



ST PETER'S CHURCH, BIGGLESWADE

Parish Priest Fr. Richard Moroney
Deacon Rev. John Lang

Sunday 9th / 10th September, 2017

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY of the YEAR

Weekday Year 1, Sunday Year A

Psalter Week 3

2nd Collection this week for Home Mission Sunday

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

23rd Sunday of the Year
Sat. 9th / 10th September, 2017

Saturday 9th September
Mass at 6.30 pm
Lynn Macdonald RIP

Sunday 10th September
Mass at 8.00 am
People of the Parish
Mass at 10.30 am
Noreen Quinn RIP

WEEKDAYS

ROSARY - Weekdays
9.10 am when there is Mass

Monday 11th September
Feria
NO MASS

Tuesday 12th September
Feria
NO MASS

Wednesday 13th September
St. John Chrysostom
NO MASS

Thursday 14th September
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Mass at 9.30 am
Paul Fawcett RIP

Friday 15th September
Our Lady of Sorrows
Mass at 9.30 am
Paul Fawcett RIP

**EXPOSITION of the
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Friday 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Sat. 16th Sept. / Sun. 17th Sept.
23rd Sunday of the Year

Saturday 16th September
Mass at 6.30 pm
Joe & Babs Hennelly RIP

Sunday 17th September
Mass at 8.00 am
Mass at 10.30 am

Dear Parishioners,

At the time of writing, I am trying to find a supply priest for this coming weekend. For a number of weeks now, I have been unwell with infections in my teeth or now, an infection in my sinuses. I am on a course of antibiotics again, but feel really drained and unwell. I think too I have an underlying anxiety about my future. Although I stated to the Bishop that I intended to retire about October time (in February), as yet I have no certainty about future accommodation. I do have a meeting about this on this coming Monday. Please pray for a successful outcome.

Just as the future is uncertain for me, so it is uncertain for you. All I want to do is hand over St. Peter's in good working order to you parishioners and your new Parish Priest Canon Noonan.

To this end could you please be aware of tidiness. Crayons and clipboards are given out to parents for use by their children. Could parents please make sure all the crayons their children use are gathered up and not left on the floor. There are always some to be cleared up after Sunday Masses but last Sunday was particularly bad. The best assumption to make is that this is a household without servants. This also applies to those who use the kitchen. Just lately, people are leaving used cups on the side of the draining board. There are loads of tea towels.

Cupboards

I am in the process of tidying up the cupboards in the Meeting Room. Please bear with me during this process. I have also been attacking kitchen cupboards and drawers.

I hope to see you next week on the 17th September at Shortmead House.

At the moment, I am uncertain about weekday Masses.

OREMUS PRO INVICEM

Fr. Richard

Prayer Intentions

10th September - Teachers and Pupils / 17th September – Spread of the Gospel

In regard to the invitation to Parishioners to come to Shortmead House, Biggleswade on the 17th September at 3.00 pm... (Apologies for the incorrect date in last week's newsletter)

Although it has been very kindly arranged by Parishioners, I would very much like to bear the cost, (apart from drinks). Please come and enjoy the setting and the company.

I do not intend this celebration to be the final Parish Celebration. I have invited people from other parishes in which I have served, relatives and friends. It is a general celebration of retirement from Active ministry.

There will be a more specific celebration for the Parish nearer to the end of October.

Watch this space.

A card for Fr Richard's retirement is available for you to leave a message and sign. This is on display in the entrance to the church. It's no secret Fr. knows all about it. If you can't find it, one of the greeters will help you.

MINISTRY ROTAS

It is time for the new Ministry Mass rotas to be prepared from the 30th September to the end of the year. However, as Fr. Richard is unsure as to the exact date he will be leaving us, and given that when he does we will be down to two weekend Masses, one Saturday evening at 6.30 pm and one at 11.00 am Sunday, I will need to know in advance, which Masses Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers and Greeters will be serving at, in order to prepare for this happening. Please will all Ministers let me know which Mass he or she will be able to assist at, either by 'phone on:

01767 769134 or 07900 992909 or email stellacowley@mac.com

In the meantime, I will prepare the rotas as normal (please inform me a.s.a.p. of any changes you would like to make), for the next three months, but these will be replaced as soon as the change happens.

