



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17TH – 23RD JUNE 2018



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

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF
ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH & DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION

1 1TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

	ST FRANCIS DE SALES Weekdays open 9am to 7pm	ST MARY MAGDALENE Weekdays open 9am to 7pm	MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY 16th June (Green)	6pm Rosary 6.30pm Mass		PARISHIONERS
SUNDAY 17th June (Green)	8.00am Rosary 8.30am Mass in Portuguese language 11.00am Rosary 11.30am Mass 12.30pm Divine Mercy	8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass 2.30pm First Communion Mass	RON & EILEEN COX JEAN WARR RIP

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Psalter: Week 3

Monday 18th June (Green)		09.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	DAWN & VICTORIA
Tuesday 19th June (White)	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL No Mass		
Wednesday 20th June (Red)	ST ALBAN 11.30am Rosary 12 noon Mass	Adoration 7am-7pm	BIRTHDAY (PB)
Thursday 21st June (White)	ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA 09.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass 8.30-9.30pm Confessions		WILLIAM, IRIS & MADALENE BOLCH RIP
Friday 22nd June (Red)	SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	09.30am Rosary 10.00am Mass	DAWN CLARK
Saturday 23rd June (Blue)	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY <i>Vigil as usual</i>	No Mass <i>No Confessions</i>	



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FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

THE CHURCH MAKES VISIBLE THE KINGDOM OF GOD

This Sunday we move from the *Fall of Man* to *God's Rescue plan*: the proclamation of The Kingdom of God. Our Lord gives us the parables of the Kingdom which are shrouded in a secret, a secret only revealed to his disciples. The secret is that the Kingdom of God will be ushered in by Our Lord himself by his presence, his words and his deeds and is continued on by all those who are in **full communion** with him.

In the First reading we have **Ezekiel's** strange prophecy of **a tree** that would be planted on the mountain of Israel which would '*put forth branches and bear fruit.*' It would be the *tree of righteousness* which would be the antidote to the *tree of the knowledge of good and evil* from which Adam and Eve plucked the fruit of sin and death. It is this strange tree planted on a mountain of Israel that is the Cross of Christ on Calvary! From the fruit of the *Tree of Christ* comes the power to forgive sins and bring about a new people formed by the Cross into the Kingdom of God. Here God reveals to the world his rescue plan for the fallen race of Man.

The Kingdom of God is *realised* by the Sacramental economy of Christ's presence and action, *made visible* in the Catholic Church on that first Pentecost Sunday and *founded* on the Apostles united to Peter as Prince of the Apostles. From this small beginning the Catholic Church marches through history to the future event of the General Resurrection of the living and the dead at the end of time. From this mustard seed the Kingdom of Christ comes with a mission to the whole world. A **structured mission** whereby the Catholic Church, through the Pope and the Bishops, who are the successors of Peter and the Apostles, draw all peoples from Jew to Gentile into the Mystery of God's Triune Life and Love by Her three-fold office of **Teaching, Sanctifying and Governing.**

The powers of darkness have always opposed the Church in every century. But sometimes, just as in the case of Judas, the Church has also been betrayed from within by corrupt bishops, clergy and religious, lukewarm Catholics, heretics and schismatics. Yet still She stands as a beacon of salvation for the nations, even though there have been times, when Her light has been dimmed by the sinfulness of some of Her members. It is true that the Church is made up of saints and sinners, but **God always points us to the Church's Saints** whereas **the world only points us to her sinners.** Nevertheless, it is her mission, given to her by Our Lord Jesus Christ, to turn sinners into Saints.

Heretics, schismatics and the worldly, however, always serve the world and its princes rather than the successors of Peter and the Apostles as they follow the accusing finger of the world against the Church by pointing to her sinners, whereas God's finger always points us to follow the Saints of Christ who live amongst us and who have gone before us.

The question for each one of us to consider is '**do we follow the finger of the world** or the **finger of God?**' The world serves the *Prince of this world* and like the Prince of this world they end up bringing conflict and division for *truth always unites but error always divides.* It is for this reason that, whereas Christ founded the Church on Peter and the Apostles, the other false 'churches' have splintered off from the tree of Christ and his Church, usually founded on the rule of an Emperor, a monarch, a prince, a national government, a secular State or an Heresiarch who serve the Powers and principalities of this world. It is always they who follow the spirit of the Age and not the Holy Spirit for they are the branches that have cut themselves off from the vine of Christ.

