

Our Lady Help of Christians

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SUNDAY Fr. Dariusz	9.30am	Kingsley Akaegbusi – Birthday Ints. Ronke & Len Olu – Thanksgiving People of the Parish
Fr. Dariusz	11.30am	Sr. Eugene Lynch - RIP Sr. Maria Goretti Marmion - RIP Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fr. Dariusz	5.00pm	Maria dos Santos Franco - RIP Frank Meehan – RIP Hannah Maria William - Intentions
MONDAY Fr. Jeremy		PRIVATE MASS
Fr. Dariusz	Private Mass	Sean McMahon – Anniv. RIP
TUESDAY Fr. Jeremy		PRIVATE MASS
Fr. Dariusz	Private Mass	Sr. Maria Goretti Marmion - RIP Owen O'Callaghan - RIP
WEDNESDAY Fr. Jeremy		PRIVATE MASS
Fr. Dariusz St. Patrick's Day	12.45pm	John Hutcheson – RIP Ann Dempsey – RIP Monica and Tony Ring - RIP
THURSDAY Fr. Jeremy		PRIVATE MASS
Fr. Dariusz	12.45pm	Dorothy Hedley - RIP Francisco Vasquez - RIP
FRIDAY Fr. Jeremy		PRIVATE MASS
Fr. Dariusz	12.45pm	Dorothy O'Shea - RIP Jacqueline Walsh - RIP

GIVING ENVELOPES for 2021 - 2022

Boxes of envelopes for the new tax year beginning in April have arrived at the parish office. We would usually make them available for collection after Mass to those parishioners who take part in the scheme, but given the present circumstances we will be delivering them over the next two weeks.

If there are any queries about this, please contact the parish office or call Richard on 0794777706

PARISH GIVING: In addition to the other options to make donations, see <https://northamptondiocese.org/>, you can also call the Diocese each Tuesday between 10.00am and 4.00pm, a member of the Cathedral team will be available by phone on 01604 712065 for you to make a Parish donation.

Fr. Jeremy is leaving our parish at the end of March. Next Sunday we will be having a second collection for Fr Jeremy to thank him for all he has done for us during his sixteen years at our parish.

14th March 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Confessions: Thursday and Friday 12noon-12.30pm.

Stations of the Cross will take place during Lent on Friday's at 6.30pm followed by Holy Communion

Sunday Collections - A gentle reminder, could you please give what you can afford when the collection plate is passed around. It is costing the church an average of £4,000 per month for upkeep of the buildings, including utilities and general maintenance/repairs. We have other large costs such as liturgical items and candles, (not all candles are being paid for in full). There are many sundry items that we cannot do without, for example at the moment it is very important that we have PPE and cleaning materials. It is also a good idea to let your children place a few coins in the collection, it allows them to be involved and learn good habits for the future. Thank you. **Fr. Dariusz**

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT: Free professional online job hunting and self employment coaching, information and activities for Parishioners seeking work can be found at www.vitaeopus.co.uk. Please pass the web link on to anyone who might find it helpful.

Monday Evenings at 7.30PM - PATHWAYS OF PRAYER - A wonderful 6-week prayer course, which would particularly interest those that would usually take part in Lenten reflections which cannot take place this year due to the pandemic. Can be self-guided or join the diocesan group on Monday evenings at 7.30pm: <https://pathways-ofprayer.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please pray for Deacon Andrew Coy who will be ordained a Priest on Thursday 25th March at 11am at Northampton Cathedral. Attendance for his Ordination Mass is restricted due to Covid regulations, however, you will be able to watch it live streamed: <https://northamptondiocese.org/live/>

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS – The e-newsletter from our Diocesan communications department is now weekly. All are welcome to subscribe through the Diocesan website or use the link below www.northamptondiocese.org/signup

SEASON OF LENT – During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

- Candidates for the Sacraments, especially on Sundays
- Survivors of Sexual Abuse, especially on Friday 26th March

Divine Mercy Sunday – Sunday 11th April, 3 - 4 pm. Holy Hour (Adoration, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet). The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday (Friday 2nd Apr). For Information about the Novena: <https://centrefordivinemercy.org/novena>

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - This is an opportunity to provide support to vulnerable Christians within the Holy Land! "Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land – Poems and Reflections for Lent and Easter" is an imaginative way to follow Jesus on his final days leading to his Passion, Death and Resurrection, which also connect Our Lord with those of the Christian minority still witnessing to Christ in the Holy Land today. Please visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk for more information about this publication. Your help will go towards supporting the work of the Friends.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE - Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on **7th April 2021** at 7pm (Eight Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

St. Patrick's Day this Wednesday 17th March – for a full list of events contact Luton Irish Forum Tel:- 01582 720 447 info@lutonirishforum.org

Please pray for the repose of the souls of recently deceased members of our parish. Also keep in your prayers all of their families and friends who are grieving at this very sad time.