

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

On Thursday morning Fr Wilson Sebastian, a Fransalian Priest from the same order as Fr Lijo, died suddenly at the age of 52 years. It has obviously been a huge shock to the Diocese and particularly to the parishioners of St Edward's in Kettering where he has been ministering. Bishop Peter is therefore going to celebrate each of the Masses in Kettering this weekend, to be with the people during this difficult time. As a result, he will not be able to be with us at St Bede's and St Mary's, for visitation this weekend, as had been planned.

Fr Pius and Fr Brendan are away this week, and currently, at the time of writing, there isn't a Priest able to replace the Bishop to celebrate the Masses at St Bede's and St Mary's. As I wrote recently, there are no longer priests who are free to supply on such occasions, and so we will have Services of Word and Communion in place of Mass at some of the churches this weekend.

Thank you for your understanding, I am sure you appreciate what a difficult time it is for everyone. Please keep Fr Wilson, his family in India and the parish community in Kettering in your prayer.

*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 Administrator 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. Just pop in.

First Communion 2020



First Communion Preparation has already begun at St Edward's and we are unable to accept any new members. If you are from one of the remaining parishes, St Augustine's, St Bede's, Christ the King, St Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes, then you will find the appropriate application forms and preparation programme details at the back of each church. Please note that there are different programmes for each parish, so please collect the appropriate form for the parish you intend to celebrate First Communion within.

Confirmation 2020



The Confirmation programme, for young people in school year 8 or above, will begin on Tuesday 26th November, with a Parents/Guardians meeting, at St Augustine's Church, MK13 7PL. Registration forms and programme details are available at the back of all churches. the Parents Meeting. Please complete and return registration forms as soon as possible.

Journey in Faith



The Journey in Faith group is for those wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith or find out more about becoming a Catholic. It is an opportunity to reflect on different aspects of the faith in a relaxed and welcoming environment. The course will include topics such as how God makes Himself known to us as well as the life Christ shares with us through the Sacraments of the Church. For more details please contact the Cluster Office.

Red Missio Boxes

- St Augustine's: Please hand in any more boxes for counting over the next couple of weeks; this will be the last count for 2019. If you would like to take a Red Box to start supporting the missions, you will find some in the Church porch.
- St Edward's: Please bring along, your Red boxes for counting. The boxes will be emptied and returned during the first week of December

St Augustine's Advent and Christmas music workshop



St Augustine's Music Group will be holding a music workshop next Saturday 16th

November from 10.30am to 1pm. This will be a chance to learn and practice the music for the Advent and Christmas Masses at St Augustine's. New singers and musicians are especially welcome. If you need more information please speak to a member of the music group after the 11.30am Mass.

St Augustine's Eucharistic Ministers

On Monday 25th November at 7.30pm there will be a meeting of Eucharistic Ministers from St Augustine's, to think about some of the practicalities of how we exercise the ministry during the Mass

Love and Mercy: Faustina



On Monday 18th November at 8.45pm, the above docudrama, on the Divine Mercy and the mission of Sr Faustina following the apparitions of Jesus will be showing at the Odeon Cinema at Stadium MK for one night only.

Christmas Fundraising

- On Saturday 23rd November from 12.00pm to 2.30pm, plenty to see and buy mince pies, food from around the world, craft items, gifts, jewellery and much more. A warm welcome awaits everyone.
- Christmas is getting nearer and the St Bede's Christmas Bazaar getting closer. The bazaar will take place on Saturday 7th December, please keep the date in your diary.
- The St Theresa Society in Milton Keynes are inviting all members of the St Barnabas Cluster to a Christmas Party on Saturday 14th December from 6pm to 11pm, to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes.



Traidcraft Stall

Thank you to all those who came and supported the November Extra, last weekend. There were lots of lovely goodies and the Name of the Tiger competition went to 'Pawline', the winner of this and all the raffle prizes have been informed. The next Traidcraft stall will be on the weekend of the 7th and 8th of December after both Masses at St Mary's.

