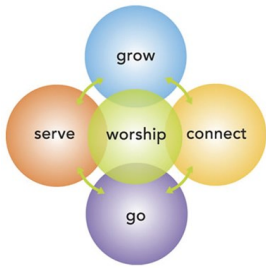


# The Parish of STONY STRATFORD with CALVERTON



## THE PARISH NEWSLETTER THE 10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 5th June AD 2016



*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)*

Although the Lord Jesus is now at the right hand of the Father, his interest in us is just as strong, and as sincere, as it was while he was here in earth. There are Christians who at times feel that they are getting more than their due share of earth's hardships, and that the all-merciful Saviour seems to have forgotten or abandoned them. It is not so. We are all inclined to exaggerate our sufferings, to forget the months, the years of health and happiness which we have had. How many of us ever stop to think of the twenty-eight useful, healthy teeth we have had for years, until one or two of them begin to ache and pain? So it is with all the other numerous gifts given us by God.

Our Christian Faith teaches us that trials and troubles are a very important part of our training for heaven. But of this we can rest assured: when God sends a cross, he also gives the strength to the one who has to shoulder it. Our part is to turn to the God of compassion and ask him for the grace and the strength to carry out his will. Such a prayer is never left unanswered. He will give us the strength. He will never let us be crushed by the cross which he sends.

There are divine miracles of healing going on around us today but they are not recognized as such. There are also savings from sudden death, of which those saved are utterly ignorant. It is only when we reach the future life that we shall be able to fully comprehend the divine compassion which regulated our lives from the cradle to the grave.

Be assured, then, that Christ still has compassion for all mankind. Put your trust in that compassion and thank him daily for it. He may not always save a beloved one from an early death, or save us from a long illness (a request we see as all-essential for us, and as a very apt occasion for Christ to prove his compassion), but that fervent request of ours is answered in another way, in a favour of which we had or could not have dreamed at that time.

Thank God each day for his mercies. Ask him daily for his divine compassion. Leave the decision to him who knows what our real needs are.



### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### TODAY:

9:30am

11:00am

12:00noon

1:00pm

2:30pm

Pray for:

#### 10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles**

**FAMILY MASS at All Saints**

Soup & Rolls in Parish Hall

Holy Baptism at St Mary & St Giles

Piano & Vocal Duets in SMSG

Our Parish

#### Monday:

8:00pm

Pray for:

#### Feria

Bell Ringing Practice

The Sick, Housebound & Handicapped

#### Tuesday:

10:30am

Pray for:

#### Feria

**Mass at All Saints + 'Elevenses'**

All Women with Child

#### Wednesday: Feria

4:00pm

Handbells & Band Concert

at St Mary & St Giles Church

Rector in the Parish Office

6:00pm

6:30pm

Handbell Ringing Practice at SMSG School

The Band - Practice at SMSG School

**Mass at St Mary & St Giles**

Those facing Martyrdom today

Pray for:

#### Thursday:

10:30am

7:30pm

Pray for:

#### St Columba, Abbott

**Mass at St Mary & St Giles**

Milton Keynes Deanery Synod

For the Spread of the Gospel

#### Friday:

8:00am

10:00am

1:15pm

7:30pm

Pray for:

#### Feria

**Mass at St Mary & St Giles School**

Flower Festival & Refreshments

SMSG School Sports Day

Parish Singers Rehearsal

Increased devotion to Christ

#### Saturday:

10:00am

Pray for:

#### St Barnabas, Apostle

Flower Festival & Refreshments

Visitors to our Parish Churches

#### Next Sunday: 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30am

11:00am

11:30am

2:30pm

Pray for:

**PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles**

**FAMILY MASS at All Saints**

Flower Festival & Refreshments

Cream Teas and The Band

Our Parish

#### READINGS NEXT SUNDAY:

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 12: 7-10, 13

Psalm: 32 (part)

2nd Reading: Galatians 2: 16, 19-21

Gospel: Luke 7: 36 - 8: 3

Sidesmen

Team 1

Altar Servers

Team 4

Offertory

Geoff & Fiona Ambrose

Cleaning

Team 1

Gardening

Team 2

Worshipping Numbers last Sunday: 123

Weekday Worshipping Numbers (w/e 21st May): 213

# INFORMATION

**The Order of Mass** is on the laminated card. The references to the Scripture Readings, which may be either listened to or followed in the Bibles provided, along with the Psalm and the Prayer of the Faithful are also included in this Sheet. Hymns are unannounced but are indicated on the boards towards the front of the Nave.