Thank you. Stella Cowley.

Sat. 9th Sept. / Sun. 10th Sept.

Ministers of the Eucharist

6.30pm M. Bishop, A. Eglen
8.00am N. Spencer,
C. Spencer
10.30am P. Day, B. Gurney

Ministers of the Word

6.30pm A. Crawley
E. Crawley
8.00am M.C. McFarlane
M. Stainton
10.30am Maxime Combet
B. Brown

Greeters

6.30pm M. Potts, L. Stirrat
8.00am G. Amsden
E. Walliker
10.30am F. Day, C. Combet

Children's Liturgy - Celine

Counters:

A. Macdonald, D. Thatcher
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Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. / Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

6.30pm L. Graves  
R. Williams  
8.00am S. Cowley  
E. O'Callaghan  
10.30am Joe McGowan  
Jeanne Mc Gowan

**Ministers of the Word**

6.30pm C. Barker, A. Eglen  
8.00am Joshua Brunning  
Leonie Brunning  
10.30am Sasha Webster  
William C.

**Greeters**

6.30pm A. Crawley  
A. D'Souza  
8.00am N. Spencer, J. Smith  
10.30am S. Lang, F. Fossati

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**COMPLETE THE ON-LINE PARISH CENSUS**

Every so often we need to know who is in the Parish and what they can do to help. The time has come for the census to be done again.

Please would one member of each family complete the survey on-line using this link:

<https://goo.gl/LKDYX6>

If you misplace this newsletter the form will also be set up as a separate page on the parish website for at least a month.

For those families not able to access the internet a paper form will be available next week.

We promise to keep your information safe and private and use it only for contact when necessary, and other parish management purposes. **Alban**

**RETREAT FOR CATECHISTS**

**DATE:** FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER, 2017

**VENUE:** Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 5 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1HZ

**TIME:** 7.00 for 7.30 pm till 9.00 pm

See Notice Board For Details or Fr. Richard Moroney

**NOTICE BOARD**

Notice entitled **GUT LESS - FOR MEN ONLY**

Contact us: [www.beezeebodies.com](http://www.beezeebodies.com)

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)**

North Herts Inter group present this year's Mini Convention on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at Our Lady Immaculate and St. Andrew's church, 16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN. Doors open 10.30 am. £5.00 Registration - includes Mid Session Ploughman's Lunch.

**Cleaners**

Fiona and Paul Day tell me that for one reason or another, only two couples now have their names on the cleaning rota.

The area to be cleaned: Kitchen / Meeting Room / Lobby / Toilet Area

It takes two people about an hour. All materials provided. Fiona is willing to do the Rota if more people join the team.

If you are willing please give your name to Fr. Moroney or Fiona or Paul Day.

**To All Parishioners and All Visitors**

Over the next few weeks, I will be putting on display, religious objects, books, CDs and other paraphernalia that I do not want to carry with me into retirement. If anyone should want any of this, just take it – you can have it for free. Some people feel funny about this so if you want something and “have” to give something, leave it in the box provided... but you really can have it. The display will be in the Meeting Room after the Sunday Masses.

**NORES**

**I would like to draw your attention to: Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Saturday 30th September, 2017 10.30 am to 1.00 pm**

**NORES Centre, 33, Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD**

For anyone already involved in Children's Liturgy or who would like to be in the future.

**Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies –**

**Our Catholic Schools Week: 9th – 15th October, 2017 – Chosen and Called.**

**Please See Notice Board For All These Events**

**1st Confession and 1st Communion**

Notification about this year's program will be given soon.

**Confirmation:**

This year will be run jointly with Shefford – but from Shefford not here. I am awaiting information about the program.

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