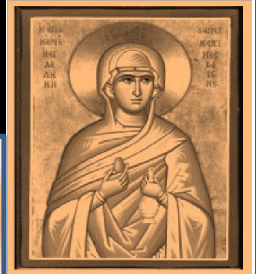


# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## 24<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017



EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY OF SAINTS  
FRANCIS DE SALES AND MARY MAGDALENE  
MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES

CELEBRATING THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION  
OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

### 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR A

	ST FRANCIS DE SALES Weekdays open 9am to 7pm	ST MARY MAGDALENE Weekdays open 9am to 7pm	MASS INTENTIONS
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>23<sup>RD</sup> Sept</b> (Green)	6pm Rosary <b>6:30pm Mass</b>		<b>PARISHIONERS</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>24<sup>TH</sup> Sept</b> (Green)	08.00am Rosary <b>08.30am Mass in Portuguese language</b>  11.00am Rosary <b>11.30am Mass</b> 12.30pm Divine Mercy Novena	08.45am Rosary <b>09.15am Mass</b>	<b>MARY &amp; BRIAN BRENNAN RIP</b>  <b>O'NEILL FAMILY</b>

### Week 25 of Ordinary Time Year 1 – Psalter: Week 1

<b>Monday</b> <b>25<sup>TH</sup> Sept</b> (Green)		09.30am Rosary <b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>1) MICHAEL ROONEY RIP</b> <b>2) BRENDA &amp; JOHN WISE</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>26<sup>TH</sup> Sept</b> (Green)	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>27<sup>TH</sup> Sept</b> (White)	<b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL</b> 09.30am Rosary <b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>Adoration 7am-7pm</b>	<b>RAYMOND &amp; BERTHA ROONEY</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>28<sup>TH</sup> Sept</b> (Green)	08.30am Rosary <b>09.00am Mass</b>		<b>TONY GLEESON RIP</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>29<sup>TH</sup> Sept</b> (White)	<b>SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL</b>	09.30am Rosary <b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>1) BENEFICIARIES OF THE PRIESTS' FUND</b> <b>2) BENEFICIARIES OF THE PRIESTS' FUND</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>30<sup>TH</sup> Sept</b> (White)	<b>ST JEROME</b>	09.00am Rosary <b>10.00am Mass</b> 10.45 – 11.45am Confessions	<b>1) EDWARD &amp; PAMELA BRADY RIP</b> <b>2) PAUL GLEESON</b> <b>3) ROBERT McCULLOCH</b>

**Next Sunday is the visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco.**

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# FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

## REFLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2017

This year is 2017 and we have also two anniversaries: 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Bolshevik revolution**, and 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Free Masonry**. It maybe we have now entered a period in our history when we need to listen to Our Lady of Fatima's call for humanity to get on its knees and offer up prayer, sacrifice and reparation for the sins of mankind which seem to be rising to a level of suicidal madness!

From July 2016 to August 2017 we have seen numerous Islamist Terrorists attacks in UK and Europe. September has given us Hurricane Harvey, the Flooding of Bangladesh and Nepal, and now we have Hurricane Irma. So, is it just a coincidence that we have also the rise of HURRICANES of violent secular forces? Such as the Marxists of the **Antifa** in the United States, the rise of extreme **alt-Right** and **alt-Left movements** sponsoring riots from London to Berlin and from Los Angeles to New York who are like *The Walking Dead* as they riot to pull the whole system down? Plus, we have the rise of a new Mad man in **North Korea** who seems to be playing with bombs like a boy plays with toys and has exploded a hydrogen bomb. If War comes because of North Korea's mad man finds himself in a corner then the global economy collapses and WWII is repeated!

Meanwhile the **Media** keeps us fed with distractions of mindless nonsense about Trump and Brexit and the 'War over Fake News'! There seems to be a rise in a global MADNESS threatening irrational forms of violence and at the same time a rise of total irrational discourse made up of anti-science campaigns on Gender and Climate Change, fake news, tweeter reactions, overturning of rational debate and free speech at Universities, internet censorship for any site opposed to Transgender ideology, Abortion or Anti-God rhetoric which boils down to the comparative ego world of *if I win you lose and if I lose you win*.

It all seems to be a *Game of Thrones*! Are we looking at a time when *fiction becomes reality* where we end up having *The Walking Dead* and the *Night Walkers* walking on the streets of our cities and in the corridors of power? We seem to have had a series of natural hurricanes and human hurricanes where the lunatics have taking over the asylum. Our times require of us a supernatural perspective given the irrationality of political leaders, secular ideologues and information systems like Google, You Tube and Facebook that is truly Satanic.

The good news for us is that 2017 also marks the **150 years anniversary** of *St Francis de Sales church* and the **100 years anniversary** of the *Appearance of Our Lady at Fatima in 1917*. **Why is this good news?** Simply put the God-incidence of these 2 anniversaries points us as a parish to Our Lady of Fatima and her peace plan of grace.

