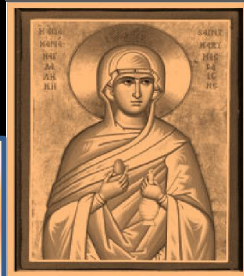


WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16TH JULY – 22ND JULY 2017



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

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION
OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

15TH 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
SATURDAY 15th July (Green)	<i>6pm Rosary</i> 6:30pm Mass		CARMEL MUNNELLY RIP
SUNDAY 16th July (Green)	<i>8.00am Rosary</i> 8.30am Mass in Portuguese language <i>11am Rosary</i> 11.30am Mass <i>12:30pm Divine Mercy Novena</i>	<i>8:45am Rosary</i> 9.15am Mass	PARISHIONERS TINA GAFFNEY RIP
Week 15 of Ordinary Time Year 1			Psalter: Week 3
Monday 17th July (Green)		<i>11:30am Rosary</i> 12 Noon Mass	ERIC GARNER RIP
Tuesday 18th July (White)	<i>11:30am Rosary</i> 12 Noon Mass		PAUL GARNER
Wednesday 19th July (Green)		Adoration 7am-12noon & 1pm-7pm 12:15pm Mass	NATASHA MIRSKAYA RIP
Thursday 20th July (Green)	<i>11:30am Rosary</i> 12 Noon Mass		THOMAS BARRY RIP
Friday 21st July (Green)		<i>11:30am Rosary</i> 12 Noon Mass <i>3:30pm Divine Mercy</i>	1) JOHN & BETTY GALLIGAN RIP 2) FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PARISH
Saturday 22nd July (White)	Patronal Solemnity of St Mary Magdalene	<i>9:30am Rosary</i> 10am Mass Confessions 10:45am-11:45am	1) KEVIN BRENNAN RP 2) MUNRO (foundation)

- **All masses this weekend our inviting parishioners to fill out a label with their name and put it on for the Mass. (children don't need to fill one out because of child protection issues).**

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FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

Reflection on the Apostles Creed 11 ...the Communion of Saints

It is important to note that the consequences of professing the 3rd article* of the Apostles Creed, namely, '**I believe in the Holy Spirit**', is that we also believe the Holy Catholic Church and that we believe in the Communion of Saints. In truth, it is the Holy Spirit who **brings about** the Church and the Saints and all that follows in the rest of the Apostles Creed [see CCC 946].

The Communion of Saints concerns the communion of goods in the life of the Church which flow from the presence of Christ as the Head of the Church as spelt out by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) below:

CCC 947 "Since all the faithful form one body, the good of each is communicated to the others. . . . We must therefore believe that there exists a **communion of goods** in the Church. But the most *important member is Christ*, since he is the head. . . . Therefore, the **riches of Christ** are communicated to all the members, through the sacraments." "As this Church is governed by one and the same Spirit, all the goods she has received necessarily become a common fund."

So, the term 'communion of saints' has **two** closely linked meanings – communion in *holy things (sancta)*" and "among *holy persons (sancti)*."

Sancta sanctis ("God's holy gifts for God's holy people") is proclaimed by the celebrant in most Eastern liturgies during the elevation of the holy Gifts before the distribution of communion.

The faithful (sancti) are fed by Christ's holy body and blood (**sancta**) to grow in the communion of the Holy Spirit (**koinonia**) and to communicate it to the world [**CCC 948**].

The Church as Koinonia – Communion of love – holds and shares things in common, hence:

CCC 953 *Communion in charity.*

In the *sanctorum communio*, "None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself" [Rom 14:7]. "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" [1 Cor 12:26-27]. "Charity does not insist on its own way" [1 Cor 13:5]. In this solidarity with all men, living or dead, which is founded on the communion of saints, the least of our acts done in charity redounds to the profit of all. Every sin harms this communion.

At this point of the creed we discover that the Church includes not just *those of us on earth* but also the *Saints in heaven* and also the *Holy Souls in Purgatory*. Indeed, at every Mass we celebrate it speaks of the Saints in heaven, the Holy Souls in Purgatory and the Church on earth united to the Pope and our local bishop.

CCC 962 "We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are *pilgrims on earth*, the *dead who are being purified*, and the *blessed in heaven*, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always [attentive] to our prayers" (Paul VI, CPG § 30).

As beautifully described in the Decree on the Church: "*So it is that the union of the wayfarers with the brethren who sleep in the peace of Christ is in no way interrupted, but on the contrary, according to the constant faith of the Church, this union is reinforced by an exchange of spiritual goods.*" [Lumen Gentium 49]

*1st article = *I believe in One God, the Father almighty*; 2nd article = *I believe in Our Lord Jesus Christ*.

