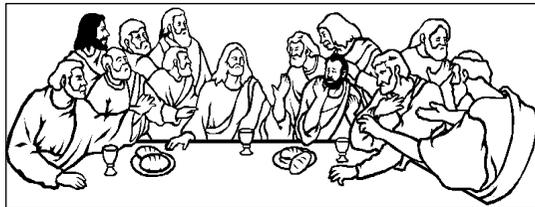


RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, 14th April in the Hall. 9.00am - 12.00 noon. Good as new clothing, household items, teas, coffee, cakes and raffle. Please bring items for sale by Friday prior to the sale. In aid of Building Fund.

FROM OUR BISHOP PATRICK: My dear sister/brother in Christ, We now begin to prepare ourselves spiritually in the diocese for the National Eucharistic Congress being held in Liverpool from 7th - 9th September 2018. I very much appreciate the power of prayer, and I would be grateful for yours. I invite you to say the following short prayer every time you now receive Holy communion:

*Dear Jesus, as I receive you today in Holy Communion,
I pray for everyone in my family, my parish,
and across our diocese.
May they, and I, grow steadily in our love of you,
and in our understanding of your
wonderful gift of yourself to us in the Eucharist. Amen*

Our parish will say this lovely prayer together after Holy Communion, beginning next weekend, in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress.



1st April 2018

Readers: 6.30pm: M Atkins 10.00am: H Goodson R Lewin
Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm: B O'Malley M O'Malley P Pelos B Phillips D Quinn
 10.00am: K Quinn R Blagburn T Ruane J Shellard J Snaith (Weekday A)
Counters: ----
Welcomers: 6.30pm: E, P & O Cioch 10.00am: M Douglas J Davis M Cullum
Bidding Prayers: M Mihovilovic

8th April 2018

Readers: 6.30pm: J Southern 10.00am: D Chappell B Tyrell
Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30pm: B Spicknell B Stewart S Tacey N Tiney F Wilson
 10.00am: V Winter D Bebb P Bebb A Brown K Crawford (Weekday B)
Counters: F Wilson C Wilson A Williamson
Welcomers: 6.30pm: N Furlong B Coombs I Lamarra 10.00am: T Kendrick K Shiers Y Shiers
Bidding Prayers: V Winter



Our Lady of Victories

Market Harborough

1st April 2018
 Octave of Easter
 Psalter Week 1

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Times of Services

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sat.8.00pm - Easter Vigil Ceremonies - The Parishioners
 8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - Deceased members of Fr Owen's family
 10.00am Mass - Bogush Nowakowski R.I.P.

Monday within the Octave of Easter

9.45am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Mass - Julio Vargas R.I.P.

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

9.00am Mass - Margaret Elliott R.I.P.
 Rosary after Mass

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

9.45am Morning Prayer of the Church
 10.00am Mass - P J Ruane R.I.P.

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9.43am Rosary
 10.00am Mass - Nora Ashmore R.I.P.

Friday within the Octave of Easter

12 noon - Funeral Mass of Susan Scampton
N.B. NO EVENING MASS

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

NO MORNING MASS (Mass in the Prison)
 6.30pm 1st Mass of Sunday 8th - John & Josie Adams in Australia

Sunday: 2nd of Easter

8.30am Mass at Husbands Bosworth - The Parishioners
 10.00am Mass - Kate Corrigan R.I.P.



*He must rise
 from the dead.*

Confessions Saturday

11.00 - 11.30 am
 5.30 - 6.00 pm.
 & on request

**Exposition of the
 Blessed Sacrament**

Wednesday
 10.30—11.00 a.m.



OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCE are offered to the family of Anne White who died last week. Anne lived on Welland Park Road for many years. During all my years here Anne has been housebound, but received Holy Communion on a regular basis from one of our Eucharistic Ministers. However, on the anniversary of her son's death each year, Anne had Mass offered for her son and his girlfriend who were tragically killed in a motorbike accident in 1993. Anne had a seat erected in their memory outside our church, which is still there opposite Our Lady's statue. The inscription on the seat simply reads "Alan & Sonia." Anne mostly managed to attend her son's Mass on his anniversary through the efforts and goodwill of her exceptionally kind and good neighbours. Our prayer is that Anne will now have her own 'special seat' in the presence of the Risen Lord. Her funeral will be here on Wednesday 11th April at 1.30pm.