The *disunity among Christians* is an obstacle to evangelisation but so are *unrepentant sinners* who take the Eucharist. However, we have all been given the time to seek the fulness of the truth which alone sets us free and receive that pardon that brings peace which the world cannot give. The fulness of truth and peace of Christ *subsists* in the **One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church** which Christ founded and is found nowhere else! Do we believe this? If we do, then what are we doing about it in our homes, our schools, our parishes and in our society?

PARISH / EXTERNAL EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

MAINTENANCE CO-ORDINATOR	Alvah is the Parish Maintenance Co-Ordinator. Any maintenance issues, please email alvah.hottinger@dignet2.co.uk or tel. 07961 500350
SVP CONTACT	Tel: 07803 369371
GOING INTO MK HOSPITAL?	Chaplaincy: 01908 996061. The Catholic Chaplain visits during the week & a lay team brings Communion Sundays. Call the Chaplaincy for Holy Communion.
MASS INTENTIONS Mass cards cost 60p - please include money for a 2 nd class stamp (now 56p) if you need it posted to you	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. PLEASE NOTE: Weekday Mass intention slots are full until late July (Sundays have only a couple of slots before October). PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU NEED TO USE THE <u>NEW</u> MASS INTENTION FORMS which comply with the new GDPR Data Protection Act 2018.
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK	If you are going into hospital, please do think about receiving the Sacrament of the Sick. Contact the parish office to arrange this.
FRIDAY DIVINE MERCY	St Mary Magdalene, at 3.30pm on first and third Fridays of the month.
"9-12" CLUB	Summer sessions continue on 22 nd June, 6 th & 13 th July.
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:	Sunday, 8 th July at 3pm at St Francis de Sales.
A CELEBRATION OF SONG	Monday, 18 th June, 6pm - 7.30pm at Christ the Cornerstone, CMK. All are welcome to come and enjoy vocal performances from the Catholic Primary & Secondary Schools in Milton Keynes
FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY after 9.15am & 11.30am Masses - DO COME & JOIN US	Tea and coffee after the 9.15am Mass in the parish hall. After 11.30am Mass join us in the garden at St Francis de Sales. <i>If you could volunteer to help: set up, serve and clean up that would be most great. Let Linda or Noreen know, we would like to get a rota going. Thank you.</i>
GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation This is the single biggest change ever to the Data Protection Act (DPA) and its effect cannot be underestimated. Your privacy, your identity is your property. Do not give it away lightly.	GDPR - Do you know what this is? If you don't then you should do as it affects everyone of us. On 25 th May, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) took effect. It is a new law and Companies, Institutions, Associations and the Church are all affected. If it is ignored then heavy fines can be issued by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). What does all this mean? Basically, it comes in two forms: 1. For any information that could lead to your identity, including, Name, Address, Telephone Number, Date of Birth etc., we need your written consent (either in a letter or email) to record it and to use this information to contact you. 2. Often people were asked to opt-out of receiving information such as 'tick here if you DO NOT want to be included'. This sneaky way of gaining consent is now illegal and must be phrased as 'tick here is you DO want to be included'. If you have any questions or require any further information about how we protect your Personal Data, please contact the Diocesan Data Protection Manager via the links on the Diocesan website: http://www.northamptondiocese.org
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:	24 th - 31 st August 2018, led by Monsignor Sean Healey, Vicar General. For full details, see the posters/flyers in the porch. Booking forms are also in the porch, giving prices, hotel choices, insurance/travel options etc.
ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER	The copy deadline for the newsletter is 12 noon on Tuesday. To have entry put into the newsletter please e-mail: newsletter@dignet2.co.uk
SILENCE IN CHURCH	
To encourage silence and prayerful thanksgiving after Mass, Fr Bernard & Fr Richard invite you to pray St Thomas Aquinas's "Prayer of thanksgiving after Mass." Copies are available at the back of church.	
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: for those unable to receive Holy Communion at Mass. 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.	
PARISH DETAILS: WEBSITE & INTRANET PARISH PRIEST E-MAIL	Parish Website: www.saints-francis-and-mary.org.uk Parish Intranet for Admin: www.dignet2.co.uk Parish Priest email: bernard.barrett@dignet2.co.uk PARISH PRIEST: FR. BERNARD BARRETT

