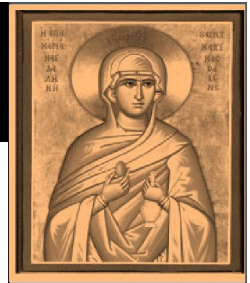


WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17TH – 24TH FEBRUARY 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
YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

	ST FRANCIS DE SALES Weekdays open 9am to 7pm	ST MARY MAGDALENE Weekdays open 9am to 7pm	MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY 17th Feb (Violet)	<i>6pm Rosary</i> 6:30pm Mass		JIMMY MURPHY
SUNDAY 18th Feb (Violet)	<i>08.00am Rosary</i> 08.30am Mass in Portuguese language <i>11.00am Rosary</i> 11.30am Mass <i>12.30pm Divine Mercy</i> <i>5.30 – 6.30pm Exposition and Benediction for Mission</i>	<i>08.45am Rosary</i> 09.15am Mass	PARISHIONERS NOREEN MUNNELLY & FAMILY

LENT WEEK 1 Psalter Week 1

Monday 19th Feb (Violet)		<i>09.30am Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass	JO HILL
Tuesday 20th Feb (Violet)	<i>09.30am Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass		PADDY NAVIN
Wednesday 21st Feb (Violet)	NO MASS	Adoration 7am-7pm	
Thursday 22nd Feb (White)	ST PETER'S CHAIR <i>10.00am Rosary</i> 10.30am Mass 1.30pm (St Mary Magdalene): Funeral Service for Patrick Fitzsimmons RIP <i>7.30-8.30pm Confessions</i>		PADDY FITSIMONS (Snr) RIP
Friday 23rd Feb (Red)	ST POLYCARP 7.00am Penitents Mass <i>3.30pm: Stations of the Cross</i>	<i>7.30pm Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday 24th Feb (Violet)		<i>09.30am Rosary</i> 10.00am Mass <i>10.45-11.30am Confessions</i>	1) PAUL KIERNAN 2) PHIL CANALE & FAMILY 3) MICHELA McMAHON 4) ANNE BARNETT 5) BETTY BRADY RIP 6) MARTIN FINN QUILL RIP

**Friday is Cafod Lent Fast Day. There is a 2nd collection for Cafod next Sunday.
REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPE THIS WEEKEND**

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FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

CREED FOR MARRIAGE

[<http://thosecatholicmen.com/articles/a-marriage-creed-professing-and-defending-truth-in-a-time-of-confusion>]

Marriage is central to our faith and to the story of salvation history. God created marriage to reflect His own eternally faithful and fruitful love. His love for Israel and the Church reflects this same love. The sacrament of marriage mystically draws us into Christ's sacrificial, self-offering love for His Body, the Church. Christian celibacy does not detract from the centrality of marriage, but actually bolsters it by witnessing to the direct marriage with God for which we all are preparing.

Therefore, any attempt to obscure or distort our belief on marriage attacks the heart of the faith and our eternal vocation. God is faithful; His love is complete; His love is necessarily fruitful. Marriage reflects this love at its natural and supernatural core. If married love turns away from this reality, it loses its heart and draws us away from God's love, rather than toward it. As Catholics we need to strengthen our own faith in what God has taught us about marriage and what He has established through nature and the sacraments.

To bolster our own faith about marriage, I'm proposing the following creed about what we believe and how we can strengthen our resolve to defend these truths:

*I believe in God, the Creator,
Who made man and woman in His image,
And drew them together in marriage,
To be fruitful and to multiply.*

*God made man and woman
To become one flesh,
Together to exercise dominion
Over the world.*

*I believe that sin has wounded
The union of man and woman
As misdirected desire and power
Mark our fallen relationships.*

*I believe that God has a plan
To save humanity,
To form a new people
To be His bride forever.*

