

St Barnabas Cluster of Parishes



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 Edward's Burchard Crescent, Shenley Church End MK5 6DX
- 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
As you know, we are intending to build new accommodation at St Augustine's where all of the priests will live. As is often the case, this project is delayed at the moment, however some preliminary works to create a new entrance area are required in the existing office and chapel area. This work began earlier in the week and will mean that the area won't be accessible for the next few weeks. Thanks for your understanding, it will be worth it in the end!
With blessings,
Fr Francis*

Open House

Every Monday between 5.30pm and 7.30pm in the Cluster Office, (St Augustine's, Langcliffe Drive, Heelands). Each of the priests and the secretary are usually available to speak about anything, and deal with administrative tasks for all of our Parishes, such as booking baptisms or weddings, completing school application forms etc. There is no need to make an appointment.



Prayer for the Dead

November is traditionally a time when we pray for those who have died and, throughout the month, a *Book of the Names of the Dead* will be kept open on the sanctuaries in each church. Please add any names of those you wish to be inscribed in the book on the sheets supplied.

First Reconciliation and Communion Preparation

First Communion Preparation has already begun at St Edward's and we are unable to accept any new members. The programme will begin for the other parishes after half term and full details and application forms for children in Year 3 and over

will be available from Mass in the next few weeks.

Milton Keynes Pastoral Area Council

Each of the pastoral areas across the Diocese has arranged a reflection day to think about its future organization and the challenges and opportunities that each parish faces. The day in Milton Keynes will include four or five members from each of the parishes who can speak a little about parish life. If you feel able to represent one of our parishes then perhaps drop an Email to the Office. The Reflection day will be on Saturday 16th November at 11am at St Bernadette's School.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Edward the Confessor

There are a few places left on the coach visit to the Shrine of St Edward in Westminster Abbey on Saturday 19th October, if you are interested in joining the Pilgrimage or for more information please email: eilsa.mccarthy@btinternet.com

St Augustine's Church Cleaning

Thank you to all those who have volunteered, so far, for the new rota for cleaning. This week will be the final week for you to sign up. If you are able to spare a couple of hours every few weeks then please sign up to help keep the Church in good order.

MK Food Bank

The Food Bank is a local charity that aims to alleviate food poverty through providing emergency food parcels to those in need. One thousand of these parcels are supplied in Milton Keynes each month. Each parcel contains a three day supply of food. Please help by donating: long-life milk and juice, tinned rice pudding, meat, pasta/spaghetti tomatoes and



custard, as well as teabags. Collection points are at the back of St Augustine's, St Edwards and St Mary's Churches.

St Scholastica's Retreat Open Day

An open day will be held on Saturday 19th October, at The Retreat, Princes Risborough. The Retreat, offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self contained flats, cost £491pcm. More information is available at: www.stscholasticas.co.uk or email the warden, Deacon Sean Duffy at info@stscholasticas.co.uk.

Keep the date free

Saturday 9th November will be the Christmas Quiz Night at St Mary's Church Hall Woburn Sands. Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets are £12.00 which includes a Fish and Chip Supper, licensed bar and raffle. All proceeds will support the Upendo Children's Home in Moshi. How to purchase tickets will be published in a few weeks



St Bede's Christmas Bazaar

Whilst Christmas is still a long way off, the planning for the St Bede's Christmas Bazaar has already started. The bazaar will take place on Saturday 7th December, please keep the date in your diary.




St Mary's Red Missio Boxes.

Could you please return your red boxes for counting, during this month and leave them in the sacristy. Please collect a new red box from the stand at the back of the church, together with your free mission magazine.

Academy Directors

Bishop Peter is currently looking for several Foundation Directors to provide strategic management and oversight of Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Academies Trust (OLICAT). He is looking to appoint practicing Catholics, with a variety of skills and experience. For further details please contact Debbie Main at 01582 723312 or email: main@nores.org.uk

Mass Count

This weekend will be the final  weekend that we will count the number of people at each of our Masses for the Diocesan Statistics.

Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Group

The next meeting will be held on Saturday 19th October from 3pm to 5.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, St Paul's, Leadenhall. All youth are encouraged to attend, as the Group are planning a guest speaker.

Children's Liturgy Groups at St Augustine's - A message from the Leaders.

Dear Children and Parents, We are sorry to tell you that the group for 5-6 and 7-8 year olds will not be meeting for the next few Sundays, whilst the building work takes place. When the work is complete we will have a much nicer space in which to meet. The group for 9-10 year olds will be able to continue as normal. We look forward to welcoming the younger children back in mid November. Please look out for the worksheets to take home as usual.

