

Milton Keynes Area Cluster

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- 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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Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for all the hard work that has made the Easter liturgies so prayerful and uplifting this year - to those who helped by serving and reading, those who produced the leaflets for each of the services, those who helped prepare the churches, to our singers and musicians and to anyone who helped in any other way. With every blessing on this Easter Day,
Fr Francis, Fr Lijo, Fr Pius and Fr Brendan

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 have been used for Prayer during Lent. Our new chalices and ciboria have been a little delayed, but at the time of publication of the Newsletter, we are still hopeful that they will be with us by Easter. You will have noticed that work is moving along in the entrance to the Church. A huge thank you to those who have already contributed to the project, we have raised about £8,000.

Summer Camp 2019 4th to 8th August.

At the start of the summer holidays, over 100 young people from throughout the Diocese 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). This is a very popular event so please contact www.nymo.org or Fr Brendan promptly if you would like to find out more.

Diocesan Mass for victims and survivors of abuse

There will be a Diocesan Mass for victims and survivors of abuse, their families and supporters at St Mary's in Woburn Sands at 12 noon on 12 October 2019. The focus will be on healing, reconciliation and the forming of compassionate links with the Church.

Individual meetings with Bishop Peter .

Bishop Peter is offering to meet with victims and survivors, their families and supporters commencing from May 2019 and continuing on a bimonthly basis. For more details or to book a meeting with the Bishop, contact the safeguarding office on: 01604 723514.

Open House

There will be no "Open House" on Easter Monday, it will recommence on Monday 29th April.

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.

Cornerstone Times

The Cornerstone Times is a quarterly publication with articles and news from the Church of Christ the Cornerstone. This edition contains a number of articles from the Catholic congregation, so please pick up a copy from the foyer as you leave.



Easter Collection

The Easter Sunday Mass Collection will be the traditional gift from Parishioners to our Priests. This gift forms a significant part of their annual income, so please be as generous as you feel able.

Save the Date



Roy Shoeman, international speaker, will be giving a talk on "The Role of Judaism in Salvation from Abraham to the 2nd Coming, on 30th June, at 6.30pm at Our Lady of Help and Christians Parish Hall, Castle Street Luton, LU1 3AG. Everyone is welcome to attend. More details will follow.

Blessing of Graves at St Mary's

During this Easter season when we remember the resurrection of the Lord, it seems an appropriate time to remember our loved ones who have died. There will be a service and blessing of graves at St Mary's cemetery in Woburn Sands on Sunday 19th May at 1pm. All are welcome.

Parish Schools

St Bernadette's Primary School,
Tewkesbury Lane,
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

Vacancy Parish Youth Minister – Bedford – Full Time

We are delighted to advertise the role of Catholic Parish Youth Minister in the parishes of Ss Philip and James and Holy Cross, Bedford. This is a rare and exciting opportunity for a practicing Catholic, with the right skills and experiences, to support and develop local young people in their faith and relationship with their parish. The closing date for applications will be 3rd May 2019. Full details of the role can be found by visiting www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies

Academy Director Recruitment

Would you like to help shape the future of Catholic education in the Diocese? Do you have the skills to help direct the strategy and ethos of academies which currently educate over 10,000 pupils across the Diocese? Bishop Peter is currently recruiting Foundation Directors (non-executive), for our new Multi Academy Trusts in the north and south of the Diocese. The closing date for the first round of applications is 31st May 2019. Application details can be found at: <https://bit.ly/20PBIYx> or by contacting Debbie Main on 01582 723312 or email: main@nores.org.uk

Gift Aid Envelopes

2019/2020 planned giving envelopes are available for collection from St Augustine's, Our Lady of Lourdes and Christ the Cornerstone this weekend. If you would like to begin contributing to the collection in this way, please give your details to one of the clergy.

Global Healing

At the recent Global Healing Meeting, a film from the Bishops of England and Wales was shown, which suggested ways that we could as individuals and as a Parish, care for our 'common home'. If anyone is interested in joining a parish Global Healing Group to explore ways to achieve this, please email: vrbell18@yahoo.co.uk

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, who are maybe experiencing feelings of loneliness. Please contact, Laura, on 07803532272.

Psalms - A School of Prayer

Would you like to learn the Psalms that Jesus would have learned to pray? A Psalm course will be held at St Augustine's Church, every Friday after the 7pm Mass, beginning on Friday 3rd May for 11 weeks. Everyone is very welcome to attend. If you would like further details please contact Christine on 01908 318079 or email: bibletimeline2018@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Lourdes Last few seats available.



We have arranged a pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by one of our priests. It will take place between 21st and 28th August. For

information, please contact Susie on 07459774035.

Congratulations

Welcome to the adults and children who have been Baptised or Confirmed during our Easter Liturgies. Please remember them in your prayer.

MK Food Bank

For safety reasons the Food Bank is trailing a 'no glass zone' until September. They are asking all of their regular donors to give packet pasta sauces instead of those in glass jars. Currently the Food Bank is low on the below tinned items: vegetables, fruit, pasta/spaghetti, tomatoes, rice pudding, custard and finally teabags. Thank you for your continued support.

Changes to Masses

Please note changes to weekday Masses in the Liturgies for the Week section opposite.

St Augustine's Bake Sale



A bake sale will be held on Sunday 28th April, after 11:00am Mass to raise funds for Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO). Doughnuts and cookies will be available and items will range in price from 50p to £1 - further donations are welcome. VSO is the world's leading independent international development organisation that works through volunteers to fight poverty in developing countries. Everyday around 1,500 VSO volunteers are working in carefully selected placements, sharing their experience and working to tackle poverty by empowering those really affected by it.

March for Life

To support the sanctity of life, there is a march being held on Saturday 11th May in London. The March will start in Westminster at 2pm for more information go to www.marchforlife.co.uk or email: info@marchforlife.co.uk or call 07885505116/07773501721

Liturgies for the Week

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

9pm Christ the Cornerstone
Christ the King
St Augustine's
Maureen Jezorski RIP

6am

EASTER SUNDAY

9am St Augustine's
William O'Driscoll RIP
Kathy Sweet Int

9am St Bede's
Alan Ratcliffe RIP

9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes

10.30am St Mary's

11am St Augustine's
Benefactors of the Parish
Intentions

11.30am Christ the King
Anthony Anugwom RIP

No evening Masses

Monday

9.30am Christ the King- No Mass

12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone
Bernadette Joseph Int.

Tuesday

9.30am St Augustine's
Peter Mackey RIP

10am St Mary's- No Mass

2pm Funeral Service, Patrick
Shanley RIP, St Mary's

Wednesday

9.30am St Augustine's- No Mass

12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone
Andrew and Johanna Hickey
RIP

Thursday

9.30AM St Augustine's-No Mass

10am St Mary's

Friday

10am St Bedes
Kay Stratton RIP
George Horton RIP Anniv

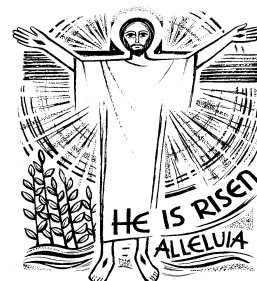
1pm Funeral Mass, Rita Reeves RIP
St Augustine's

6pm St Augustine's - Adoration
and Reconciliation

7pm St Augustine's
Don Seabeck RIP

Saturday

10am Our Lady of Lourdes
Followed by Reconciliation



Money Matters Last weekend's collection:

St Augustine's
£1,540.62p

St Bede's
£291.35p

Christ the King
£655.77p

Our Lady of Lourdes and Christ the Cornerstone
£1124.44p
All amounts include Standing Order

Thank you for your generosity