

All then pray:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

(STAND) **THE CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

For the dismissal, the Priest faces the people and blesses them using a form appropriate to the Season:

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

The Priest and ministers face the Shrine of Our Lady and we join in 'The Angelus' (The Memorial of the Incarnation):

V/. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;
R/. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
R/. Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. And the Word was made flesh;
R/. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
**R/. That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ Cross and Passion, we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please remain seated until the Recessional Music has ceased, and leave the Parish Church at St Mary & St Giles via the Parish Hall; and at All Saints via the west (Tower) door. The Priest will be outside in the churchyard to greet you.

Weekday Masses this week:

Wednesday	St Swithun, Bishop
	18:00 Mass at St Mary & St Giles
	<i>For those affected by inclement weather</i>
Thursday	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
	10:30am Mass at All Saints
	<i>For Shrines of Our Lady & all Pilgrims</i>
Friday	Feria
	12:00n The Angelus & Mass
	at St Mary & St Giles
<i>Intention:</i>	<i>For all victims of COVID-19 - Living & Departed</i>



**St Mary & St Giles with All Saints,
Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton**

**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

12th July AD 2020



Welcome to the Parish Church where, after the example of the early church, we celebrate the Eucharist: the "apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42)

Each one of us can look into our own conscience today and discover to which ground we are like. Are some of us perhaps, like the seed that fell on the rocky ground? While Christianity makes no very difficult demand we are all for it, but when it demands mortification, the curbing of passion, real sacrifices for our neighbour, do we forget our Christian calling then and ignore its precepts? And how does our type of Christianity stand up to the temptations of the world—the desire to get all the enjoyment we can out of this life, licit or illicit, breaking God's commandments weekly or maybe daily? Are we chasing after wealth and power, using all our energies to rise in the world to be above our neighbour by fair or foul means? If the above are our aims in life, our Christianity has been or is being choked out of us.

There are millions of saints in heaven today, enjoying eternal happiness, who had some, if not all, of our present failings. We, too, can be with them one day, provided we do what they did. They repented sincerely and remained God's close friends, until he called them to himself. May the merciful God give us the grace to imitate them while we yet have time.

INFORMATION



Safeguarding: Our Parish Churches have adopted and follow the Diocese of Oxford's recommended policies for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Details of these policies and of our Safeguarding Officers are available on the noticeboards inside each Parish Church. Should you have any safeguarding concerns then please see one of them.

Restrictions During the Current Pandemic:

Unfortunately, there are certain restrictions that we are required to observe for some time. I am sure that you will understand that whilst these are requirements placed upon us, they have been done so for good reason.

- ◆ Only 3 or 4 Church Bells are permitted to be rung, because ringing chambers are not large enough for distancing requirements when a full team is present. The Tower Captain and Assistant must keep a record of who is present to ring on what dates and ensure that distancing is maintained on the staircase. Bell ringing practice is not permitted.
- ◆ Entry and exit to our Parish Churches must be via separate doors - entry via the West (Tower) Door and exit via the Parish Hall at St Mary & St Giles - entry via the South Porch and exit via the West (Tower) Door at All Saints
- ◆ There cannot be a social gathering in either of our Parish Churches before or after Mass - social intercourse may take place in the churchyards before or after Mass. Please allow the priest time to take off his vestments and move to the churchyard before leaving either of our churches yourselves.
- ◆ Only one Priest will Celebrate Mass observing the necessary hygiene before, during and after Mass.
- ◆ There will be no 'shared' Mass cards. Instead each week new Orders of Mass will be printed with the full text of the Mass printed upon them. Please do not take a copy for someone else - either retain it for your devotions at home, or place it in the bin provided at the exit points in both churches.
- ◆ The First and Second Readings may be read by Sister Janet from the Legilium which will be placed inside the Sanctuary at St Mary & St Giles. The Nave Lectern and the Pulpit will not be in use as we would have to sanitise it after each person has used it. When Fr Tunji is celebrating if the Rector is away, then he will read the First & Second Readings.
- ◆ Until further notice all singing, singing rehearsals and concerts are prohibited in all places of worship. Within a week or two the Rector & our Director of Music will have planned 'Organ Masses' - these are where incidental music is played on the organ at certain parts of the Mass. But such incidental music will not be accompanied by singing.
- ◆ Collections: Cash donations and envelopes must be placed either in the large plinth donations box at St Mary & St Giles, or in the bowl by the south porch door at All Saints. We are not allowed to pass a collection plate/bag to one another.
- ◆ 'The Peace' may not be shared physically. We may however join our hands and bow to each other at The Peace.
- ◆ When going forward to receive Holy Communion - at St Mary & St Giles please approach centre of the altar rail in single file via the main aisle, observing a two metre distance, and return to your place via the side aisle. At All Saints: again single file two metres apart but keeping to the south porch side of the main aisle on approaching the altar rail and returning to your place on the vestry side. N.B. in both churches Holy Communion must be received whilst standing and please extend your arms as far as you are able. Textile kneelers and cushions have had to be removed.
- ◆ 'Holy Communion' may only be received in one kind, i.e. The Host. This must be received in the palms of our hands and not on the tongue.
- ◆ Please maintain a two metre distance from each other on approaching the altar rails and on leaving our churches after Mass.
- ◆ Lavatory Facilities. A surprise guideline from the Government does allow for lavatories to be used - which may come as a relief! However, this guideline comes with very strict hygiene regulations. Only the larger of the two lavatories only will be open at SMSG (at All Saints there is only one). Strict hand-hygiene must be observed and hand-dryers only used. In the lavatory at each church there will be a spray sanitiser and single use sanitising wipes for each user to wipe the seat, flush-handle, water taps, sink and door handle. Used wipes should be placed in the waste baskets provided.

