



# Weekly Newsletter

## 18th - 24th November 2018



### Eucharistic Community of Saints Francis de Sales and Mary Magdalene Mass and Confession Times

**Celebrating The 60th Anniversary of the Opening of  
St Mary Magdalene Church & Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation**

## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

	<b>ST FRANCIS DE SALES</b> Weekdays open 9am to 7pm	<b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b> Weekdays open 9am to 7pm	
<b>Saturday 17th Nov</b> (Green)	6pm Rosary <b>6.30pm Mass</b>		<b>PARISHIONERS</b>
<b>Sunday 18th Nov</b> (Green)	8.00am Rosary <b>8.30am Mass in Portuguese language</b>  11.00am Rosary <b>11.30am Mass</b> 12.30pm Divine Mercy	8.45am Rosary <b>9.15am Mass</b>	<b>SULLIVAN &amp; ROGERS FAMILY DECEASED</b>  <b>ANNIE MOORE RIP</b>

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Psalter: Week 1

<b>Monday 19th Nov</b> (Green)		09.30am Rosary <b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>1) HOLY SOULS 2) HOLY SOULS</b>
<b>Tuesday 20th Nov</b> (Red)	<b>ST EDMUND</b> <b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Wednesday 21st Nov</b> (White)	<b>PRESENTATION OF THE BVM</b> 11.30am Rosary <b>12 noon Mass</b>	<b>Adoration 7am-7pm</b>	<b>HOLY SOULS</b>
<b>Thursday 22nd Nov</b> (Red)	<b>ST CECILIA</b> 11.30am Rosary <b>12 noon Mass</b>		<b>HOLY SOULS</b>
<b>Friday 23rd Nov</b> (Green)		09.30am Rosary <b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>HOLY SOULS</b>
<b>Saturday 24th Nov</b> (Red)	<b>ST ANDREW DUNG-LAC &amp; COMPANIONS -</b>	09.30am Rosary <b>10.00am Mass</b> 10.45-11.45am Confessions	<b>HOLY SOULS</b>
	<b>12 noon: Cemetery Blessing: Wolverton Cemetery</b>		

The Memorial Prayer for the suffering souls in purgatory is prayed after all Masses in November until the Feast of Christ the King.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND**



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PARISH PRIEST: FR. BERNARD BARRETT



## Forming Intentional Disciples

### WISDOM OF THE SOUL Pt 6: OBJECTIVE REALITY OF THE SOUL

*For a man's soul sometimes keeps him better informed  
than seven watchmen sitting high on a watchtower. [Sirach 37:14]*

The cultivation of spiritual wisdom that acts like a spiritual radar requires reflection on the daily happenings of our lives. A reflection that activates the immaterial powers of the soul, namely, a pure intellect free from passion, a right judgement free from bias and a deliberate will free from false attachments. In this way we develop a spiritual guard and perception that towers over numerous watchmen who guard the materiality of our bodies, families, communities, cities and nations.

It is this wisdom that our scriptural text above reveals and it is a profound truth hidden from many. Today, many subscribe to a purely *reductionist* view of the human being, namely, human beings are just corporeal beings whose consciousness, intellect and will is an *accidental off-shoot* of organic and neurological complexity – an *epiphenomenon* [= secondary symptom or effect]. Such a view impacts anthropology, psychology and artificial *intelligence*, where one often finds the claim that just like the sound of a note is the result of striking a guitar string so too is consciousness to neurological and organic complexity. It basically denies the distinct substance of a soul and only affirms the substance of a body; the soul is just an epiphenomenon with no reality in itself - when the body dies, the soul disappears like a musical note. For this reason many, who are involved in AI and have had no training in Philosophy, make the naïve category mistake of thinking *self-Consciousness* can arise from the complexity of a system or that *intelligence* can arise from the complexity of algorithms. However, consciousness is always a *consciousness of something* as it is *actively intentional* and not just passive, as this epiphenomenalism would assume.

