



FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

“Do you also wish to go away?”

There is something terrible and telling in that question that follows on from the Gospel that is given to us for this Sunday. It is as if Jesus were posing it not only to the little band gathered around him at Capernaum, but to all of His prospective disciples up and down the centuries. It is as if that question is posed to each of us here today!

One senses that we are poised here on a fulcrum, that a standing or falling point has been reached, that somehow a disciple of Jesus is intimately tied up with how they stand in regard to the Eucharist!

In response to Jesus’ question, Peter, as is often the case in the Gospels, spoke for the group, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life! We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God!”

As in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, so here in the Gospel according to Saint John, it is a Petrine confession that grounds and guarantees the survival of the Church!

The explicit confession of Jesus as the Holy One of God is bound up with the implicit confession of faith in the Eucharist as truly the Body and Blood of the Lord!

Today, as we mark Corpus Christi, we are called to deepen our love for Christ truly present in the Eucharist. We are called to make our own the words of Saint Peter who confessed that Christ is the Holy One of God!

Let us today pray that we may constantly deepen our love for Christ in the Eucharist! That we may be always thankful for the gift of God who dwells in every tabernacle in every Catholic Church across the world!

Oremus pro invicem!



PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday - 10 am - 12 pm
Tuesday - 10 am - 12 pm
Wednesday - 10 am - 12 pm
Thursday - CLOSED
Friday - CLOSED
Sat. / Sun. - CLOSED

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REQUIESCAT IN PLACE

Please pray for all of those who have died, especially those whose Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady's over the next few weeks.

-John Bernard Flattley RIP whose Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 5th of June at 10.30 am.

-Mary Agnes O'Brien RIP whose Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 8th of June at 11.30 am.

-David Junior Borha RIP whose Funeral Service will take place on Monday 8th of June at 2.30 pm at the Vale Cemetary Chapel.

-Vincent Fox RIP whose reception into church will take place at 5 pm on Monday 6th of July followed by their Funeral Mass on Tuesday 7th of July at 10.30 am.

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Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note some of the upcoming events taking place at Our Lady's over the next few months:

Wednesday 10th June - 7 pm Mass celebrating the visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella

Sunday 28th June - 2 pm Nigerian Community Picnic at Stockwood Park

Saturday 18th July - 12 pm Mass for Grandparents followed by Afternoon Tea in the Father O'Connor Centre.

Sunday 19th July - 1 pm - 4 pm Parish Picnic at Stockwood Park

CONFIRMATION MASS

The Confirmation Masses for those young people who have been on the Confirmation Programme will take place on Sunday 7th of June. The Confirmation will take place at the 11.30 am Mass.

Please pray for all of our young people as they prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

On Wednesday 10th of June at 7pm we have the great honour of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella on their tour around England and Wales to celebrate the saint's 300th anniversary.

St Gerard was a Redemptorist lay-brother from the South of Italy, born in 1726. He died at only 29, but was known as a great wonder-worker even during his lifetime. He's popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Mass, and receive a blessing with his relics.

PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

The annual pilgrimage for the protection of the sanctity of life will take place on 1st of August at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. For more details, go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for: Jesse & Catherine Coulson, Danny Harding, Robert Roe, Alexander El-Lamaa, Christopher Parfitt, Jimmy, Tina, John McCormick, Mary Williams, Michael Curtin, Sally Rhodes and all who are sick.

Please pray for: Johanna O'Leary, Caterina La Viola, Thomas O'Boyle, Francis Farrell, Augustine Abara, Bill Molloy, Mary Marshall, Jane Matthews, Margarete Spring, Brandon Cassian, and all our loved ones who have died.

FATHER O'CONNOR HALL HIRE

If you are interested in hiring the Father O'Connor Centre for an event, please contact Praetorium who will be happy to help you - 01372 457651

CHURCH PARKING

Due to the increasing number of people using the car park for non-church related activities, it has become necessary to implement a parking scheme.

This will ensure that the church car park is available for those who wish to use the car park for church activities.

The parking scheme will be implemented in the next few weeks and will require anyone using the car park to enter their registration details using one of the screens in the narthex or Fr O'Connor Centre.

The parking scheme will not apply on Sundays for Mass times.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a way in which the Lord comes to us in our frailty and weakness and can be received by any Catholic whose health is in a critical state.

