

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, 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.

Feast of the Annunciation

On Monday 25th March you are invited to a Rosary gathering/ procession to honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary, meeting outside of the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, MK9 2ES at 6pm. All are very welcome to attend.



A day of Reflection for Catholic Women

The event, organised by the Diocesan Branch of the National Board of Catholic Women, is to be held on Saturday 6th April from 11am to 3pm at Our Lady of Grace, High Wycombe, HP12 4RY, packed lunches required. The theme is Living in the Spirit of 'Gaudete et Exsultate', Pope Francis's Apostolic appeal to 'Rejoice and be Glad'. The day is to be led by Kate Stogden, Cenacle Sister and Teacher of Ignatian Spirituality. For more information please call Maura on 01628 666278 or see poster at the back of the Church.

Lent 2019



Last Friday 15th March, was an opportunity to support CAFOD's work helping our brothers and sisters around the world, by eating a simple meal in solidarity with those who live amidst drought, floods and storms. Today, we will collect your donation. If you are a tax payer, I urge you to use the Gift Aid envelopes, filling in your details, to enable your donation to be increased by 25% at no cost to yourself. You can view information and campaigns at cafod.org.uk.

CAFOD Speakers

This weekend 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 telling us about 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 are being used for Prayer during Lent. 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 over £5,000 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 to do so. 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 Godspell.

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 7.00pm 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.

Parish Schools:

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Monkston Park, MK10 9PH
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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 or deposits for Parish trips, in fact anything except the regular Sunday collection. We'll try it for the next few months and give our feedback 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. 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>

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 event 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.

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 interested. Posters available at the back of the church.

Catholic Women's Organisation

The monthly meeting of the CWO will take place today in the Chapel at St Augustine's after the 11am Mass. All welcome to attend.

Passover Celebration

Christ The King community Church, has been given the opportunity to host a celebration of Passover which includes a meal, traditionally lamb based. The celebration will take place on the 16th April at Christ The King, led by Peter Cutler. It will be a ticketed event, to cover the cost of the food, starting at 6 p.m. Organisers would like to make this a Walton Church Partnership wide event and invite all the congregations to take part, including children. At this stage, volunteers are needed to come and help set up from 5.00pm and clear down afterwards and to help with the catering, by preparing the food beforehand and bringing it along. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time. If you would like more information or you are able to help please contact Lynn Atkinson: latkinson.home@btinternet.com or call 07714098168.

Liturgies for the Week

Saturday (Vigil)	
5 pm	Christ the Cornerstone Reconciliation
5.30pm	Christ the Cornerstone Rita Price Int
6.30pm	St Mary's Joan Dell RIP
7pm	St Augustine's (Polish)
Sunday Second Sunday of Lent	
9am	St Augustine's Nancy O'Driscoll Int
9am	St Bede's Jim Mahoney RIP
9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes
10.30am	St Mary's Joseph, Lily and Clement Pereira RIP
11am	St Augustine's Louis and Margaret Walter RIP
11.30am	Christ the King Patrick Anugwom RIP
2pm	St Augustine's (Polish)
6.30pm	St Augustine's Serena Ann Rodrigues RIP 5th Anniversary
6.30pm	Cranfield University
Monday	
9.30am	Christ the King Aniela Abramowska RIP
12.30pm	Christ the Cornerstone Lily Burtenshaw RIP Birthday
1.45pm	Funeral Service, Hyacinth Boyle RIP, The Willow Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium
Tuesday St Joseph	
9.30am	St Augustine's
10am	St Mary's NO MASS
Wednesday	
9.30am	St Augustine's People of the Parish
12.30pm	Christ the Cornerstone Noel Price Int
Thursday	
9.30am	St Augustine's NO MASS
10am	St Mary's Deceased members of the Shiner Family
Friday	
10am	St Bede's People of the Parish
6pm	St Augustine's Reconciliation and Adoration
7pm	St Augustine's Followed by Stations of the Cross
Saturday	
10am	Our Lady of Lourdes Followed by Reconciliation

Money Matters Last weekend's collection:

St Augustine's
£1,251.49p

St Bede's
£383.91p

Christ the King
£629.96

Our Lady of Lourdes and Christ the Cornerstone
£942.01p
All amounts include Standing Orders

Second Collection today for CAFOD

Thank you for your generosity