We can discover, through our ability to reflect, not only both the existence and nature of soul, but also the nature of self-consciousness, as found in the philosophy of St Thomas Aquinas. The empirical method of the natural sciences cannot study soul, nor its purely spiritual acts of intellect, as this is a method made for use on the material nature of things and it is why Psychology can never be one of the natural sciences except in the medical field of Psychiatry. As Psychiatrists are the experts on how mental illness or health are related to our corporeality vis a vis the brain, the nervous system, food and nutrition etc...can *impact* on our states of mind and will, so we also have Mystics and Saints who are the experts on the substance of our soul and its nature and for what makes for a healthy *spiritual* life.

The powers of the soul [intellect and will], when freed from vegetative, sensitive, imaginative and passive cognitive processes, can be surprising as often evidenced by the mystics and saints. They are the *experts* of the spiritual landscape or spiritual cosmos that makes us sharers like the angels [but on an inferior level due to sin] in the spiritual powers co-natural with the spiritual substance of the soul. It is here we find why '*man's soul keeps us better informed than seven watchmen*' in phenomena like prescience, premonitions, visions, prophecy, clairvoyance, telekinesis, discernment of the interior life of other souls, bilocation, levitation, Lordship over animals, superior intellectual insight and knowledge, moral goodness and healing found in such figures as St Francis of Assisi, St Jerome, St Catherine of Siena, St Padre Pio, St Thomas Aquinas, St Maximilian Kolbe, St John of the Cross, St Teresa of Avila, St Joseph of Cupertino, to name just a few.

## Parish / External Events & Other Information

<b>MAINTENANCE CO-ORDINATOR</b>	Alvah is the Parish Maintenance Co-Ordinator. Any maintenance issues, please email parishmaintenance@diginet2.co.uk or tel. 07961 500350
<b>SVP CONTACT</b>	Tel: 07803 369371
<b>GOING INTO MK HOSPITAL?</b>	<b>Chaplaincy: 01908 996061.</b> The Catholic Chaplain visits during the week & a lay team brings Communion Sundays. Call the Chaplaincy for Holy Communion.
<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> Mass cards cost 60p - please include money for a 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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. November weekday Masses are all for Holy Souls. <b>Mass intentions are currently full until mid-December.</b>
<b>NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS</b>	All weekday Masses during November will be offered for the Holy Souls gathered at the altar. To include your deceased family, friends and loved ones in this devotion, write a list of their names, enclose a donation and place this in a Holy Souls envelope, and put this in the Holy Souls box which is in front of the altar at all Masses. <b>Holy Souls envelopes are available at both Churches.</b>
<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>MK LIFE NEED YOUR HELP</b>	MK Life have several time slots booked to sell car raffle tickets in the centre MK to fundraise for MK Life and need volunteers. Dates and times help is needed for are: 19th Nov 10am, 20th Nov 2pm, 28th Nov 4pm and 6pm (we have 2 slots this day), Nov 6pm, 5th Dec 2pm, 11th Dec 2pm and 21st Dec 2pm. If you can help speak to Bernadette or Dudley after the 11.30am Mass, they will also be selling raffle tickets.
<b>FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY</b>	No teas and coffees after 9.15am Mass at present. After 11.30am Mass in the Braai Shack, restaurant side of the Old Queen Vic. Do come and join us.
<b>DIOCESAN MASS TO CELEBRATE ST OSCAR ROMERO'S CANONISATION</b>	Bishop Peter warmly invites you to a mass celebrating the canonisation of Oscar Romero on Tuesday, 20th November at 7pm - Sacred Heart Church, 5 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1HZ. This will be followed by light refreshments and a chance to meet John Guy (CAFOD trustee) who is going to share his experiences of being at the canonisation in Rome. To end at 9pm.
<b>PARISH HALL CLOSURE</b> - The hall remains closed for urgent roof renovations and other work. Owing to Health and Safety, no one is allowed anywhere near this area whilst the works continue.	
<b>CONSECRATION TO OUR LORD THROUGH MARY</b>	Began <b>Monday, 5th November</b> and ends with the consecration on 8th December - booklets are available from the parish office, price £2.95, or from the SVP for a donation to their funds of £3.00. To take part you need the booklet which contains all the prayers and devotions - and to make some form of Sacrifice each day. For this sacrifice, parishioners are asked to put aside 50p per day which will be collected at the Mass and Consecration on 8th December and donated to the charity Mary's Meals.
<b>ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER</b>	<b>The copy deadline for the newsletter is 12 noon on Tuesday.</b> To have entry put into the newsletter please e-mail:newsletter@diginet2.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.