**AA Large Print Orders of Service** are available at St Mary & St Giles. Please ask a Sidesman or Sideswoman for a copy.



**A Loop System is in operation at St Mary & St Giles** - please set hearing aids to the "T" position.



**Access for the Disabled at St Mary & St Giles** is via the path on the north side of the church. **At All Saints** it is via the South Porch.



**Gluten-Free Hosts:** if you are on a Gluten-Free diet and would like a Gluten-Free Host when you receive Holy Communion please mention this before Mass to one of the Sides men or women who will arrange this for you. Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest so that he is aware of your need.



**Collections:** for the continuing mission of Christ are taken while the altar and gifts of bread and wine are being prepared. If you are a visitor and a taxpayer and would like to make a donation please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided at the end of each row - please fill in your details. This enables us to reclaim, from the Inland Revenue, 25p for each £1 donated.



**We observe a period of quiet prayer and reflection** before the celebration of Mass, between the end of the Organ Voluntary and the Sacristy Bell being rung, in order that we may be better prepared to worship almighty God.



**Reception of Holy Communion:** All Baptised and Confirmed Christians are encouraged to receive Holy Communion. If you are unwell or uncertain about receiving the Precious Blood please do still receive the Host. Our Chalice Assistants are not authorised to permit the intincting (dipping) of the Host.



Please join us at the back of church for tea or coffee after Mass. A priest will be near the main door shortly after the end of Mass should you need to talk with one.

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

## FUTURE DIARY DATES

### Sunday, 5th June

11:30am—2:30pm

'Soup & Rolls' served in the Parish Hall while the Car Rally is being held in the town.

2.30-4.30pm

Piano & Vocal Duets

Tea and cake served during this recital

### Wednesday 8th June

4:00pm Handbells & Band Concert in SMSG Church

### Friday 10th -

### Sunday 11th June

**National Celebrations for**

**HM The Queen's 90th Birthday**

Flower Festival

at St Mary & St Giles with Refreshments

+ Cream Teas and The Band in Concert from 2:30pm on the Sunday afternoon

### Tuesday 15th June

The Rector & Sister Janet have been invited to attend Evensong at Westminster Abbey to mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Anglican Centre in Rome.

### Wednesday 15th June

9:30am Mass followed by The Fellowship Breakfast

### Thursday 16th June

12:30pm Lunchtime Concert in St Mary & St Giles

### Saturday 2nd July

10:00am Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

*in aid of the Restoration Fund*  
7:30pm Milton Keynes Sinfonia Concert with the Pipe Organ in St Mary & St Giles

### Tues 5th/Weds 6th July

Ebbsfleet Council of Priests at Douai Abbey

### Wednesday 6th July

7:30pm Mass of Confirmation at Hanslope, St James the Great



**Sick List:** I would be very grateful if I could have an update on the condition of those on the list so that we can maintain it's accuracy. Many thanks, Fr Ross

**Altar Linen:** Thank you to all those who have kindly donated funds towards the purchase of small altar linen for St Mary & St Giles. It is very much appreciated.

**Posters:** There are posters on the oak table at the rear of the Nave at St Mary & St Giles for the upcoming Flower Festival and some concerts. Please do take a copy and display prominently if you are able to. There are also flyers available with details of concerts for those who are interested in knowing more and to give to those you know who may be interested.

