

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, Sax-on 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 or weddings, completing school application forms etc. Simply come along, there is no need to make an appointment.

Global Healing

This Lent 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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to:

- Andrea Archidiacono, Theo Marionnette, and Veronica Melchionda, who are to be baptised or confirmed at Easter this year and are taking part in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral today.
- David Prenga, Tymon Borchardt, Adrewn Dadzie Junior, Maya Wojtala, Deja Gutowska, Oliver Brociek who are celebrating the Rite of Welcome at Mass today and will be baptised this month.

Lent 2019



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.

CAFOD Speakers

On Saturday 16th March and Sunday 17th March we are delighted to have with us at Christ the Cornerstone and St Augustine's, 9am and 11am, two CAFOD partners, Yigal and Afaf. They will be sharing with us their work, equipping and empowering Palestinian and Jewish young people to bring change to their communities, so as to build a more peaceful and egalitarian society. Please welcome them to our masses.

St Augustine's Lenten Appeal Update

As you will have noticed, our new Stations of the Cross are in place at St Augustine's and were blessed and used for our prayer for the first time on Friday evening. Our new chalices and ciboria will be with us by Easter and we are looking at, and taking advice about the foyer area at the moment. A huge thank you to those who have already contributed to the project, we have raised £4,530 so far! There is still plenty of time to contribute and you will find a number of yellow sheets at the back of church explaining how. Thank you.

Films in Lent

During Lent, Churches Together in Newport Pagnell will show a film each Monday afternoon at 2pm and Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the United Reformed Church, MK16 8HD. This week it is Jesus Christ Superstar.

Lent Lunches

Lenten Lunches will be held in the United Reformed Church Hall in Newport Pagnell, MK16 8HD, on Fridays at 12 noon to 1.15pm until the 12th April. The cost is £4 and includes soup, bread, cheese with tea or coffee. All profits will go to Christian Aid.

Stations of the Cross



During Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday after 7.30pm Mass at St Augustine's.

A Date for Your Diary

Fr John Hemer, who teaches scripture at Allen Hall seminary in London is going to lead a scripture reflection evening for us on Thursday 28th March at 7.30pm at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone.

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office@stbernadettsschool.com
Headteacher: Mrs Jane Zamora

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

St Paul's Catholic School
Phoenix Drive,
Leadenhall, MK6 5EN
Telephone: 01908 669735
enquiries@st-pauls.org.uk
Headteacher: Mrs Jo-Anne Hoarty

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 Lenten Appeal 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.

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.

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.

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 are £12 and can be requested on 01908 670059. All are very welcome to come along, have some fun whilst supporting a worthy cause.

Vacancy - Full time Youth Ministry Co-ordinator - NYMO

A rare opportunity has arisen to join our youth ministry office (NYMO) and take youth ministry in the Diocese of Northampton into its next phase of development. The closing date for applications will be Tuesday 26th March 2019 and interviews will take place on Tuesday 9th April 2019. For Full details of the job role, job profile and an application form, please visit: www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or call 01604 714840.

Diocesan Mass for Married Life

Each year Bishop Peter celebrates a Mass for married couples from throughout the Diocese This year we are to host this Mass at St Mary's Church, Woburn Sands, on Saturday 6th April at 12 noon. If you are celebrating a special anniversary, you can receive a certificate from the Bishop. Please complete and return the invitation or email: mfl@northamptondiocese.com Posters and invitations are available in all churches.

CD for Sale

Today after Mass at Christ the King, a CD of Church Music, featuring Bernard Atkins, one of the members of the Parish Choir, will be on sale. The cost of the CD is £10 and all proceeds will be donated to the SVP in Milton Keynes to help the needy. Please support if you are able.

Research participants needed.

Laura Reynolds is completing research on loneliness as part of her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. She would like to speak to women aged 65 and above who were born in Sri Lanka and now live in the UK, and are currently experiencing feelings of loneliness (even if it is only a passing feeling). Please contact, Laura, on 07803532272 if you would like to talk about taking part. Please feel free to share this information if you think you know someone who could be suitable. Posters available at the back of the church.

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.

Liturgies for the Week

Saturday (Vigil)

- 5 pm Christ the Cornerstone Reconciliation
- 5.30pm Christ the Cornerstone Tony Eu RIP
- 6.30pm St Mary's Maureen Leach RIP
- 7pm St Augustine's (Polish)

Sunday First Sunday of Lent

- 9am St Augustine's Nancy O'Driscoll Int (God's Healing)
- 9am St Bede's Rita Henderson RIP
- 9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes Bernardo De Almeida RIP
- 10.30am St Mary's Clement Pereira RIP 1st Anniv. Elizabeth Kelly RIP
- 11am St Augustine's Eileen Hession RIP
- 11.30am Christ the King Julia Abramowska (Baptism Anniversary)
- 2pm St Augustine's (Polish)
- 6.30pm St Augustine's People of the Parish
- 6.30pm Cranfield University

Monday

- 9.30am Christ the King
- 12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone Mildred Bird RIP Helen Shepherd RIP

Tuesday

- 9.30am St Augustine's William O'Driscoll RIP
- 10am St Mary's NO MASS

Wednesday

- 9.30am St Augustine's NO MASS
- 12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone People of the Parish

Thursday

- 9.30am St Augustine's NO MASS
- 10am St Mary's Deceased members of the Lyons Family

Friday

- 10am St Bede's People of the Parish
- 6pm St Augustine's Reconciliation and Adoration
- 7pm St Augustine's Betty Clarke RIP
- Followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday

- 10am Our Lady of Lourdes
- Followed by Reconciliation

Money Matters Last weekend's collection:

St Augustine's
£1,275.33p

St Bede's
£392.28p

Christ the King
£718.50p

Our Lady of Lourdes and Christ the Cornerstone
£1,034.69p

(All amounts include Standing Orders)

Thank you for your generosity