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## An Opportunity For Fellowship & Important Things You Need To Know

<b>HOLY MATRIMONY</b>	Our programme covers such themes as: Does marriage really matter? And if it does, how do we begin to understand its mystery and meaning? How do we live this beautiful Sacrament day unto day? Come and see! Next course begins in September 2019. For further information please email <a href="mailto:matrimony@diginet2.co.uk">matrimony@diginet2.co.uk</a> One year's notice required.
<b>BAPTISM COURSE</b>	Another course will run in the new year. Email the catechists ( <a href="mailto:baptism@diginet2.co.uk">baptism@diginet2.co.uk</a> ) to register.
<b>LET IT BE DONE UNTO ME</b>	"Let it be done unto me according to your Word" - how Mary helps us to be filled with God, an inspirational 5 session daytime DVD series. Continues on Friday in the meeting room at St Mary Magdalene from 10.45am to 12.30pm at St Mary's meeting room. See the Poster/flyers for more details. The book you need costs £2.
<b>HEALING MASS</b>	Saturday, 1st December at 12 noon at St Mary Magdalene, for the bereaved and for the souls of all the faithful departed. All are welcome - if you know of anyone who has been bereaved in the last year, do invite them to come along. Mass is followed by general prayers for healing, Exposition and Benediction.
<b>RCIA ADULTS – APOLOGETICS</b>	<b>Mondays 7.00-8.30pm in the presbytery at Wolverton</b> – 19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> November and 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018. Course will continue into 2019. Contact Fr. Bernard or email <a href="mailto:rcia@diginet2.co.uk">rcia@diginet2.co.uk</a>
<b>RCIA YOUTH COURSE</b>	This is for children and young people aged 9-17 years old, who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion. Running at St Francis de Sales from 10.00am to 11.30am on Sundays: 25th November, 9th and 16th December plus 13th and 27th January 2019. More 2019 dates to follow.
<b>FAITH &amp; PIZZA FORUM</b>	Saturday 10th November at St Francis de Sales presbytery from 7.30pm–9.00pm
<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	The Confirmation Course continues on Saturdays from 2pm to 4.30pm on 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> November, 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> December.
<b>8 WEEK BIBLE COURSE</b>	The shorter "Quick Journey through the Bible" course continues 14th, 21st and 28th November and 5 December. There may be an extra session for a Q&A with Fr Bernard if required. This course is for anyone who is registered as a parishioner in this parish. Sessions will take place in this parish meeting room at Stony Stratford, from 7.30pm to 9pm.
<b>NOVEMBER CEMETERY BLESSINGS:</b> On the four Saturdays in November, at 12 noon, Fr Bernard or Fr Richard will bless graves in the four cemeteries that lie within our parish. Do try to come along to at least one of these to pray for the souls of your deceased family, friends and fellow parishioners. This is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy.	
<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING (SENTINELS)</b>	Next meeting details: Sunday 25th November 2018, from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. Location: St Francis de Sales Presbytery.
<b>TRIP TO MEDJUGORJE</b>	7th - 14th May 2019, staying half board at "Regina Mundi". Cost is €260 plus air fare. Contact details are available from the Parish Office.
<b>PARISH OFFICE CONTACT:</b> <a href="mailto:office@diginet2.co.uk">office@diginet2.co.uk</a>	To contact the office, 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 PLEASE ONLY USE THE EMERGENCY CONTACTS BELOW TO CALL A PRIEST TO THE DYING. <b>Do not ring the mobile for routine matters at weekends!</b>
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACTS</b>	Need a priest urgently? Call: Dawn (07761 583307), Derick (07484 162623) or Janet (07821 698419). These numbers are for <b>emergency use only</b> 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).
<b>GDPR</b>	Details of how we process your data, and your rights, are on the full Privacy Notice which may be seen in the Parish Office, on the Parish website, on the Diocesan website, or contact <a href="mailto:parish.data@diginet2.co.uk">parish.data@diginet2.co.uk</a>

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