Rosary

There will be Rosary at St Edward's on Friday mornings, at 10am during the month of October, followed by coffee.



St Mary's Eucharistic Ministers

Please collect your new rotas from the table at the back of the church. There has been a change to the date of the next meeting, it is now on Saturday 2nd November at 9.30am in the church hall. Apologies for any inconvenience. Please submit items for the agenda as soon as possible.

Live Laudato Si

During October we celebrate St Francis of Assisi's life and message, which is to see God in everything. There are some leaflets at the back of our churches for everyone to take, which have suggestions about how we can do this in these times of environmental emergency. Join the group at the next meeting of the Cluster Global Healing Group to find out more and share ideas. The next meeting is at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, on Wednesday 16th October at 3pm.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died recently especially:



- ◆ Leslie Latimer whose funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on Thursday 17th October at 12 noon
- ◆ Dr David Parkins whose funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 22nd October at 2.30pm.
- ◆ Walter Higgins whose funeral will take place at The Willow Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd October at 11am.
- ◆ Adrian West whose funeral will take place at St Mary's Church on Friday 25th October at 12noon

Please also remember in your prayers Gladys Pinto RIP whose funeral took place last week.

Mass at Cranfield University

The Mass at 6.30pm Sunday has now recommenced. Have a good term!

'Our Catholic Schools Week'

Today Sunday 13th October, schools across the Diocese are celebrating the culmination of 'Our Catholic Schools Week'. At Christ the King, the pupils from St Bernadette's Catholic School will be leading the hymns and readings and will be serving refreshments to parishioners in the Narthex after Mass. Staff will also be available to explain the procedures for applying for a school place for your child.

Hope MK 2019

Hope MK is running from 28th October for 4 days, for young people in school years 7-11. To find out more and book online go to www.hopemk.com. Cost is £55. For those in need of financial support please contact Sajin on 07760898977

Congratulations

To Keira-Louise Stokes, and Asher Gray who are to be baptised at St Augustine's church this weekend and Clementine Lockhart and Jack Unsworth who are to be baptised at St Edward's church. Please remember them and their families in your prayer.



Foundation Governors Needed

Can you work alongside other Governors at St Monica's School to monitor the development and performance of the school in all areas, whilst promoting the school's Christian ethos. Then please contact the school on 01908 606966 or email stmonicas@stmonicas.co.uk

Last weekend's collection:

St Augustine's : £1,305.83
 St Bede's: £381.06
 Christ the King: £586.69
 St Edward's: £338.10
 St Mary's: £619.20
 Our Lady of Lourdes and Cornerstone: £907.19

CAFOD: £2,549.84p plus gift aid.

Thank you for your generosity.
(Amounts include standing orders)

Next week Second Collection :
Mission Sunday

Liturgies for the Week Beginning 13th October

Saturday (Vigil)	
5pm	Christ the Cornerstone Reconciliation
5.30pm	Christ the Cornerstone
6pm	St Edwards's Reconciliation
6.30pm	St Edward's People of the Parish
6pm	St Mary's Reconciliation
6.30pm	St Mary's Josie O Sullivan Int
Sunday Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the year	
8.30am	St Augustine's Carol and Dan Walters 40th Wedding Anniversary
9am	St Bede's
9.30am	Our Lady of Lourdes
10am	St Edward's Joaquin Sanchez Lopez RIP
11am	St Mary's Lily, Joseph, Wendy and Clement Pereira RIP Teresa Coughlan RIP
11.30am	St Augustine's Brian OKang Int 10th Birthday
11.30am	Christ the King
2pm	St Augustine's (Polish)
6.30pm	St Augustine's Bernadette and Family Thanksgiving
6.30pm	Cranfield University
Monday	
9.30am	Christ the King
12.30pm	Christ the Cornerstone Raymond and Julieth Okafor and Family Int
Tuesday St Theresa of Avila	
9.30am	St Augustine's
10am	St Mary's
Wednesday	
9.30am	St Augustine's William Cummings RIP
12.30pm	Christ the Cornerstone
Thursday St Ignatius of Antioch	
9.30am	St Augustine's
10am	St Mary's— No Mass
12 noon	St Mary's, Funeral Mass for Les Latimer RIP
Friday St Luke	
10am	St Bede's Service of the Word and Holy Communion
6pm	St Augustine's Reconciliation and Adoration
7pm	St Augustine's Anton & Angelina Machado IP AB Joseph & Celestine Joseph RIP
Saturday	
10am	Our Lady of Lourdes Followed by Reconciliation