th March from 12noon to 5pm at the Guildhall, Church of Christ the Cornerstone, enjoy lunch or afternoon tea and raise funds for the British Red Cross and Refugees Welcome, Milton Keynes. Please do come along and support this event all are very welcome.

### Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Taster evenings are being offered at the New Life Church for a course about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and growing deeper in our relationship with Christ. These evenings are on Thursday 21st March and Thursday 9th May, from 7.30pm to 10pm at the Ridgeway Centre, Featherstone Drive, Wolverton Mill South, Milton Keynes, MK12 5TH. Booking at <https://form.jotform.com/90204661443955>

### St Patrick's Night Quiz 2019



A quiz in aid of a Tanzanian project will take place at St. Mary's Church Hall, Woburn Sands on Saturday 16th March at 7.30 pm. There will be a Fish and Chip Supper, Raffle and Licensed Bar. Tickets can be requested on 01908 670059. All are very welcome to come along, have some fun whilst supporting a worthy cause.

### 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:

- 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)

### Liturgies for the Week

#### Saturday (Vigil)

5 pm Christ the Cornerstone Reconciliation

5.30pm Christ the Cornerstone Breda Bird RIP, 1 month anniversary

6.30pm St Mary's Rosie Lynch Int.

7pm St Augustine's (Polish)

#### Sunday Eighth Sunday of the Year

9am St Augustine's Maureen O'Brien RIP

9am St Bede's William Gilbert RIP

9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes Special Intention

10.30am St Mary's Maureen Leach RIP

11am St Augustine's Sheila Golden Rip

11.30am Christ the King Jennifer Percival Int.

2pm St Augustine's (Polish)

6.30pm St Augustine's Ernest Prior RIP

6.30pm Cranfield University

#### Monday

9.30am Christ the King

12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone Stella O'Shea RIP

#### Tuesday

9.30am St Augustine's Leela RIP

10am St Mary's Canon Stan Condon RIP

#### Ash Wednesday

9.30am St Augustine's Bernadette Joseph Int.

10am St Bede's Service with Distribution of Ashes

10am St Mary's

12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone Mariam Mathai RIP, 1st Anniv.

7.30pm St Augustine's

7.30pm Christ the King Ecumenical Service with Distribution of Ashes

#### Thursday St Perpetua and St Felicity

9.30am St Augustine's

1pm St Mary's Funeral Mass, Maureen Leach

#### Friday

10am St Bede's People of the Parish

6pm St Augustine's Reconciliation and Adoration

7pm St Augustine's People of the Parish

Followed by Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday

10am Our Lady of Lourdes Followed by Reconciliation

### Money Matters

Last weekend's collection:

St Augustine's  
£1,308.08p

St Bede's  
£387.33p

Christ the King  
£630.51p

Our Lady of Lourdes and Christ the Cornerstone  
£1,012.61p

(All amounts include Standing Orders)

Thank you for your