

Our Lady Help of Christians

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SUNDAY Fr. Dariusz	9.30am	Elda Centracchio –RIP Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fr. Dariusz	11.30am	Helen McNelis RIP Julia Bloomfield RIP
Fr. Dariusz	5.00pm	Santana Dias Intentions For the Parish
MONDAY Fr. Dariusz	12.45pm	PRIVATE MASS Marion Fitzgerald Anniversary RIP
TUESDAY Fr. Dariusz	12.45pm	PRIVATE MASS
WEDNESDAY Fr. Dariusz	12.45pm	Fr Andrew Coy Special Intentions James Donnelly RIP
THURSDAY Fr. Dariusz	12.45pm	Helen McNelis RIP Mary Crowe RIP
FRIDAY Fr. Dariusz	12.45pm	Dermot Joseph Kearney 2nd Anniversary RIP John Madden RIP

Sunday Obligation

We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfill this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021.

In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church. In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled **The Day of the Lord**. We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: “The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives.”

VACANCIES at Cardinal Newman Catholic School

Art Technician, Food Technician, Science Technician, Senior Science Technician, Part-Time Receptionist.
 All advertised on the MyNewTerm website and also links on the school website too. All start on 1st September 2021.
www.cardinalnewmanschool.net

15th August 2021

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Confessions: Thursday and Friday 12.00pm – 12.30pm

We are still urgently looking for volunteers to help with cleaning our beautiful parish church on Wednesday mornings. Please consider if you are able to help as so far no one has offered to volunteer for this essential service to the church. We will be meeting on Wednesday 18th August at 9:30am. Thank you. **Fr Dariusz**

Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us, He is God with us. Seek Him without tiring, welcome Him without reserve, love Him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever.

Saint John Paul II.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 12 noon till 12:45 followed by Holy Mass every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at our Parish.

Start your day in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament -

Mon, Wed and Fri 8 - 9am, followed by Holy Mass at St Margaret of Scotland Church, Bolingbroke Road, Luton.

Please encourage your relatives and friends to come before our **Lord** in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

TIME FOR PRAYER

POPE FRANCIS asks you to PRAY with him in August for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

TAKING LITURGY SERIOUSLY is the title of a full course being offered on Zoom by the Society of St Gregory from September 2021 until July 2022. It is an introduction to the Liturgy of our church and is aimed at anyone who wants to develop their knowledge and ability in the way we worship. You can find all the details at ssg.org.uk. You can apply for matched funding in this diocese by contacting Liz Clark of the Liturgy Commission at liz.clark4@btopenworld.com

10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict – how your donations have helped the Syrian people

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD.

FREE ONLINE COACHING AND SUPPORT PACKAGE:-

For people who find themselves out of work as a consequence of the pandemic and have little or no access to onward support, please contact www.vitaeopus.co.uk

Understanding the Heart of the Mass - Before Father Dariusz begins Mass at 5pm on a Sunday, we will listen to a recording from Fr Mike Schmitz explaining the Mass step by step.

05/9/21 - 4:40 - 5pm - Liturgical Colours and Introductory Rites

12/9/21 - 4:40 - 5pm - Liturgy of the Word & Liturgy of the Eucharist

19/9/21 - 4:40 - 5pm - Communion Rite and Concluding Rite

Please come along and invite your relatives and friends to hear a recording of the talks by Father Mike. These talks will give you a greater and deeper understanding of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

When the Eucharist is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the divine victim immolated on the altar – St John Chrysostom