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7 th August 2022 Psalter Week 3	Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	
First Reading	Wisdom 18:6-9 <i>By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.	
Second Reading	Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19 <i>Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!	
Gospel	Luke 12:32-48 <i>You too must stand ready</i>	
Saturday 6 th August +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (Fred Lovejoy Int)
Sunday 7 th August +	10.30am	Mass – (For the Parish)
Monday 8 th August St Dominic, Priest - memoria	10.00am	Mass – (Valerie Jacobs RIP)
Tuesday 9 th August ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS - feast	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 10 th August ST. LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr – feast Second Patronal Feast for our Parish	10.00am	Mass – (Bernie Wogan RIP)
Thursday 11 th August St Clare, Virgin - memoria	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Service of Word and Holy Communion
Friday – 12 th August St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious – op mem	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Paula Medicott RIP)
Saturday – 13 th August Ss Pontianus, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	10.00am 10.30am	Mass – (Tony Roche RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM		
Saturday – 13 th August +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)
Sunday – 14 th August +	10.30am	Mass – (Olga Ayles RIP)

PLEASE NOTE: There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 10.00am to celebrate the feast of St Lawrence, the secondary patron of our parish. On Thursday there will be a service of Word and Holy Communion at 10.00am



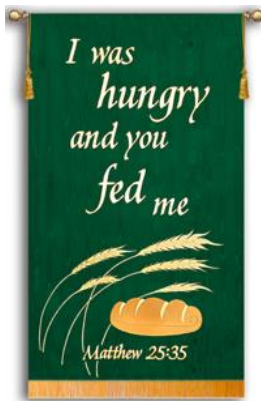
Fr John Fowler, RIP

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Fr John who returned to the Lord in the early hours of Friday 5th August. Fr John was ordained as a Catholic Priest by the then Bishop of East Anglia, Rt Rev. Peter Smith. Of course, prior to this he was a priest in the Church of England ministering in Guyana. Fr John was very proud to be a priest of East Anglia albeit he retired to live in the Diocese of Northampton – he would not hesitate to correct priests (and our Bishop) that he ‘took his orders’ from the Bishop of East Anglia. Fr John was a very loving & caring priest and very much enjoyed his association with this parish and greatly enjoyed celebrating Mass here. Please pray for the repose of the soul of dear Fr John and pray also that Cicely, Andrew and the family will be comforted in their loss. Fr John’s Requiem Mass will be held here – further details will be announced once they have been finalised.

“Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them.” Revelation 13-14



SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION - every Saturday between 10.30am & 11.30am and between 5.45pm & 6.15pm - Or by arrangement with Fr David



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 very much

The Holy Bible Club is organised by the combined four Churches of Olney. You are invited to join them at one of the open Mornings on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday from 11:30am – 12 noon in the Baptist Church. Further information can be found: <http://www.olneybaptist.org.uk/hbc.html>



Summer Mass Schedule

From Friday, 19th August, we shall be operating our Summer Mass schedule. There will, of course, continue to be the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass and the 10.30am Sunday morning Mass. There will be no weekday Masses in the Parish for the remainder of the month. There will

be a **Service of Word and Holy Communion on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10.00am** throughout August. Normal Mass times will resume at the beginning of September.

In September and October of this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage through England, Scotland and Wales for the first time. It is hoped that

this event will enable people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them.

The relics will be arriving in our own diocese on **Monday 10th October 2022 at 3pm**. The reliquary will be placed in front of the sanctuary in the cathedral for people to venerate, before leaving Northampton on **Thursday 13th October at 9am**. During this time, the cathedral will be open from **7am until 10pm**, with Mass being celebrated at various points during the day, as well as led rosaries. There will also be a number of priests hearing confessions in the cathedral during this time. Please do check the diocesan website closer to the time for a more detailed schedule of events.



St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Edith Stein was born October 12, 1891 (the Feast of Atonement) to a Jewish family in Breslau, Germany. Though she became agnostic in her teen years, through her passionate study of philosophy as an adult she searched after truth and found it in reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Jesus. In 1922, she was baptized a Catholic, and in 1933 entered the Discalced Carmel of Cologne where she took the name of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

During the Nazi occupation she was sent to the Carmel in Echt, Netherlands. When the Nazis occupied the Netherlands all Jews and Jewish converts were arrested. Sr. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa were arrested at this time. She said to Rosa, "Come. Let us go and die for our people." Sister Teresa Benedicta was gassed and

cremated at Auschwitz on August 9, 1942 and died a martyr for the Christian faith after having offered herself as a holocaust for the people of Israel.