*I believe that the Son of God
Became man to enact
This new union of God and His people,
To heal and elevate marriage.
Jesus established marriage
As a sign of His unbreakable
Love for the Church to be
A source of grace and holiness.*

*I believe that God has
Raised up holy men and women
Throughout history to serve
His Church and witness His love.
Their witness to Christ's
Unending, fruitful, faithful love
Offers a sign of contradiction
Against the darkness of the world.*

*I believe that the Church teaches
The fullness of the truth,
And offers a beacon of hope
On the truth of married love.*

*I profess my faith in all that
The Church teaches on how
Married love overcomes our
Selfish distortions of love.*

*I promise to defend the truth
Of God's plan for marriage
And the marital act, which
Leads us to our true happiness.*

*I believe that the family
Forms the domestic church,
And its future will determine
The future of our society.*

*I will resist any attempt
By the world and even some in
The Church to undermine
The life of the family.*

*I believe in all that God
Teaches me through nature
And through the Church, and
Will hold fast to this until death.
Amen!*

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PARISH / EXTERNAL EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

MAINTENANCE CO-ORDINATOR	AlvahHottinger 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 or email: svp@dignet2.co.uk
GOING INTO MK HOSPITAL?	Chaplaincy contact number:01908 996061. The Catholic Chaplain visits during the week and a lay team brings Communion Sundays. Call the Chaplaincy for Holy Communion - not a priest.
MASS INTENTIONS Mass cards cost 60p - please include money for a 2 nd class stamp (54p) 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: Mass intention slots are full until April.
MILTON KEYNES LIFE	A Milton Keynes mum due to give birth in April needs the following:- Moses basket, buggy, car seat, baby bath, bouncy chair, baby vests, babygrows, cot sheets & blankets, a baby sling/carrier and all in one outer coat for baby; also a dressing gown, slippers, toiletries and a hospital bag for the mother. If you can help please phone Bernadette on 01908 312709. Many thanks.
DIVINE MERCY ON FRIDAYS	This devotion will start up again on Fridays at St Mary's on 13th April (the Friday after the Feast of Divine Mercy).
LENT BOOKLETS – CTS STAND	Booklets are on the CTS stands at both Churches –with some new titles this year - do have a look and see what is available, to help your Lent journey.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Takes place at both Churches on Fridays in Lent. See page 1 for times - please encourage your families to attend this traditional devotion! Please sign up at Wolverton to lead the Stations. Stony readers are being contacted.
"WALK WITH ME"	Booklets for Lent are available at both Churches while stocks last. Price £1.
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.
THINKING THEOLOGY LECTURE	'Writing, Politics and God': a lecture by Author Virginia Moffatt, on how her faith and political beliefs both inform and inspire her writing. Monday 26 th February, 7pm in the Chapel at St Paul's School – see poster for full details.
DIOCESAN DIRECTORY	2018 Diocesan Directories are available from the parish office price £3.80
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:	Friday, 2nd March. This year, the service has been prepared by Women of Suriname and the theme is: All God's Creation is Very Good! Details of local services soon - but put the date in your diaries! All are welcome - men, women, old and young - the service is prepared by women, but is for everyone!
FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY after 9.15am & 11.30am Masses	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.
ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER	The copy deadline for the newsletter is 12noon on Tuesday. To have entry put into the newsletter please e-mail: newsletter@dignet2.co.uk
<p>SILENCE IN CHURCH</p> <p>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.</p> <p>SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: for those unable to receive Holy Communion at Mass.</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>	
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

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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP AND IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

