

The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia
SAINT LUKE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

26 Benyon Grove, Orton Malborne, Peterborough PE2 5XS

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B – Sunday 3rd October 2021

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 3

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday - 10am

Saturday - 6pm Vigil

Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am Live-stream & 12:00nn

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If you would like a Mass said, please ask for an envelope from one of our ushers or from the parish clergy. You may also send an email to Fr Jude: jude.belnas@rcdea.org.uk

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

By tradition, the Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary! The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary give us "thumbnails" of the life of Christ and his Mother.

- 1. The Joyful Mysteries** are taken mostly from Saint Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood.
- 2. The Luminous Mysteries** bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross.
- 3. The Sorrowful Mysteries** remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They recall how He suffered and died just for us.
- 4. The Glorious Mysteries** tell us what happened after Jesus died-His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his Mother.

The Rosary is prayed in St. Luke's every Saturday at 10am – why not join the group? In addition we will pray a decade of the Rosary together before each Sunday Mass during this month. Is your Rosary forgotten at the back of a drawer? This is a good time to begin this powerful devotion afresh, perhaps as part of a time of daily personal or family prayer. We can easily find guides online to help us. The Dominicans have a shrine in London dedicated to the Rosary – why not visit:

<https://rosaryshrine.co.uk>

MASS TIMES, DEVOTIONS & PARISH DIARY

Saturday 2nd October: The Holy Guardian Angels

10am – Holy Rosary

10:30am – First Holy Communion Class

1pm - Baptism

5pm Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass, **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

William & Mary Wilcock+

SUNDAY 3rd October: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Mass **Gloria Sause+ & The Holy Souls**

- followed by tea and coffee

10:30am – Live-stream **Mary Cruise, Teresita De Ocampo+ Ramon Barba+ and Zanoria & Giangian Families**

- followed by tea and coffee

12:00nn – Mass – **Pro Populo**

Monday 4th September: St Francis of Assisi – Mem.

10am – Mass **Francisca Mercado+**

Tuesday 5th September: Feria

10am – Mass **George Turner+**

Wednesday 6th September: Feria

10am – Mass **Ngeh Jerome Tim+**

10:30am - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

10:45am – Church Cleaning

Thursday 7th September: Our Lady of the Rosary

10am – Mass **Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Friday 8th October: Feria

10am – Mass – **Rien Von Keulan (Serious Operation)**

10:30am - Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

- followed by tea and coffee

6:30pm – Children's Choir Practice

7:30pm – Adult Choir Practice

Saturday 9th October: St John Henry Newman - Feast

10am – Holy Rosary

5pm Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass, **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Harry Mason+

SUNDAY 10th October: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Mass **Emily Pearce (F) & Raul Joaquim Marques+**

- followed by tea and coffee

10:30am – Live-stream **Virginia McNamara**

- followed by tea and coffee

12:00nn – Mass – **Pro Populo**

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Our parish of St. Luke's is entirely dependent upon our offerings and donations, costing over £1,800 each week to run and keep open. Please remember to make your weekly offering. Cash in the collection bags; Cheques made payable to 'St. Luke's Church';

Via the card machine in the porch;

Online via the website; Or by 'standing order' to the bank:

Natwest, Sort Code 54-21-38, Account 97302198.

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Please as for a Gift Aid form if you are a taxpayer.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading – Mark 10:2-16

The Pharisees are putting a trick question to Jesus, as is clear in Matthew's fuller account. They knew the Law, which permitted divorce, and they will quote this Law to Jesus. The Law allowed divorce for 'indecency', but teachers were divided about what this meant: did it mean adultery or a lesser fault? So their real question is what Jesus considers grounds for divorce. As so frequently in his discussions with the legal experts, Jesus goes beyond the question: God made man and woman such that they should bond together permanently and become one thinking, living being. The word used for one 'body', or one 'flesh', really means one entity, not a hunk of meat, but a single, vibrant personality. God's intention was not that they should be separable again. So Jesus does not answer the question about grounds for divorce at all. It is striking that here – and on other occasions – Jesus' authority is such that he feels able to alter the sacred Law of Moses. For the Jews the Law of Moses was God's own gift, sacred and unalterable by any human authority. By altering it, by annulling the permission for divorce under certain circumstances, Jesus is implicitly claiming divine authority.