All of these restrictions, whilst not what we would wish for, do not detract from the fact that once more we shall be able to receive the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament.

Please take this Service Sheet home with you and use as part of your devotions during the week.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer:

(STAND)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei

(KNEEL)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The priest shows the consecrated Host to the people, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

**✕ Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The following antiphon is recited after the Priest has received Holy Communion by all present:

**The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young;
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.**

It is customary to kneel throughout the distribution of Holy Communion except when going forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament and upon returning to your place.

Prayer after Communion

(STAND)

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless the silence has just been observed. Then the priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer after Communion; at the end of which the people acclaim: **Amen.**

That those who are facing death may know true faith and inner peace, and that those who have gone before us in faith will be received by Christ and live for ever, especially...Beau Brandie (*Priest*), Mike, Andy, Bill Barrett, Ethel Blake, Phyllis Burnett, Betty Green, Alan Goodridge, Doreen Hart, Bet Jones, Joyce Gunstone, Ivy MacFarlane, Florence Ononeme, John Pendlington, Detcho Stoyanov, Jonny Thorp, Irwin Walker, Paul Woodfield...and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week, amongst them...**12th** Alfred Saunders, Fred Martin, Stan Fitch; **13th** Graham Suckling; **14th** Ted Smallbones, Elsie Todd, Phyllis Todd; **15th** Cherie Hill, Mary Mitchinson; **17th** Ann Bull, Harriet Bates, Edith Taylor, Douglas Baker; **18th** Alice Read, Mary Church...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Priest: Father in heaven, your grace always achieves its purpose. As we make these requests in prayer, teach us to value your blessings. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Gifts of Bread and Wine are placed upon the altar. Then priest says the Offertory Prayers to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

(*STAND*) Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts to which all respond:
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priest sings a Eucharistic Preface appropriate to the celebration, after which all join in the acclamation: (KNEEL)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer of thanksgiving, recalling the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this in memory of me.'

Priest: The mystery of faith:

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the priest interceding for the Church, the world, all those present at this celebration, and the Faithful Departed. At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer all join in the Great Amen.

Priest:for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Prayer Thought

Words can often be worthless and empty. The false promise, the unfeeling platitude, the insincere compliment or lethal bit of gossip can all be expressed in our speech. But God's Word is very different indeed; it is never empty or false, but rich and powerful. Scripture opens with a picture of God creating all things just by speaking his word: God's Word gets things done. So, too, in the Christian heart God's Word should find a home, take root, and produce solid fruit.

(*STAND*)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND to say the Introit Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest greets the people

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

and also with you.

Penitential Rite

(*STAND*)

The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and repent of them.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest pronounces the general absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyries:

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria in excelsis:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that each in their vocation and ministry may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

The First Reading Isaiah 55: 10-11

(Old Testament Page 623 in the Bibles) God tells us that his word is intended to bring new spiritual life 'to man.'

The Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 89)

**R/. Some seed fell into rich soil,
and produced its crop.**

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. ®

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. ®

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. ®

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. ®

The Second Reading Romans 8: 18-23

(New Testament Page 131 in the Bibles) St Paul speaks of the whole world, all creation, as looking forward to its redemption. Only Christianity gives full meaning to creation and human existence.

Gospel Acclamation (STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, and the sower is Christ; all who find him will abide for ever.
Alleluia!

The Gospel Matthew 13: 1-23

(New Testament Page 11 in the Bibles) we listen to the parable of the sower. Let the word of God we listen to at Mass be for us the seed of true Christian lives.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

As the Gospel is announced the people respond:

✠ ✠ ✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed STAND

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and
unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from
God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be-
gotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,** *all bow during the next three lines*

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day
he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will
have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the for-
giveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Faithful (STAND)

Priest: My brothers and sisters, Christ teaches us through parables. Christ is the sower of the seed of God's word, therefore by the fruit of our prayers let us pray to the Father...

Intercessor: That the Church may be like the rich soil yielding a harvest of a hundredfold in our world today....

V/. Let us pray to the Lord.
R/. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the leaders of the nations will govern in a way which is accountable to God and to all peoples....

That those with problems of doubt and disbelief may receive the word of God in hearts prepared by the Lord to bear abundant fruit....

For all those who are suffering at this time, either in hospital or at home, may experience the love of Christ in their hearts and lives, especially.....Jane, Cecilia, Joan Carrigan, Rene Hazlewood, Jean, Fr Joseph, Lilith, Peter, Rosie, Eileen Scarff, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, Gren, David, Adam Viard...