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PARISH / EXTERNAL EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

MAINTENANCE CO-ORDINATOR	Alvah Hottinger is the Parish Maintenance Co-Ordinator. Any maintenance issues, please email alvah.hottinger@diginet2.co.uk or tel. 07961 500350
SVP CONTACT	Tel: 07803 369371 or email: svp@diginet2.co.uk
GOING INTO MK HOSPITAL?	Chaplaincy: 01908 996061. Fr Allan visits Fridays and a lay team brings Communion Sundays. Call the Chaplaincy for Communion, not Fr Allan.
MASS INTENTIONS	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.
FAMILY VISITS	Unfortunately, the sign-up lists from the Family Day were lost and did not get returned to Fr Bernard at the end of the day. He therefore has no idea who asked for visits and what days and times these were requested for these visits. Please could those who requested visits email Fr Bernard (bernard.barrett@diginet2.co.uk) and a new schedule of dates and times will be arranged. Apologies for any inconvenience or disappointment that has been caused to families. It's one of those things that happens in an afternoon of family fun and chaos! Thanks for your understanding - Fr Bernard looks forward to hearing from you.
NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL, DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN	Our Cathedral in Northampton is the Mother Church of our Diocese. If you have ever visited it you will be aware of its beauty but also its limitations in not being able to offer hospitality or in accommodating special events and groups. Exciting plans have been developed for the future of the Cathedral and the fundraising campaign is underway. For further information about the project and how you can lend your support, please visit the Cathedral website at http://northamptoncathedral.org/the-cathedral/cathedral-centre where you can watch a video presentation about the proposed Cathedral Centre. The Campaign Office is based in Bishop's House and Angela Madge, the Campaign Administrator, will be happy to hear from you. Angela can be contacted on 01604 712065 or via email: cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com
9-12 CLUB	All who have made their 1 st Holy Communion and have not yet made their Confirmation, are invited to come Friday, from 7.30pm to 9pm on 21 st July; we meet in the parish hall at 105 High Street, Stony Stratford.
FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY after 9.15am Mass ... and 11.30am Mass	There is tea and coffee after the 9.15am Mass in the parish hall – all welcome! After 11.30am Mass there are refreshments in the Braai Shack– please do come and join us.
ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER	The copy deadline for the newsletter is 12noon on a Tuesday. To have entry put into the newsletter, or for corrections etc., please e-mail the detail to: 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 AND IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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.
HOLY MATRIMONY	One year's notice is required. Contact Janet (01908 510216).
BAPTISM COURSE	Another course will run in the autumn. Call Pauline (01908 511897) to register.
RCIA ADULTS – APOLOGETICS	The RCIA course runs on Mondays 7-8.30pm in the presbytery at Wolverton – a new course starts in September. Contact Fr. Bernard or email rcia@diginet2.co.uk if you would like more information.
EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION	The 7 fortnightly services of Exposition & Benediction @ St FRANCIS start this weekend (see page 1) and continue on Sunday 23 rd July and 6 th August @ 5:30pm-6:30pm
THINKING OF MARRIAGE	The marriage course will start Tuesday, 12th September 2017. For more information e-mail Janet on janet.tate@diginet2.co.uk
A CONCERT AND CREAM TEA FOR MARY'S MEALS.	The parish is planning a concert and cream tea to raise money for Mary's Meals. It will be on Sunday 3 rd Sept at 3pm. The concert will be informal and relaxed. Anna is looking for anyone who is interested in performing. It can be instrumental or vocal of any standard/style by any age group; solo or small group. If you are interested please contact Anna by email: anna.kearns22@gmail.com or phone:07837863485.
The Parish History Part I of the Church of St Francis de Sales. Now available to buy	For the 150 th Anniversary of the building and dedication of the Church of St Francis de Sales we have produced a coloured A4 "Parish History" book. This is part one of our wonderful and rich history. Please do buy a copy. The cost is £7.00 per book. The social history discussed will introduce to you Parishioners from the early years, in the late 1800s and the Priests including some Parishioners of today. Get to know our history. Noreen will be at Sunday Masses most weeks with copies to buy or there is a stock in the Parish Office. It is important we know our Parish History it is part of our story. Part Two will be available next year when we celebrate some very important milestones for St Mary Magdalene's.
QUESTION BOXES	In the porch of both churches we have a 'QUESTION BOX'. It is there to receive questions or issues that parishioners encounter about their Faith at Work, among friends, in social and cultural circles which they would like addressed in the homilies on Sunday. So, put your issue or question on a note then put it in envelope and put it in the QUESTION BOX. Please date them and sign them as these will take precedence over unsigned and undated notes.
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 DO NOT USE THE EMERGENCY CONTACTS BELOW, EXCEPT FOR NEEDING 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 – for other matters, the parish office can be called on 01908 564363 (manned weekday mornings, not afternoons or weekends), or email: office@diginet2.co.uk or use the 'contact us' button on the website.
PARISH DETAILS: WEBSITE & INTRANET PARISH PRIEST E-MAIL	Parish Website: www.saints-francis-and-mary.org.uk Parish Intranet for Admin: www.diginet2.co.uk Parish Priest email: bernard.barrett@diginet2.co.uk PARISH PRIEST: FR. BERNARD BARRETT

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