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the soul of George Turner+ who died on Wednesday. Funeral details will be announced when available. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

BECOMING CATHOLIC, ADULT CONFIRMATION, OR CATHOLIC REFRESHER

We will shortly be thinking about this year's RCIA course. This is preparation for those adults who hope to become Catholic's at Easter, either through baptism or reception from another denomination, along with those adults in need of Confirmation. It is also a great opportunity for adults who would like a refresher course in Catholicism to journey with them in faith.

CHOIRS

We are still looking for a replacement for Jeremy and are grateful for Ben's help in the meantime. Choir practices now take place during term-time under Fr Jeffrey's direction: Children 7+ 6.30-7.15pm; Adults 7.30-8.15pm. New members welcome to give it a try!

CHURCH CLEANING

We are always in need of extra help with cleaning on Wednesdays from 10.45am, either regularly or occasionally. Many thanks.

REFRESHMENTS & SOCIAL TIME

Refreshments are now served when help is available after the 9am & 10.30am Masses on Sunday and after Mass & Devotion on Friday.

HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you for supporting Cafod by fasting last Friday. The second collection for their work around the world will be taken as we leave Mass today. If you have not brought anything don't worry, but please do not deduct it from your church offertory as we are only just getting by.

www.cafod.org.uk

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER:

Missionary Disciples: We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

After struggling with the accounts for a while we now have a clear picture of our situation and will now be able to give offertory updates every 2 weeks. The average weekly cost of maintaining the parish is £1,827.00, which includes loan repayments of £350 due to end at the middle of next year and the 37% of the offertory which goes to support the Diocese of East Anglia. Offertory:

**12/9 Cash Collections £543, Standing Orders £833,
Contactless/Online £184. Total £1,560.**

**19/9 Cash Collections £728, Standing Orders £833,
Contactless/Online £149. Total £1,710.**

With other income such as mass stipends, funeral fees, fundraising events, one off donations etc., we are breaking even on average. This is quite an achievement in the current climate, so thank you all for your generosity and support of our parish community!

PARKING

Please remember that we may only park at the church end of the car park, beyond the blue signs. The numbered bays in the first part belong to the flats opposite and not only do we risk fines, but would also be bad neighbours in using them. Melbourne House has changed hands and we may no longer park there. The large car park by the shops is free to use when we are full. Please also drive at 5mph in our car park and be very aware of others, especially small children – there have been a number of near misses and one serious accident in recent years.

READING AND WELCOMING AT MASS

We would like to restore readers rota's for the four weekend Masses – please give your details to Fr Jeffrey at the end of Mass. Thanks to those who have already offered – new readers of all ages are welcome and training/encouragement is available. One person from each Mass will be needed to take responsibility for a rota. We also need similar arrangements for the ministry of welcoming – again please give your details to Fr Jeffrey. Many thanks.

UPDATE! CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2021-22

We are still accepting registrations for the next Confirmation course due to begin on October 22nd. Please email Fr Jude at jude.belnas@rcdea.org.uk for application forms.

ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

The planning application for the new school received full approval from Peterborough City Council on 18th June 2021. Work has started on site to create the haul road for construction traffic and to erect fencing and hard-standing areas for the contractor's welfare facilities. Once these are completed, work will start on the foundations for the school. The building modules for the school will start to arrive on site in early autumn 2021. **Dates for diary:** We will be organising admissions events for parents in the Autumn Term 2021. These will provide parents with the opportunity to meet some Governors of the new school and local Headteachers, to ask questions about the process for pupil admission into the school in September 2022.

These will be held on: **1st November 2021, 2-4pm** at St Luke's Church, Benyon Grove, Peterborough, PE2 5XS;

25th November 2021,

6-8pm at Hampton Vale Community Centre, Stewartby Avenue, Hampton Vale, Peterborough, PE7 8NJ.

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Theodore & Henry who were Baptised last weekend!