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3rd July 2022		Fourteenth Sunday of the Year	
Psalter Week 2			
First Reading	Isaiah 66:10-14 <i>Towards her I send flowing peace, like a river</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Cry out with joy to God all the earth.		
Second Reading	St Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18 <i>The marks on my body are those of the Lord Jesus</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Luke 10:1-12. 17-20 <i>Your peace will rest on that man.</i>		
Saturday 2nd July +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (Jack Robbins RIP)	
Sunday 3rd July +	10.30am	Mass – (For the Parish)	
Monday 4th July <i>St Elizabeth of Portugal - optional memoria</i>	9.00am	Mass – (Lena van Arkadie RIP)	
Tuesday 5th July <i>St Antony Zaccaria – Priest - optional memoria</i>		No Parish Mass today	
Wednesday 6th July <i>St Maria Goretti, Martyr - optional memoria</i>		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 7th July <i>Feria</i>	10.00am	Mass – (Brian Watt RIP)	
Friday – 8th July <i>Feria</i>	6.15pm 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Caroline Saw RIP)	
Saturday – 9th July <i>St Augustine Zhao-Rong & Companions</i> <i>Martyrs</i>		No Parish Mass today	
FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
Saturday – 9th July +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)	
Sunday – 10th July +	10.30am	Mass – (Brian & Carol Watt RIP)	

CHANGE OF MASS TIME MONDAY - Mass will be at 9.00am, NOT 10.00am

CHANGE OF MASS TIME FRIDAY – Mass will be at 7.00pm, NOT 10.00am

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – PETER'S PENCE



Milton Keynes Foodbank

You will all be well aware of the current cost of living crisis that is affecting so many people – these difficult times are particularly challenging for those individuals and families less fortunate than many of us. We continue to be ever grateful for the tremendous support that you have given to the Foodbank over many years. If you wish to make any donations please deposit them in the box by the Presbytery door – this is emptied daily and the goods taken to Milton Keynes each week. Thank you



SEA SUNDAY – 10TH JULY

Next week there will be the annual second collection for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday). There are envelopes available in the Narthex this weekend and throughout the week – please return envelopes **next weekend**. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Diocesan Job Vacancies

Personal Assistant to the Bishop of Northampton

An exciting opportunity has arisen to support the work of the Bishop of Northampton, Bishop David Oakley, in one of the most important, challenging and varied roles, at the heart of the Diocese. Fast paced and challenging with huge amount of variety, duties range from taking responsibility for Bishop David's administrative and secretarial needs to the management of projects on his behalf. This would suit someone with experience as a Senior Personal Assistant or Executive Assistant, who is willing and able, given the knowledge of its organisation and functions, to support the mission of the Catholic Church.

Working hours: 25 hours per week (Monday – Friday)

Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/>

or via email hadmin@northamptondiocese.com

Closing date for applications is **Friday 29th July 2022** - Interview dates to be confirmed.

Safeguarding Support Officer

We are currently recruiting for a Safeguarding Support Officer to provide support to the Safeguarding Office. Part Time 25 hours per week. For further details and an application form, please visit:

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or email hadmin@northamptondiocese.com and safeguarding@northamptondiocese.com

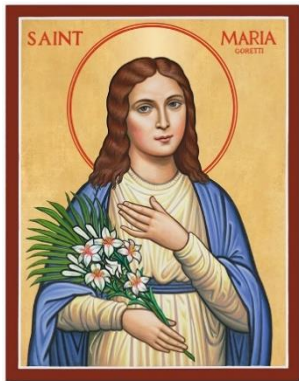
The closing date for applications will be **Monday 18th July 2022**.

Interviews to be held on either **21st July or 26th July**



St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

St Anthony Zaccaria was born at Lombardy in 1502. He first studied medicine at Padua and then became a priest. He founded the Congregation of Clerics of St Paul, known as Barnabites, which worked for the reform of morals among the faithful. He died in the year 1539



St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

St Maria Goretti was born at Ancona in Italy of a poor family in the year 1890. She spent her childhood near Nettuno in poverty, helping her mother in the domestic chores. She was a religious girl and much given to prayer. In the year 1902, while defending her chastity against a man attempting to violate her, she preferred to die rather than give way and was repeatedly stabbed with a knife.