Quite simply we need to build the *Wall of Grace* against the *Night Walkers* of our time! It is this that Our Lady of Fatima called us to do as a Peace Plan from Heaven. The Bishops of Scotland have led the way by putting Scotland under the protection of Our Lady by consecrating their country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

**What is the Peace Plan from Heaven?** Stop offending God with sin. Go to Confession and go to Sunday Mass. Pray the Rosary daily. Offer prayers and sacrifices of reparation, including the devotion of the Five First Saturdays. Consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Wear the Brown Scapular...and Read the Scriptures and know the Church's Story!

**What happens if we do not do these things?** Our Lady of Fatima warned if people do not heed her warnings, there would be wars, famines, persecution of the Church and various nations would be annihilated. And despite all that has happened in this world since, the Fatima experts think the worst is still to come if people do not fulfil Our Lady's requests at Fatima. Thus, we announce today that we can be part of this Peace plan for coming soon is:

**THE VISITATION OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA ON OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 2pm-7pm  
AT ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH IN STONY STRATFORD.**

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<b>PARISH / EXTERNAL EVENTS &amp; OTHER INFORMATION</b>	
<b>MAINTENANCE CO-ORDINATOR</b>	Alvah Hottinger is the Parish Maintenance Co-Ordinator. Any maintenance issues, please email <a href="mailto:alvah.hottinger@dignet2.co.uk">alvah.hottinger@dignet2.co.uk</a> or tel. 07961 500350
<b>SVP CONTACT</b>	Tel: 07803 369371 or email: <a href="mailto:svp@dignet2.co.uk">svp@dignet2.co.uk</a>
<b>GOING INTO MK HOSPITAL?</b>	<b>GOING INTO MK HOSPITAL?</b> Chaplaincy 01908 006061. The Catholic Chaplain visits during the week and a lay team brings Communion Sundays. Call the Chaplaincy for Holy Communion - not a priest.
<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	To have Mass offered, fill out a request form and hand it, with your money for the stipend, to the office at St Mary's, or put it in an envelope, clearly marked, in the collection basket & it will be taken to the office. Your Mass will be listed on page 1 of the newsletter on the week it will be said, showing which Church, it will be said at. Mass cards cost 60p - please include money for a second-class stamp (54p) if you need it posted to you.
<b>JOB VACANCY: WALSINGHAM SHRINE</b>	The Walsingham Trust wishes to appoint a Development Officer who will be based within the newly established Development Office. For a list of responsibilities and other details, including details of how to apply, please see the notice on the porch noticeboard, or contact the parish office. Deadline for applying is 5pm on 6 <sup>th</sup> October. Interviews are on 17 <sup>th</sup> October in Walsingham.
<b>MILTON KEYNES 'LIFE' 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Milton Keynes 'Life' are holding a clothing collection; please pick up a sack from the porch and fill with your unwanted shoes, boots, bags, clothing, belts, hats, soft toys, ties, etc and bring your filled sacks to 26 Crosslands, Stantonbury, MK14 6AX any day, up to 9am on <b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> . Thank you all for your kind support of 'Life'.
<b>DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE – ORGANISING A RETREAT: 30<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Apostolate</b> run by Marian Fathers are organising the DIVINE MERCY RETREAT on Saturday 30 September 2017. From 11:00am to 4:30 pm at the Parish of Christ the King, Harrowden Road, Bedford, MK42 0SP. See posters in the porches for more details.
<b>DIVINE MERCY AFTER SCHOOL</b>	Come along and join us for Divine Mercy in St Mary Magdalene's Church on the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays of every month at 3.00pm. See p.1 for dates, first one Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct.
<b>IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?</b>	Come and See! Northampton vocations weekend for men wishing to explore a vocation to the Priesthood: <b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> September-Sun 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> . Contact Fr Mark Floody or Fr Andy Richardson - contact details are on the poster in the porch
<b>YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND</b>	The event is being held on <b>20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017</b> , please see the poster in the porch for more details
<b>HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR DETAILS AND GOT A PARISH E-MAIL?</b>	Registration forms are in the porches for any parishioner who has yet to register their details for the Parish database. Why is this important? If you want the Parish priest to visit, he needs to know where you live? If you wish to have a Parish e-mail you get the latest news on opportune visits like the missionaries who recently came to the Parish. Keep yourself informed, register today! Return completed registration forms to Catherine Wan.
<b>FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY after 9.15am Mass &amp; 11.30am Mass</b>	Tea and coffee after the 9.15am Mass in the parish hall. After 11.30am Mass join us in the Braai Shack, next door to the Old Queen Victoria Pub. Please do come and join us.
<b>ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER</b>	<b>The copy deadline for the newsletter is 12noon on a Tuesday.</b> To have entry put into the newsletter, or for corrections etc., please e-mail the detail to: <a href="mailto:newsletter@dignet2.co.uk">newsletter@dignet2.co.uk</a>
<p><b>SILENCE IN CHURCH</b></p> <p>To encourage silence and prayerful thanksgiving after Mass, Fr Bernard &amp; Fr Richard invite you to pray St Thomas Aquinas's "Prayer of thanksgiving after Mass." Copies are available at the back of church.</p> <p><b>SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: for those unable to receive Holy Communion at Mass.</b></p> <p>My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things: I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You, and I unite myself entirely, to You as if You had already come. Do not permit me to be ever separated from you.</p>	