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP AND IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

HOLY MATRIMONY	'Thinking of marriage?' Do get in touch. Next course begins in September 2018. Email matrimony@diginet2.co.uk . One year's notice required.
BAPTISM COURSE	A new course will run in the autumn (dates to be confirmed) for baptisms on 18 th November - email baptism@diginet2.co.uk to register. You also need to do an Anchor Course (email anchor@diginet2.co.uk for details) and to book in for a brief meeting with Fr Bernard - (email office@diginet2.co.uk).
RCIA ADULTS – APOLOGETICS	Mondays 7.00-8.30pm in the presbytery at Wolverton – Next course dates will be available soon. Contact Fr. Bernard or email rcia@diginet2.co.uk .
RCIA YOUTH COURSE	TBA for September 2018 onwards and is for those who are 9yrs+ and not been baptised or received First Holy Communion.
ANCHOR COURSE	For parents of children in the Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation programs. Continues on 23 rd & 30 th June, 7 th , 14 th and 21 st July from 11am - 12.30 at the Meeting Room, Saint Mary Magdalene Presbytery. Please note that we cannot accommodate children at this course.
ITEMS BEING DONATED TO THE CHURCH	Please would parishioners wishing to donate items such as furniture, electrical goods etc. clear this with Alvah first, before bringing these to either Church. The parish has been having to pay money, to dispose of donated items which are being left here and are not needed! Many thanks! Your donations are very much appreciated when we need items (see appeals in the newsletter from time to time), but we regret that we cannot accept items we are unable to use).
CONFIRMATION	The Confirmation Course, for young people who were at the Induction, continues on the following dates on Saturdays at 2pm-4.30pm: 23rd June, 7th July and 14th July. These are the dates before the summer break.
FAITH & PIZZA SESSIONS	St Francis, 7.30pm - 9.00pm on 7 th July for young people who have been confirmed including those who went through RCIA Youth.
MK LIFE: Stalls at West Bletchley & Newport Pagnell Carnivals	Saturday 7 th & Sunday 8 th July at Newport Pagnell. We need someone with a van or large car to take trestle tables and goods to and from the carnival site on both days; we also need volunteers to help on the stall. Contact Bernadette 01908 312709 or email bernadette.mklife@gmail.com . Thanks for your kind support
CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREATS 30TH JUNE/ 1ST JULY 2018	"Take time out to turn your marriage into a great marriage." The weekend retreat covers both relational (based on scientific research) and spiritual (the Good News of Jesus Christ) aspects of marriage. No group sharing. To book a place go to www.loving4life.co.uk or contact Janet on e-mail: janet.tate@diginet2.co.uk
SUMMER REFLECTION DAY	"Talking of Love" with tasters in prayer. 30th June at the Monastery of Christ our Saviour, Turvey. Starts at 10.15am with coffee and finishes at 3.45pm. Br John OSB is giving the keynote address. The day includes Mass. Places are limited, so booking is essential. Contact admin@nores.org.uk . See posters for more details.
DIOCESAN VACANCIES	Parish Youth Liaison Worker (Full Time) to join our youth office, NYMO. The closing date for applications will be Monday 25 th June 2018. Marriage and Family Life Project Worker (15 hours per week – 2 year fixed term contract) to develop Catholic Marriage Preparation in the diocese. The closing date for applications will be Monday 16 th July 2018. Further information, including contact details, are on the notices in the porches.
YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND 7-9 September 2018	Theme: "Tell others the truth that sets you free" (Pope Benedict XVI). A full-board retreat at Douai Abbey run by YCA. This is a weekend packed with a variety of activities/talks etc – full details are on the posters in the porch.
PARISH OFFICE CONTACT: office@diginet2.co.uk	To contact the office, ring 01908 564363 normally Monday – Friday, 0900 to 12 noon. Or email office@diginet2.co.uk at any time ... or text 07761 583307 PLEASE ONLY USE THE EMERGENCY CONTACTS BELOW TO CALL A PRIEST TO THE DYING. Do not ring the mobile for routine matters at weekends!
EMERGENCY CONTACTS	Need a priest urgently? Call: Dawn (07761 583307), Derick (07484 162623) or Janet (07821 698419). These numbers are for emergency use only if you need to call a priest to the dying. For other matters, please contact the parish office, weekday mornings between 9am and 12 noon (01908 564363).

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