### Flower Festival at St Mary & St Giles to celebrate the HM Queen's 90th Birthday

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated towards the Festival in June and to all those who will be preparing for this major event with their floral arranging skills. Thank you also to those who will be helping run the Flower Festival and those who will be providing and serving refreshments. A Guide to the Flower Festival is being produced, and I am grateful to all those who have contributed information and text to it.

The Flower Festival is being held in honour of the Queen's 90th Birthday and there are 21 floral arrangements depicting various events and themes connected with Her Majesty's life. A lot of hard work has been put in already and later this week the work of arranging begins. Please pray for the success of this Festival and for all those who will be visiting St Mary & St Giles that in this place which has welcomed travellers since 1487 (the date of the tower), and presumably well before that as the town had two churches in Norman times (1066 - 1100). So for almost a thousand years and more people have come here to worship and to pray. The Christian Faith has been a vital source of courage and strength to Her Majesty, and through this endeavour may we also bear witness to Christ and his Gospel.

The Festival will open on the morning of Friday 10th June and will close at 5:00pm on Sunday 12th June. During this time the church will be staffed by volunteers and refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall. There is still time to volunteer to help, and if you can then Sue Starr and Lesley Corcoran would love to hear from you.

**'The Servant Queen and the King she serves':** to coincide with the Flower Festival we have ordered an additional 200 copies of this beautifully produced booklet. These will be available at cost (£1.08) in the Parish Hall during the Flower Festival alongside the refreshments. If you want to reserve one or more please let Fr Ross know before Friday.

### 'The Year of Mercy' - a Celebration in Oxford Cathedral:

As you will no doubt know, the wider church is celebrating a Year of Mercy. Bishop Jonathan has been talking with the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral and they have welcomed the possibility of a celebration to mark the Holy Year on Saturday 17 September. The basic idea will be an opportunity to celebrate the Mass at Christ Church at 11 am followed by a picnic lunch and an early afternoon session of teaching and fellowship.

The Bishop's Office will be sending out more formal announcements and publicity in due course, but hopes that this informal announcement will enable his parishes

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to make preparatory plans for joining the celebration at ChristChurch Cathedral. This gathering would be a fortnight before the installation of the new Diocesan Bishop, and will give us an opportunity also to pray for him in the cathedral.

I would be most grateful if someone would volunteer to organise a coach for us to travel to Oxford and back. Please see me if you would be willing to take on the organisation of this trip. Thank you. *Fr Ross*

**Burial Fees:** Milton Keynes Council has increased the price of burials in its 8 cemeteries by 44% - from £1460 to £2100 - according to reports in the press.

Burial in All Saints Churchyard is less than 25% of the Council's former charge. OK, so the Council's charge presumably includes the cost of digging the grave - which, note, will be done mechanically.

Our gravedigger charges £450 and digs by hand. Add that to the standard burial fee of £286 and it will cost just over half the price of MKC's former charge, and just over one-third of the new charge. Perhaps it is for others to point out the obvious!

**New Houses:** as we cannot fail to notice new homes are springing up all the time along Watling Street. David Wilson Homes are now working on phases 2 & 3, and Barrett Homes are on phase 2. Further south Bovis Homes is starting its second phase and Abbey Homes has just started building at the junction of the H4 and V3. Good links have been made with the sales offices and the staff are being very helpful in providing us with news of when completions take place, so that our Parish Visitors can welcome new residents to our Parish.

## ***The Matter of 'Intinction'***

*N.B. This important article was first included in last Sunday's edition of the Newsletter, but is reprinted today for those who were away for the school half-term break.*

History has a habit of repeating itself. In 2009, a swine flu epidemic swept Great Britain, just as once upon a time the plague used to sweep the country on a fairly regular basis, and in 1918 a deadly influenza swept the world. The cost to human life of swine flu was not comparable with the plague or the 1918 pandemic, but this was nonetheless a reminder to a modern country that the forces of nature remain distinctly unmodern and (at times) well able to disrupt the sophisticated shields which we 21st century humans like to think we have constructed for ourselves against the more elemental powers of the created order.

