



## Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Lawrence

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27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

**Psalter Week 2**

<b>First Reading:</b>	Ezekiel 18:25-28
<b>Psalms:</b>	<b><i>Remember your mercy, Lord.</i></b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11
<b>Gospel Alleluia:</b>	<b><i>Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word and my Father will love him and we shall come to him. Alleluia!</i></b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 21:28-32

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> ( <i>The People of the Parish</i> )
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Frank McLoughlan RIP</i> )
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>St Wenceslaus, Martyr</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Sr Lucy RIP</i> )
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL, Archangels</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Nicola Wilker Int</i> )
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>St Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor - memoria</b>		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> <b>St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin - memoria</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Carol, Gerry McGrady &amp; family Int</i> )
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> <b>Holy Guardian Angels - memoria</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Breda Carter RIP</i> )
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> <b>St Thomas de Cantelupe, Bishop – op memoria</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30-11.30</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Alexander Roberts RIP</i> ) <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confession</b>

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> ( <i>For the People of the Parish</i> )
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Curtin – Special Int.</i> )



**PUBLIC MASSES AND LITURGIES** – The obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday continues to be dispensed, by the Bishops of England and Wales, at this time, therefore we will continue to ‘Live Stream’ all Masses except on Wednesdays. Those of you that do attend the church for Mass are asked to carefully follow the guidance of the Stewards.

### IMPORTANT

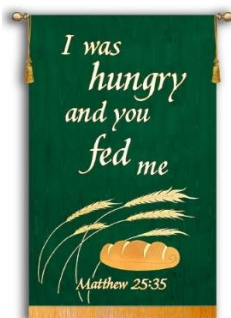
As the coronavirus continues within our community, there is a need for us to refresh the booking procedure for Mass attendance. Regardless of whether or not you have previously contacted Denise to book in for your preferred Mass, can you all please make renewed contact with Denise to let her know which Mass you will be attending. Due to the strict limits on the numbers that can attend each Mass, it is most important that you attend the Mass of your choice, if for any reason you need to change this you must first contact Denise to ensure that there is available space.



### NHS TRACK & TRACE APP

The NHS Track & Trace APP was launched this week. If you have downloaded the App you can use this to ‘**Check In**’ at Our Lady’s by scanning the QR code which you will find in the porch

**Government Guidelines require the wearing of a Face Mask in all places of worship.**



We continue to be very grateful to all of you who have been supporting the Food Bank – Catholics, Anglicans and others. The donation box remains outside the presbytery door and is checked frequently. The Food Bank continues to need donations of:  
Long Life Milk – Long Life Juice – Tinned Rice Pudding – Tinned Custard – Tinned Meat – Tinned Vegetables – Tinned Tomatoes – Pasta Sauce - Spreads

**Fr David** will begin a series of talks on deepening our faith. The first of these will be on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October** starting at 7.30pm. You can follow these talks via the link on the parish website.



**WHAT’S THE FIRST THING** that you do when you wake up in the morning? Click on the link below for a suggestion from St Teresa of Calcutta

<https://youtu.be/BMmYHmoiNWU>



## Feast of St Vincent de Paul - 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Message from Pat Reilly:** Usually we mark this feast day with a lectern address, some posters and a special collection. This year, that is clearly out of the question. However, the SVP in Olney is active in a more restricted way. We continue to keep in contact by phone with members of the parish who live alone or are isolated. Sometimes over the summer, we have met in gardens. Some members have collected and delivered newspapers and shopping to neighbours and we continue to contribute to the food bank. Because of social distancing, we cannot participate in the work of the Bedford parishes in the Community Larder or providing food parcels to the poor and homeless in the town. However, we have provided a financial contribution to them and to our twinned town in India.

With a possible second wave of the virus, we are facing the possibility of more unemployment and greater hardship, circumstances which make the work of the SVP more relevant. We hope to make our annual collection sometime in the new year when circumstances are more certain. In the meantime, we welcome your prayers and any donations. If you know of anyone who would benefit from our help, please contact **07925 125206** or Fr David or Deacon Peter. St Vincent himself encourages us: *“We should strive to keep our hearts open to the suffering and wretchedness of other people and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God”*.



## Milton Keynes



### PARENT TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7 PUPILS

As we are unable to offer a traditional open evening, we are offering socially distanced school tours on the following dates:

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September – 9am & 9.45am**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 9am; 9.45am & 11.15am**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – 9.00am & 9.45am**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – 9.00am & 11.15am**

For the safety of our visitors and the school population only three families can be accommodated on each tour (with a maximum of five people in total on the tour). Masks should be worn. To reserve your place please email [Belinda.Joyce@st-pauls.org.uk](mailto:Belinda.Joyce@st-pauls.org.uk) with your preferred date and time or call 01908 699735

**The APF Red boxes are due to be emptied.** Normally the boxes would be returned to the church but with the current situation Missio have asked that the box holders empty their donations into a large envelope or plastic bag ensuring that their name and address are recorded on the envelope. The money can be returned over the **next 4 weeks** to the church where a basket will be available. Thank you.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEM FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO DEACON PETER - DEADLINE – 9.00am FRIDAY**



This Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. We pray the St Michael Prayer at the end of Mass each day as St Michael is a minister of God's power to deliver us from evil, both natural and also those evils brought about by the devil. We celebrate on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October our Guardian Angels – each one of us has a personal Angel given us by God, something Jesus tells us about in Matthew 18:10.

The following is taken from a homily by Pope St Gregory the Great for the Feast of the Archangels and here Pope Gregory teaches us about who the Angels are.

You should be aware that the word “angel” denotes a function rather than a nature. Those holy spirits of heaven have indeed always been spirits. They can only be called angels when they deliver some message. Moreover, those who deliver messages of lesser importance are called angels; and those who proclaim messages of supreme importance are called archangels. And so, it was that not merely an angel but the archangel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary. It was only fitting that the highest angel should come to announce the greatest of all messages.

Some angels are given proper names to denote the service they are empowered to perform. In that holy city, where perfect knowledge flows from the vision of almighty God, those who have no names may easily be known. But personal names are assigned to some, not because they could not be known without them, but rather to denote their ministry when they came among us. Thus, Michael means “Who is like God”; Gabriel is “The Strength of God”; and Raphael is “God's Remedy.”

Whenever some act of wondrous power must be performed, Michael is sent, so that his action and his name may make it clear that no one can do what God does by his superior power. So also, our ancient foe desired in his pride to be like God, saying: *I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of heaven; I will be like the Most High.* He will be allowed to remain in power until the end of the world when he will be destroyed in the final punishment. Then, he will fight with the archangel Michael, as we are told by John: *A battle was fought with Michael the archangel.*

So too Gabriel, who is called God's strength, was sent to Mary. He came to announce the One who appeared as a humble man to quell the cosmic powers. Thus, God's strength announced the coming of the Lord of the heavenly powers, mighty in battle. Raphael means, as I have said, God's remedy, for when he touched Tobit's eyes in order to cure him, he banished the darkness of his blindness. Thus, since he is to heal, he is rightly called God's remedy.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Joseph, the Holy Archangels and Angels, St Lawrence and St Rita pray for us all.

With our love and prayers,

Fr David and Deacon Peter