Memorial Mass for Sr Genevieve Devereux RJM RIP

The Memorial Mass for Sister Genevieve, former Headmistress of Thornton College, is to be held on Tuesday 26th November 2019, 5.30pm. The Mass will be celebrated at the College, Thornton, MK17 0HJ. Please confirm that you wish to attend by contacting Mrs Holiday on 01280 812610 or email: office@thorntoncollege.com

Tea Party



The Catholic and the Community Church Congregation at Christ the King Church, would like to hold a joint shared meal and celebration, on the feast of Christ the King, Sunday 24th November. We will use the main body of the church laid, out with tables and chairs and have the food on tables in the narthex. This will be an afternoon tea style shared meal with finger food. People are asked to bring a plate of sweet or savoury food e.g. sandwiches, scones, sausage rolls, mini pork pie, mini pasties, cake, muffins, cookies etc. It will be 3pm to allow time to get set up.

Autism Awareness Training

The course will cover; characteristics of autism, the impact of autism on the individual, the sensory world of autism, the strength of autism and theories related to autism. The course will take place on Saturday 30th November between 10am and 2.30pm at St Mary's church hall, Woburn Sands. This training is open to anyone interested in learning about autism. To book a place, please contact Lorraine Elks on 01604723516 or email safeguarding.admin@northamptondiocese.com

The Word of Life Team

As part of the "Year of the Word", you are cordially invited to join the Word of Life teaching and prayer ministry on Friday, 15th November from 7pm to 9pm, and then every 3rd Friday of the month at All Saints Church, Shenley Road, Bletchley, MK3 6HG. Theme for the month of November is The Power of Grace (2 Corinthians 12:7-9). and will be led by Fr Emmanuel. For any queries please contact the Parish Office on 01908 372315 or email: staq@uwclub.net

Multifaith Service

To celebrate Interfaith Week, InterfaithMK is hosting a Multifaith Service at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone, MK9 2ES on Tuesday 12th November from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. There will be an act of Worship from twelve of the city's main religious groups. There will also be the lighting of a candle of unity. Our own St Theresa's group will be leading one of the Acts of Worship on behalf of the Catholic Community in Milton Keynes.

The Fair Work Summit

Everyone is invited to join Fair Work campaigners and others, to hear from parliamentary candidates for MK North and get their thoughts on fair work issues. The Summit will take place between 6pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th November at St Augustine's Church Heelands, Please book your place and find further details at www.citizensmk.org.uk/event/fair-work-summit. Please also take a few minutes to complete a questionnaire about your own experiences of fair work at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QRRC579, the results of which will be presented on the night. If you have any further questions please contact Hala Afify, Fair Work campaign leader, at halarafify@hotmail.com



Weekday Mass Change

There is **NO** Mass on Wednesday 13th November at St Augustine's and there will be a Service of Word and Communion at St Bede's on Friday 15th November.

Last weekend's collection:

St Augustine's: £1,273.85
 St Bede's: £383.50
 Christ the King: £628.80
 St Edward's: £462.80
 St Mary's: £624.26
 Our Lady of Lourdes and Cornerstone: £903.47
(Amounts include standing orders)

Bishop's Maintenance Fund: £1,615.26

Second Collection next Sunday: Sick and Retired Priests Fund.

Liturgies for the Week Beginning 10th November

Saturday (Vigil)

5pm Christ the Cornerstone Reconciliation
 5.30pm Christ the Cornerstone
 6pm St Edward's Reconciliation
 6.30pm St Edward's
 6.30pm St Mary's

Sunday Thirty-Second Sunday of the year

8.30am St Augustine's Peter Heeran RIP
 9am St Bede's Kayla Simms RIP Rupert Dawson RIP
 9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Souls
 10am St Edward's Mario Leonica RIP
 11am St Mary's People of the Parish
 11.30am St Augustine's Serving, retired and deceased members of the US Marine Corps
 11.30am Christ the King Brian Wilson RIP
 2pm St Augustine's (Polish)
 5pm Our Lady of Lourdes (Tamil)
 6.30pm St Augustine's Serving and deceased members of the RNLI

Monday St Martin of Tours

9.30am Christ the King
 12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone

Tuesday St Josphat of Polotsk

9.30am St Augustine's Deceased member of the Holy Sisters of Bordeaux
 10am St Mary's

Wednesday

9.30am St Augustine's - **No Mass**
 12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone

Thursday

9.30am St Augustine's Devassy and Leela RIP Eugene Lobo RIP Mary Matthew and Jose

10am St Mary's Deceased Members of the Howlett Family

Friday St Albert the Great

10am St Bede's Service of Word and Communion

6pm St Augustine's Adoration and Reconciliation
 7pm St Augustine's

Saturday St Margaret of Scotland

10am Our Lady of Lourdes Followed by Reconciliation