

Milton Keynes Area Cluster

Churches

- St Augustine's, Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, MK13 7PL
- St Bede's, High Street, Newport Pagnell, MK16 8EN
- Christ the King, Frithwood Crescent, Kents Hill, MK7 6HQ
- St Mary's, Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands, MK17 8NN
- Our Lady of Lourdes, St Pauls, Moorgate, Leadenhall, MK6 5NA
- Christ the Cornerstone, Saxon Gate, CMK, MK9 2ES

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Open House

Each Monday evening between 5.30pm and 7.30pm we have an "Open House" in the Parish Offices (St Augustine's, Langcliffe Drive, Heelands). Each of the priests are usually available to speak about anything, and deal with any administrative tasks for all of our Parishes, such as booking Baptisms, completing school application forms or passport applications. Simply come along, there is no need to make an appointment.

Palm Branches



The ashes that we receive on Ash Wednesday traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous year's Easter celebration. Please bring along any palm branches that you may have at home and we will burn them as we come into church next weekend, in preparation for Ash Wednesday on 6th March.

Pancake Party

The Annual Pancake Party will take place on Tuesday 5th March, from 4pm to 6pm in the Narthex, at Christ the King Church, Kents Hill. If you can help on the day or clear up afterwards please contact Peter Laws from the Community Church. Email p.laws@hotmail.com The money raised will be donated to a local charity. Please come along, have a good time and support this joint church event.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

- Ministers at St Augustine's should have received a new rota for the next couple of months. If you are unable to exercise your ministry on any given Sunday can you please ensure that you find a replacement.
- We are looking to increase the number of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers in each of our parishes. If you would like to find out more then please speak to one of the priests or deacons after Mass.

"Make Lunch"

Congratulations and thank you to all who contributed to the Crib Donations and other charitable events during the last year. We raised £772.25 for the local charity "Make Lunch" which aims to provide a hot meal for families who would usually receive free school meals during term time.

Divine Mercy

This weekend following the 11.30am Mass on Sunday at Christ the King Church, there will be Divine Mercy Devotions. All are welcome to attend.

Congratulations

This weekend we welcome Ifechukwu Okonkwi who is being baptised at St Bede's, Lilith Jesa, Liam Bomba and Keith Fernandes who are being baptised at Christ the King. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



Stations of the Cross



We do not have any permanent Stations of the Cross in the church at St Augustine's, and so, with Lent approaching, it seems a good time to commission some new Stations and a few other new items such as chalices and ciboria. At the back of church you will find a yellow leaflet with details of how to participate. If you would like to contribute by bank transfer the parish account details are:

MK St Augustines
Sort Code: 60-06-11
Account No: 46714553.

World Day of Prayer

On Friday 1st March, there will be two services to celebrate the World Day of Prayer.

- The Church of Christ the Cornerstone at 12.30pm, if you are free at lunchtime please come and join in this cycle of prayer, which will go around the world on the day.
- Christ the King, Kents Hill, at 7.30pm. The service will include readings and hymns.

St Bede's Book Group

The Group will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 13th March. The book to be discussed is "My Name is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout. New members are welcome. For further information please contact Anne Milton, 07909762366.

Parish Schools:

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St Paul's Catholic School
Phoenix Drive
Leadenhall, MK6 5EN
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Mrs Joanne Hoarty

Diocesan Vocations Weekend

Our Diocese will be hosting a weekend for those men considering a Vocation to the Priesthood. This will be held at the Cathedral in Northampton from Friday 22nd March to Sunday 24th March. If you are interested in exploring this please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak to Fr Mark Floody at the same number.

St Bernadette's Nursery

St Bernadette's is now accepting applications to start the Nursery in September 2019. Nursery places are available for children who turn 4 between Sept 2019 and Aug 2020. There are full-time (30 hours) and morning-only places (15 hours) available. Children with working parents can claim the 30 hours nursery places for free with an eligibility code. Application forms can be collected from the school office; deadline is April 26th.

If you are making a late application to join Reception for September, this must be done both via the council and also by submitting supplementary forms to the school. These are available from the school office.