St Lawrence - Deacon & Martyr

Lawrence was a deacon of the Church of Rome and died in the persecution of Valerian four days after Pope Saint Sixtus II and his four fellow deacons. Before his death St. Lawrence remarked; "At last I am finished; you may now take from me and eat!" He then turned to God in prayer saying, "I thank You, O Lord; that I am permitted to enter Your portals." He was buried on the Via Tiburtina at the Campo Verano near to where Constantine the Great built a basilica. He has been venerated throughout the Church from the fourth century. You will know that St Lawrence is the Secondary Patron of our parish.

PRAYER OF ST LAWRENCE

O Generous patron of the Church's poor, St. Lawrence, pray to the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that all the poor of the Church in need in every corner of the world may feel the effect of the love of their brothers and sisters who seek to help them.

Deliver the Church from the greed and envy of the powerful and protect her rights and property so that she may serve the needy in freedom, giving them good things for soul and body.

May we come some day with all those whom we helped on earth to the bright mansions of heaven where we will enjoy the riches of God's house and the company of the Saviour who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Reflection on the Sunday Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9

The Book of Wisdom is possibly the latest book of the Old Testament, written not in Hebrew but in Greek, for the Greek speaking Jews of Alexandria, just a few years before the birth of Jesus. The book is written against the background of considerable hostility between the Jews and the Egyptians. It vigorously attacks the Egyptian worship of idols and especially of sacred animals, but is also vividly aware of Israel's vocation to bring salvation to the whole world. The final section of the book, from which this reading is drawn, makes a series of rhetorical contrasts between the Egyptians and the Israelites at the time of the Exodus. At the very moment at which the Israelites were being delivered from Egypt, the Egyptians themselves were undergoing the destruction of the first-born. The promises to Abraham to make his children God's people were being fulfilled, while their enemies were being punished. This was the moment of the Passover when Israel offered sacrifice and agreed to the divine Law. Most first readings relate to the gospel reading; however, this reading prepares for the second reading, which is a meditation on the journey of God's People. For Christians the Passover of the Lord is the Eucharist.

Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19

The Sunday reading of the Letter to the Hebrews is divided between Years B and C. The author of the letter is unknown; there is no reason to think that it was written by St Paul. Its purpose was to strengthen Jewish priests who had joined the Christian community and were yearning for the sacred rites of Judaism. So, it sets out to show that the rites of Christianity are superior. This year we have four readings from the later part of the letter, of which this reading is the first. The principal theme is the journey of the People of God in faith. The faithfulness of the ancestors of Israel, as they journeyed in faith through trials and difficulties, reliant in turn on God's faithfulness, is still an inspiration. Outstanding among their acts of faithful obedience was Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only-begotten son, Isaac, seen by the Church as a foretaste of God's willingness to sacrifice his only-begotten Son to reconcile the world by his obedience. But whereas the resting place which Israel reached (the Promised Land of Israel) was not their final heavenly homeland, the Christian People of God is on pilgrimage to the final place of rest.

Luke 12:32-48

Just before the reading above, Jesus has warned in St Luke's Gospel about the peril of worldly possession. This is a danger about which Luke, writing to a prosperous audience, continually reminds his audience. Then Jesus issues a series of exhortations to be alert for the final meeting with the Lord, and a series of blessings on those who are so ready. Luke does not have a great scene of a universal final judgement (as Matthew's Gospel does with the parable of the sheep and the goats). For Luke there is no need to wait for a great final judgement scene at the end of the world; instead, with his Greek frame of mind, he is more interested in the individual judgement (for each of these parables concerns a single individual who is rewarded or punished). This is fully compatible with the notion that each individual's final judgement is at death, rather than all together at the end of the world. Most wonderful and startling is the promise (suggested by today's parable) that, after the Master's return at the judgement, he will himself serve the faithful servants.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St John Henry Newman, St Rita, St Dominic, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, St Clare St Frances de Chantal, St Pontianus & Hippolytus pray for us all.

With our love and prayers – Fr David & Deacon Peter