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## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP AND IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

<b>SACRAMENT OF THE SICK</b>	If you are going into hospital, please do think about receiving the Sacrament of the Sick. Contact the parish office to arrange this.
<b>HOLY MATRIMONY</b>	One year's notice is required. Contact Janet (01908 510216). The course starts Tuesday, 12th September 2017. For more information e-mail Janet on <a href="mailto:janet.tate@diginet2.co.uk">janet.tate@diginet2.co.uk</a>
<b>BAPTISM COURSE</b>	The autumn baptism course, for baptisms on Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November, will run on the following dates: <b>16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October. To attend this course, you must register by 31<sup>st</sup> August.</b> Call Pauline (01908 511897) to register. See the poster in the porch for more details.
<b>RCIA ADULTS – APOLOGETICS</b>	The <b>RCIA</b> course runs on Mondays 7-8.30pm in the presbytery at Wolverton – <b>the course continues on 2nd, 9th and 16th October, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November, 4th and 11th December.</b> Contact Fr. Bernard or email <a href="mailto:rcia@diginet2.co.uk">rcia@diginet2.co.uk</a> if you would like more information.
<b>ANCHOR COURSE</b>	For parents of children in First Holy Communion programme and those who have done the Baptism Course. <b>Dates are Sept 23rd, 30th, October 7th, 14th. 11am to 12.30pm at St Mary's presbytery.</b> If you have not signed up yet please contact Linda on 01908 563896
<b>The Parish History Part I of St Francis de Sales. Now available to buy @ £7.00 per copy</b>	A4 "Parish History" book. Please do buy a copy. It is important we know our Parish History it is part of our story. Please do e-mail Noreen with history items for future archives. <a href="mailto:noreen.munnelly@diginet2.co.uk">noreen.munnelly@diginet2.co.uk</a> . Makes a good Christmas present to.
<b>FATIMA CENTENERY EVENT AT ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER</b>	<b>Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue &amp; Relics of SS. Jacinta and Francisco:</b> The World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales will be visiting St Mary Magdalene Church in Stony Stratford with the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue and the relics of Ss. Jacinta and Francisco, <b>on the afternoon of Sunday, 1st October.</b> For more details and timings, see the posters in the porches.
<b>RCIA YOUTH COURSE STARTING AGAIN. PICK UP A YELLOW FORM FROM THE PORCH</b>	<b>The RCIA Youth will be starting on Saturday, 7th October</b> for any young people aged 9 and over, who have either not been baptised yet, or who have not yet made their First Communion (children younger than this should join the usual baptism/First Communion programmes). The Youth RCIA takes place at St Francis de Sales presbytery from 3.30pm to 5pm. Please pick up a yellow registration form which you will find in the porch and return it to the parish office as soon as possible. <b>The dates up to Christmas are: 7th and 14th October, 11th and 18th November, 2nd and 9th December (more in the New Year).</b>
<b>FAITH &amp; PIZZA SESSIONS 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each Month</b>	See flyer insert for details. Sessions will run at St Francis de Sales from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. <b>Dates are: 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2017. 2018: 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL</b>	Want to find out more about St Paul's Catholic School? Why not book a Friday School tour for Year 5 and 6 parents? Fridays 29th September or 6th October at 9.15am. Call 01908 669735 or email <a href="mailto:Belinda.Joyce@st-pauls.org.uk">Belinda.Joyce@st-pauls.org.uk</a> with your preferred date. See posters for more information
<b>PARISH OFFICE CONTACT: office@diginet2.co.uk</b>	To contact the office, please ring 01908 564363 normally Monday – Friday, 0900 to 12 noon. Or email <a href="mailto:office@diginet2.co.uk">office@diginet2.co.uk</a> at any time ... or text 07761 583307 – texts and emails will be picked up even when the office is closed. <b>PLEASE DO NOT USE THE EMERGENCY CONTACTS BELOW, EXCEPT FOR NEEDING TO CALL A PRIEST TO THE DYING.</b>
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACTS</b>	Need a priest urgently? Call: Dawn Clark (07761 583307), Derick Rooney (01908 265819), Janet Tate (01908 510216) or Mary Barker (01908 312171). These numbers are for <b>emergency use only</b> – for other matters, the parish office can be called on 01908 564363 (manned weekday mornings, not afternoons or weekends), or email: <a href="mailto:office@diginet2.co.uk">office@diginet2.co.uk</a> or use the 'contact us' button on the website.
<b>PARISH DETAILS: WEBSITE &amp; INTRANET PARISH PRIEST E-MAIL</b>	Parish Website: <a href="http://www.saints-francis-and-mary.org.uk">www.saints-francis-and-mary.org.uk</a> Parish Intranet for Admin: <a href="http://www.diginet2.co.uk">www.diginet2.co.uk</a> Parish Priest email: <a href="mailto:bernard.barrett@diginet2.co.uk">bernard.barrett@diginet2.co.uk</a> PARISH PRIEST: FR. BERNARD BARRETT

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