WELCOME AND GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS BE UPON YOU: At our Easter Vigil Ceremonies, we had the great joy and blessing of welcoming 2 new members into full communion with the Catholic faith. I congratulate Anthony and Caroline Wilson, as God has brought them on this faith journey, I know our parish family will welcome them and rejoice with them and support them on their onward journey as members of our faith family and parish.



EASTER GREETINGS AND BLESSINGS: Fr Owen and the sisters at the Convent join in wishing all our parishioners and their families every blessing and joy at the very special feast of Easter. May the new life of the Risen Lord bring new life, love, joy, happiness, faith and hope to each and all. The peace and joy of the Risen Lord be with you all at this time and always.



A SINCERE THANK YOU: The Third World Group would like to thank everyone who has helped to make the Friday Lenten Lunches a success, not only financially for the group, but ecumenically and socially. So, to all those who made the wonderful soups, those who made the gorgeous cakes, and those who turned up faithfully each week to help prepare and serve, we would like to say a really big 'thank you'. It has been so much appreciated.

A great big
THANK YOU

MASS OF DIVINE MERCY: You are welcome on Sunday 8th. April at 2.45pm, at St. Edward's, Kettering with buffet afterwards. Culmination of the Easter Octave, Low Sunday is the day Our Lord chose to fulfil the promise of a complete remission of sins and all reparation due, thus returning the soul to the purity of its Baptismal state. In preparation, the Novena prayers start Good Friday and attend confession before the Feast Day. Free car park in London Road.



THIRD WORLD GROUP GREEN ENVELOPES: Third World Group Green Envelopes for the year April 2018- March 2019 are now available on the table in The Cloisters. Please collect them. Many thanks for all your invaluable support.

BINGO AND SUPPER in the Hall on Thursday, 12th April at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. In Aid of the Building Fund. All Welcome



"THANKS BE TO GOD" Fr Owen wrote the following in our newsletter of Holy Week last year, with particular reference to Holy Thursday. He now wishes to reproduce it in this week's corresponding newsletter. I write these words with such gratitude in my heart to Almighty God for the many blessings bestowed on me in my life and my journey of faith. I write them especially today, Holy Thursday, as I am preparing this week's newsletter. Holy Thursday is a special day for every priest as we recall the events of that first Holy Thursday in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, as Jesus gave to those present the "Bread of eternal life", His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, as He empowered His church to do likewise through ordination of His first priests, as the Church for 2,000 years has fulfilled that command all over the world, as all of us who share in Christ's Priesthood through our Baptism, are privileged to be members of His worldwide family of the Church and to celebrate and be nourished with the same Bread of life in the Eucharist wherever we are, wherever we go. Little wonder we say "THANKS BE TO GOD".

As God's ordained priest through the Sacrament of Ordination, my joy and indeed, privileged vocation was so very evident at our St Barnabas Cathedral on Wednesday for the annual celebration of the Mass of Chrism - the blessing of the Holy Oils. As 110 priests led by some 30 ordained deacons and followed in procession by our Bishop Patrick, processed from the Cathedral car park on to Caning Circus and along Derby Road to the Cathedral entrance, it was a spectacular sight and hopefully a wondrous witness to the passers by who watched and stared. I felt very honoured and happy to be part of that procession and witness. As we entered an absolutely packed Cathedral, I was absolutely delighted to know that 6 members of our parish were part of that vast crowd. The Mass itself was beautiful and uplifting. The singing by the Cathedral Choir and the Diocesan Choir was angelic, heavenly and so moving. The Bishop's address was encouraging, practical and vocation strengthening. All in all it was a lovely celebration, a privileged occasion, a true witness to our vocation and hopefully our prayer of "THANKS BE TO GOD" was heard by our Heavenly Father.

EASTER REFLECTION - NEW LIFE AND HOPE by Flor McCarthy SDB

As long as the sun comes over the hills,
scatters the darkness, and fills the world with light;
as long as the fields get green again,
and the primroses and violets return;
as long as the trees fill up again with leaves,
there is hope for us and for the world.
So come, let us follow the footsteps of spring,
for the snow has melted,
and life is awakening from its sleep
and wanders through the hills and valleys.
Come, let us ascend the heights
and gaze upon the waving greenness of the plains below.
O come, let us rejoice on this Easter Day,
for death has folded up his tent and gone away.