HOLY MATRIMONY	One year's notice is required. Contact Janet (01908 510216). For more information e-mail Janet on janet.tate@diginet2.co.uk
BAPTISM COURSE	Another course will run in the late spring. Call Pauline 01908 511897 to register.
RCIA ADULTS – APOLOGETICS	The RCIA runs on Mondays 7-8.30pm in the presbytery at Wolverton – the course continues in 2018 on 19th and 26th February, 5th March, 14th May. Contact Fr. Bernard or email rcia@diginet2.co.uk for more information.
RCIA YOUTH COURSE	Dates: 24 th February, 3 rd , 10 th & 17 th March, at St Francis, 3.30pm–5pm.
ANCHOR COURSE	Another course will run soon – watch this space for details. This is for all those who have had children baptised, or in the First Communion programme.
MEN'S CONFERENCE: SPIRITUAL WARFARE FOR MEN. For more information, pick up a flyer from the porch, or see the poster	Fr Peter Glas is leading a Conference entitled "Spiritual warfare for men", at St Mary Magdalene Church in Stony Stratford on Saturday 24th February from 10am to 4pm. Tickets are £10 and this includes lunch. Book early to secure a place – tickets are available from the parish office. Deadline for applying for tickets is 18th February – we have limited tickets available because of space.
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION	Application forms are at the back of both churches. Deadline for applications is 31st March. Applications will not be accepted after this date (nor on the day of the Induction itself). These are for those aged 13 years or older , at the date of the Induction Session on 28th April 2018. You will need to hand in a photocopy (not the original!) of your baptism certificate with your application form. Please do not hand in partial or incomplete applications – make sure you have all your documentation before you hand this in! NB: all sessions and the Induction have been moved to the afternoon, as many young people are not free on a Saturday morning.
FAITH & PIZZA SESSIONS	Sessions run at St Francis de Sales from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. on 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June and 7th July. These sessions are for young people who are post-Confirmation including those who went through the RCIA Youth.
"9-12" CLUB	Spring Sessions run at St Francis, 7.30-9.00pm starting 23rd February. This is not just for those aged 9 – 12 years old – it is for all those who have made their First Communion, but not yet been Confirmed. If you are applying for the Confirmation Course, do come along and join this club for young people!
FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN: 2019	Starts with an Induction Session on 21st April, 10am - 12.30pm at the parish hall in Stony Stratford. If your child is currently in School Year 2 or 3 and would like to join the course, please pick up a blue application form at the back of the Church, complete it, return it with a photocopy (not the original!) of their baptism certificate to the parish office by 31st March. Applications will not be accepted after this date. (If your child is aged 9 or over, they should join the RCIA Youth course which starts in September).
QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE: Entering into the Narrative Story of the Bible	The shorter, 8 week course will run at St Francis de Sales presbytery on 21 st & 28 th Feb, 7 th & 14 th March and 4 th , 11 th , 18 th and 25 th April from 7.30-9pm. Workbooks cost approx. £15. Please bring a Bible. Contact Linda 07949 448471 or linda.lawless@diginet2.co.uk
HEALING MASS FOR THE FAMILY TREE:	Sat. 3rd March, at 12 noon at St Francis. Mass is followed by general prayers for healing, Exposition & Benediction. Please invite anyone who may be suffering from wounds or illnesses in the family tree to come along to this Mass - all are welcome.
CATHEDRAL DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN	- Father Mark Floody, Cathedral Dean, announced at Mass last weekend that having raised £2.4 million, our diocese is confident to authorise the beginning of this building project. Fr Mark's presentation is on the Cathedral website: northamptoncathedral.org/live/ click the recordings tab navigate to homily Sunday Mass on 4th February; to donate and/or find out more, please call Angela Madge on 01604 712065 or email cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com
PARISH OFFICE CONTACT: office@diginet2.co.uk	To contact the office, please ring 01908 564363 normally Monday – Friday, 0900 to 12 noon. Or email office@diginet2.co.uk at any time ... or text 07761 583307 – texts and emails will be picked up even when the office is closed. PLEASE <u>ONLY</u> USE THE EMERGENCY CONTACTS BELOW TO CALL A PRIEST TO THE DYING.
EMERGENCY CONTACTS	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 emergency use only if you need to call a priest to the dying. For other matters, please contact the parish office.

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