Among the relatively minor consequences of the swine flu epidemic - but of major concern within the churches - was a fear of infection being passed through the chalice at the reception of Holy Communion (again, not a new concern; again history repeats itself). In response the Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued guidance about received Holy Communion. (1) The advice was to suspend the sharing of the common chalice at Communion - in other words, to restrict the Chalice to the Celebrant alone, and for everybody else to receive in one kind only. For those who wanted to maintain Communion in both kinds, the practice of "personal intinction by the presiding minister" was suggested - i.e. the priest carefully dipping the consecrated wafer into the consecrated wine before handing it to the Communicant. What was not suggested, despite its stubborn popularity in some places, was the practice of each communicant unceremoniously dunking his own wafer into the chalice.

Swine flu is now but a distant memory, but the practice of intinction continues to be common, other than in places where the parish priest has forbidden it. The intention behind it may be worthy, but it should be discouraged. Let me attempt to explain why.

The starting point has to be our Eucharistic Theology. Since the Second Vatican Council, Roman Catholics have recovered the practice - always present in the Church of England - of receiving Holy Communion in both kinds at every Mass. This is desirable because in doing so we are seen to participate fully in the action of Christ at the Last Supper. But although to receive in one kind only is symbolically incomplete, it does not limit our reception of the Real Presence of Christ in the sacrament. Both the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England have always taught that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - and that our Communion is complete by receiving either species singly. In the Church of England, this was made clear by the Sacrament Act 1547, which made clear that while receiving in both kinds is the norm, 'necessity' might dictate otherwise.

The technical name for this doctrine is **concomitance**, and it lay behind the Archbishops' advice during the flu epidemic. The practical implication for today is that ***if for any reason you do not wish to drink from the common chalice, the most logical and acceptable response is to receive in one kind only*** - i.e. by receiving the consecrated Host alone.

The Archbishops also suggested intinction by the celebrant. This is the only manner in which intinction is allowed in the Roman Catholic Church. (2) It is uncommon, perhaps because it is time consuming and (for the theological reasons already outlined) unnecessary.

It does at least have the advantage of being safe, which is more than can be said for the practice of individuals intincting their own Host. There is plentiful evidence that hands are at least as likely to be a source of infection as lips - and frequently more so. (3) Furthermore, while the practice of wiping the chalice with the purificator eradicates most bacteria - 90% according to one study (4) - no such method of cleansing can take place when dirty hands are dipped into the chalice. Also, if you intinct from a chalice from which others have drunk, then you will still pick up any germs that do remain - whilst also adding your own to the collection!

The other danger with personal intinction - frequently witnessed by those who administer the Chalice - is the spilling of the Precious Blood as the 'dunked' Host makes its way from the Chalice to the communicant's mouth. Such a cavalier attitude to the Blessed Sacrament should be reason in itself for discouraging the practice of intinction.

So for reasons both theological and practical, intinction is not a good idea. But if all this sounds a little dry and technical, then let me finish on a more positive note: when we come forward to receive Holy Communion, the last thing we want to be thinking about is swine flu, or indeed the Sacrament Act of 1547! If we are busy considering the risk of infection, then our hearts and minds will be distracted from the transformative encounter with the Lord that Holy Communion should be. How much more wonderful to receive, humbly and unconditionally, the great gift of love which the Lord so generously provides, with heart and mind free from any distraction. If, therefore, you are worried about giving or receiving infection through the chalice, ***then come forward joyfully and faithfully and receive the fullness of the Lord in the Host alone.***

*Fr Ian McCormack SSC*

1. <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2009/07/swineflu230709.aspx>
2. [http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc\\_con\\_ccdds\\_doc\\_20040423\\_redemptionis-sacramentum\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc_con_ccdds_doc_20040423_redemptionis-sacramentum_en.html), 1104; GIRM 285(b) and 287
3. <http://www.anglican.ca/faith/ministry/euc-practice-infection/>
4. Ibid