St Bernadette's Governors

There are currently opportunities to join St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School's Governing Body, as Foundation Governors. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mary McGowan, Chair of Governors, for an informal chat, on 07906507635 or email: mcgowanmt@stbernardetteschool.com

NYMO Events in 2019

The Northampton Youth Ministry Office (NYMO) offer many opportunities for young people aged 11-18, as well as young adults up to 30 years old. Here are some details of up coming events. This is open to everyone and all are extremely welcome:

- True Survivor Weekend: 25th to 27th May. For young men aged 14+, this weekend couples survival techniques in the wild with spiritual survival techniques. Cost £100 per person.
- Summer Camp 2019: 4th to 8th August. At the start of the summer holidays, over 100 young people gather together for a mix of outdoor activities, sleeping in a castle, a day out at Alton Towers and daily Mass, talks, music and lots of fun! Cost £200 per person (incl. transport).

For further details please visit www.nymo.org or speak to Fr Brendan.

Flame 2019

Flame is the largest Youth Event in England and Wales organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation and takes place on Saturday 2nd March 2019 at Wembley Stadium. Transportation has been arranged for young people within our Cluster of parishes to attend. Please contact 07725200866 by Sunday 24th February, if you are interested in attending.



Mental Health: Distress and Wellbeing

The event which was published in the Newsletter last weekend has been postponed. A reschedule date will be announced in due course.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We have arranged a pilgrimage to Lourdes for our cluster of parishes led by one of our priests. It will take place between 21st and 28th August, with three nights half-board in Paris and Nevers, to visit the shrines of St Bernadette and St Vincent de Paul, and then 4 nights full board in Lourdes, with the opportunity to join the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Peter. The total cost is £625 based upon two people sharing, £100 deposit is required with the possibility of paying the remaining balance in instalments. If you are interested please contact Susie on 07459774035.



Thinking Theology Lecture

St Paul's Catholic School, Leadenhall, invites you to a lecture by Fr Pius, entitled "Henceforth All Generations Will Call Me Blessed", about the place of Our Lady in the Scriptures. The Lecture is being held on Monday 25th February at 7pm, in the School Chapel. Admission is free and all are very welcome to attend.

Global Healing



In response to Pope Francis' encyclical letter Laudato Si, we are hosting an evening entitled Global Healing, looking at how our faith helps us to care for our common home, on Wednesday 13th March at 7pm at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone. The evening includes a film, refreshments, discussion and chat. All are very welcome to attend. Flyers are available in each of the churches.

Liturgies for the Week

Saturday (Vigil)

- 5 pm Christ the Cornerstone Reconciliation
- 5.30pm Christ the Cornerstone Jose III, Jogi, Severino RIP and all Souls.
- 6.30pm St Mary's Joseph, Lily and Clement Pereira RIP
- 7pm St Augustine's (Polish)

Sunday Seventh Sunday of the Year

- 9am St Augustine's Nancy Driscoll God's Healing
- 9am St Bede's Jayne Crumbleholme RIP
- 9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes Thanksgiving
- 10.30am St Mary's People of the Parish
- 11am St Augustine's Terence Dunn RIP
- 11.30am Christ the King Archbishop Silvestre Scandian RIP
- 2pm St Augustine's (Polish)
- 6.30pm St Augustine's Anselm Netto RIP
- 6.30pm Cranfield University People of the Parish

Monday

- 9.30am Christ the King People of the Parish
- 12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone Mildred Bird RIP

Tuesday

- 9.30am St Augustine's
- 10am St Mary's Tom, Elizabeth and Sean Connor RIP

Wednesday

- 9.30am St Augustine's
- 12.30pm Christ the Cornerstone Michael O'Hara RIP

Thursday

- 9.30am St Augustine's
- 10.00am St Mary's Deceased Members of the Forbes Family

Friday St David

- 9.30am St Bede's Adoration and Reconciliation
- 10am St Bede's Deceased members of the Robinson Family
- 6pm St Augustine's Reconciliation and Adoration,
- 7pm St Augustine's

Saturday

- 10am Our Lady of Lourdes Followed by Reconciliation

Money Matters

Last weekend's collection:

St Augustine's
£1,362.11p

St Bede's
£377.44p

Christ the King
£525.22p

Our Lady of Lourdes and Christ the Cornerstone
£971.66p

(All amounts include Standing Orders)

Thank you for your