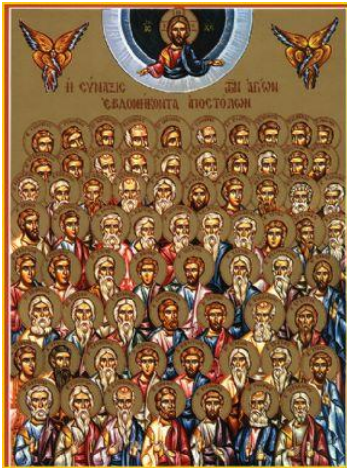


St Augustine Zhao-Rong & Companions

This feast commemorates one hundred and twenty martyrs, eighty-seven native Chinese and thirty-three Western missionaries, killed in a long trail of blood from 1648 to 1930. This roll call of heroes includes lay women, catechists, seminarians, bishops, priests, a cook, a farmer, a widow, a seventy-nine-year-old man and a child of nine. Some were killed while taking sanctuary inside of a church. A large number died during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900, when fanatical Chinese peasants slaughtered thousands of Christian converts and foreign missionaries for no reason other than their faith and their foreignness. Some lives were ended by beheading, quickly; others by neglect in prison, slowly; and many by strangulation, painfully.

The one saint the Church names on this feast is Saint Augustine Zhao Rong. Like so many other saints, he began his professional life as a soldier. As part of his military duties, Augustine was assigned to escort a French priest in China. The priest's holy example made such a deep impression on Augustine that he decided to convert to Catholicism. After his baptism, he went for the gold—he entered the seminary and became Father Augustine. His priestly ministry was short lived. Father Augustine was jailed, tortured, and left to die in prison during the reign of an emperor insanely hostile to Christianity and to Chinese priests in particular. Numerous other Chinese and foreigners were swallowed up in the same persecution along with Fr. Augustine. All refused to apostatise and many were atrociously tortured

Reflection - Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



The instructions to the 'seventy-two' who are sent out are direct and simple. They are really sent out like lambs among wolves, without food, without distractions, without baggage, without spares. The version in the Gospel of Mark allows them sandals, presumably to enable them to make more speed on their journey, for the urgency of the task is paramount. They are not to be distracted by picking and choosing their accommodation or their food. Direct, too, is their method: to impart the blessing of peace and to heal. No second chance: if the blessing is rejected, away they go, leaving the town to a fate worse than that of Sodom!

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us about mission and vocation. It calls us to be simple and humble as we do our ministry. We should not be discouraged when people do not listen to us. In his Apostolic Exhortation '*Evangelii Gaudium*' Pope Francis reminds us in the 'Joy of the Gospel', every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Jesus Christ. Despite our differences are we ready to accept the responsibility of carrying his mission and ministry?

Today Jesus asked each and every one of us to not only believe in him, we are called to share the good news throughout all the earth. As part of Christ's flock, we naturally turn to Him for leadership and direction – what is it that He wants of us? How can I achieve what Christ wants me to achieve? Do I really have total faith in Christ our Shepherd? Just as we would not expect a Shepherd to lead his flock into any danger or to make unrealistic demands of them, so it is with Christ. Whatever it is He is calling us to do, we must have faith to realise that we can achieve this – for God gives us all the grace that we need to carry out His will of us – all that we have to do is believe this.

Last Sunday's gospel demanded an uncompromisingly whole-hearted response to Jesus from the apostles. This Sunday the apostles demand the same response to their own message. Again, the absolute demands of Jesus! There is a wonderful simplicity about this message of the coming of the Kingdom: all that is involved is peace and healing. No squabbles, no fripperies, no complications of doctrine. If these Kingdom values can remain the focus of our Christian vision, we may make some progress towards bringing the Kingdom of God to reality in our own surroundings.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St John Henry Newman, St Rita, St Edmund, St Elizabeth of Portugal, St Antony Zaccara, Blessed Thomas Belson, St Maria Goretti, Blessed Thomas Alfield, St Augustine Zhao-Rong and Companions, pray for us all.

With our love and prayers – Fr David & Deacon Peter