If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or to ask for a relative/friend then please contact Fr the Parish Office.

OPEN HOUSE

The next Open House will take place on Monday 8th of June in the Father O'Connor Centre.

The Open House will run from 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm.

This is an opportunity for anyone interested in celebrating sacraments to find out more.

CATENIANS

"The Harpenden, Luton & District Catenian Circle (which includes the Luton parishes) monthly dinner last week was a great success with 31 people attending, including non Catenian guests.

Did you know that Catenians are one of the main sponsors of Flame, being held next year on Saturday 6th March.

Through the Catenian Bursary Fund, Catenians support our young people and have over time awarded £1.2 million to 16–25-year-old Catholics, to serve in Lourdes or take part in personal projects that help develop their character, always through faith.

Interested in finding out more about becoming a Catenian, then email Simon Davies at simon-davies9@sky.com "

PRO LIFE WITNESS

On Saturday 13th of June there is an opportunity to take part in an act of witness to pray for and defend the dignity of all life from conception until natural death.

The witness will take place between 11 am - 12 pm at the junction of Stuart Street and Buxton Road (LU1 1SD)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"*Amor vincit omnia*" - Love conquers all!

PARISH OFFERTORY

If you would like to make an offering to the ministry of the parish online, please use the bank details below:

Bank: Natwest

Account Name: Our Lady Help of Christians Luton

Sort Code: 60-06-11

Account Number: 91052181

CALLED & EQUIPPED

2026 - 2027

Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step?

The Diocesan, year long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins in September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community.

This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry. Find out more here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/> or sign up to one of the introductory webinars on <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese>



RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the reception of Holy Communion is for Catholics who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion.

If we receive Holy Communion on the hand, please consume the Sacred Host as soon as possible and in front of the priest

PARISH FINANCES

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We encourage all taxpayers enrolled on the scheme to register for Gift Aid in order for our parish to claim 25% extra on donations. Please ask at the Parish Office for a Gift Aid declaration form to complete.

Anyone interested in joining the scheme is invited to make contact with the Parish Office.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

JUNE

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please use the QR code below to register as a parishioner here at Our Lady's! It is simple and will only take a few moments to do!

By registering, we are able to send the electronic newsletter straight to your email!



MASS READINGS AND PRAYERS

Please scan the QR code to access the daily Mass readings and prayers.



CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

If you would like to make your offering via card, this can be done using the Dona Card Machine

All cards accepted. Please Gift Aid if eligible - it is simple and only has to be done once on the machine.

"Do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased!"

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 7 th June Corpus Christi	9.30 am MASS 11.30 am MASS 5 pm MASS	Nora Major Int., Sherona Int., Brid McVey RIP. Maisie Kearney Int., H H Goualin & Davis Family's Int., Peter Valentine RIP, Agnelo Fernandes RIP. Pro Populo, Vincent Fox RIP.
MONDAY 8 th June Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity	7 am MASS (Latin) 11.30 am Funeral Mass 2.30 pm Funeral Service (Ceder Chapel)	
TUESDAY 9 th June S. Columba	7 am MASS (Latin) 12 pm ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Martin O'Donnell RIP, Helen & Tommy McCourt RIP, Brian McDonagh RIP, William (Billie) McGowan RIP, Bill Ring RIP.
WEDNESDAY 10 th June Votive Mass of S. Gerard Majella	7 am MASS (Latin) 7 pm Mass with veneration of the relics of St Gerard Majella	
THURSDAY 11 th June	No public Mass	Please note that the church will be open for private prayer.
FRIDAY 12 th June Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	12 pm ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Lorraine McCarthy RIP, Kevin O'Sullivan RIP, Cathal Prior RIP, Maura Prior RIP, Mary & Frank Travers RIP.
SATURDAY 13 th June Immaculate Heart of Mary	9 am ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 9.30 am MASS *followed by veneration of the relic of S. Carlo Acutis 11 am Altar Servers Training 11 am - 12 pm Pro Life Witness 2.30 pm Wedding Mass of Marcia & Ajay	Joanne Smith Int., Johnny Bambury Int., Margaret Ward Int. Please see Newsletter for details
SUNDAY 14 th June 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9 am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS 11.30 am MASS 4.15 pm Vespers and Benediction 5 pm MASS	