*From the Rector:*

*Fr McCormack has done the Church a great service in writing this article. What I had not been alert to was the fact that, where intinction is permitted, it is only permitted to be done by the 'presiding minister' - in other words the priest who is the principal celebrant. Therefore it is quite clear that any Chalice Assistants, be they Lay or Ordained, are not authorised to administer by intinction.*

# MASS TEXTS PROPER TO TODAY'S OBSERVANCE

## Reflection prior to Mass

*In every Mass we acknowledge God's marvellous works. In the Lections today we hear some examples of his life-giving and transforming love. Through and in Jesus Christ our Lord we praise and thank our Father for his wonderful gift.*

## The Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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

SMSG Reader: Dai Evans

All Saints Reader: Rita Oakley

1 Kings 17:17-24

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### The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 30)

**R/. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. ®

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts a moment; his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. ®

The listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. ®

### Second Reading

Reader: Rosie Page

Galatians 1:11-19

New Testament Page 157

### Gospel Acclamation

(STAND)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A great prophet has arisen among us,  
God has visited his people.

**Alleluia!**

### The Gospel

Luke 7:11-17

New Testament Pages 56

### The Prayer of the Faithful

(Biddings: Fiddy Abraham)

*Priest:* My brothers and sisters, let us pray that our faith will be fruitful in bringing our heavenly Father honour and glory.

*Intercessor:* That our efforts to improve the quality of life for all will be guided by the Holy Spirit.....

V/. Lord, hear us.

**R/. Lord, graciously hear us.**

That the ministry of health care and social service workers will show forth God's care for the poor, the sick, and the elderly.....

That we may be granted grace to bring our lives into conformity with Christ's will and our heavenly calling.....

That the leaders of the nations may strive for peace and justice on behalf of the people they are called to govern.....

That we will walk humbly with God, mindful of our imperfections.....

That the sick and suffering may know the healing presence of Christ in their midst...Pete, Wendy, Fiddy Abraham, Anna Archer, Maggie Baker, Jill Barby, Henry Blake, Ross Dilnot, Richard D'Souza, Gill Edwards, Sue Gower, Russell Herbert, Margaret Hooton, Paul, Rebecca, Magnus John, Bill Leese, Ray Lewis, Isaac Lyon, Harry Manistre, Sue Maton, Pete, Shirley Scrutton, Alma Steinmetz, Fr Edmund, Janis Williams, Marian Wright...

That our beloved dead will be clothed with immortality in Christ...Wally Atkins, Mary Barry, Pauline Cowley, Monica Hurst, Audrey Lambert, Kay Lucas, Dorothy Pulling, Joyce Samuel, Marge Tyrell....and for those whose anniversaries of death occur during this week...**5<sup>th</sup>** Grace Scrutton, Montague Page, Cyril Stimson; **6<sup>th</sup>** Robert Francis, Mary Eales, Nellie Jesson; **8<sup>th</sup>** Susanna Hutchings, Sarah Mason; **10<sup>th</sup>** Philip Coles, Ken Staines, King Henson, Eva Barrett; **11<sup>th</sup>** Arthur Ollington, Margaret Fountaine, Ronald Mansfield...

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Let us now pray in silence for any personal needs and intentions [*pause for silent reflection*].....

*Priest:* Loving God, accept the prayers of our community and those spoken in the silence of our hearts. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### Communion Reflection:

*From the very depths of my heart, I pray that my sorrow and pain, the misery of crushed hearts, the tears of the bereaved, may promote the unending praise of the Father and the honour of his Son who died on the cross.*

Blessed Henry Suso, O.P. (adapted)

*The practice of morality being necessary for the well-being of society, He (God) has taken care to impress its precepts so indelibly on our hearts that they shall not be effaced by the subtleties of our brain. We all agree in the obligation of the moral principles of Jesus and nowhere will they be found delivered in greater purity than in His discourses."*

Thomas Jefferson

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