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Psalter Week 3		Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year Year of Luke (C) – Ferial Lectionary: Year II	
First Reading	Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 <i>The upright man will live by his faithfulness</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.		
Second Reading	2 Paul to Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14 <i>Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Luke 17:5-19 <i>If only you had faith!</i>		
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October +	10.30am	Mass – (Thanksgiving – BVM; St Theresa & St Bridget)	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October St Thomas de Cantelupe, Bishop		No Parish Mass today	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October St Francis of Assisi, Religious - memoria	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October Feria	10.00am	Mass – (Austin Quinn RIP)	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October St Bruno, Priest – op memoria	6.15pm 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Robert Harris & family Int.)	
Friday – 7 <sup>th</sup> October Our Lady of the Rosary - memoria	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Andrew Barrett Int.)	
Saturday – 8 <sup>th</sup> October Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am 10.30am- 11.30am	Mass – (Tony Roche RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confession	
<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
Saturday – 8 <sup>th</sup> October +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)	
Sunday – 9 <sup>th</sup> October +	10.30am	Mass – (Mary Redmond RIP)	

**PARISH MASS COUNT (Week Three) – THIS WEEKEND**

## CHANGE OF MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK

Due to various commitments, I am having to reorganise Mass times during the week. I am sorry if this causes any inconvenience. This change will be effective immediately

We will no longer have Mass on Monday.

There will be Mass on Wednesday morning at 10.00am.

Thursday Mass will change to 7.00pm.

For the time being, unless we have someone available to lead it, we only sometimes have a Service of Word and Holy Communion on a Tuesday morning. We need a group of volunteers willing to be trained to be extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion – to be on a rota to lead a short Service of Word and Holy Communion. If you would like to volunteer, please sign the form at the back of church this weekend. We will then have some training before the new extraordinary ministers are commissioned.



### Fr Brian Leatherland RIP

Fr David & Deacon Peter would like to thank everyone who helped in the preparations for the Requiem Mass of Fr Brian last Wednesday – both before and after. Sally & her family also extend their gratitude for the many cards and words of condolence that they have received since their loss. **In memory of Fr Brian, there will be a retiring collection after Mass this weekend for the work of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC)**



### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – HARVEST 2022

The annual CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is this coming **Friday 7th October**. In Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan, up to 20 million people are fighting for their very survival as they face the most devastating food crisis for

decades. It's a crisis created by climate change, coronavirus, 4 years of drought and conflict in Ukraine causing food prices to rise. Livestock have died and crops have failed. By having a simple meal on Friday and donating we can help. CAFOD works with local experts in East Africa who know how best to respond. Thank you for your continued support, donations and prayers. Envelopes are available from this weekend and we ask that they be returned the weekend 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> October please.

Parish CAFOD Group



### NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Holy Souls envelopes are now available in the narthex. Can you please print clearly the name of the deceased on a piece of paper and place in the envelope, together with any offering, and return to the church no later than **Sunday 30th October**



## St Bernadette Soubirous

Right now, and throughout October of this year, the relics of St Bernadette are journeying 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Month of the Holy Rosary

This month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary – a way of meditatively praying through the life of Jesus and Mary through the eyes of Mary.

**Throughout October we will recite the Rosary after Mass for those who wish to remain, praying especially for conversion and peace in the world.**



## Harvest Mass

Our annual Parish Mass to give thanks for the Harvest will be held next **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am**. You are encouraged to bring any donations for our Food Bank collection.

**MK FOODBANK** – We continue to be very grateful for your continued support for the MK Foodbank. The staff tell us that there are experiencing particularly difficult times at the moment with stocks running very low. Please do whatever you can to support our brothers and sisters who are in need.



## The Ten Million

On 23 September 2022, at 11:41am, thousands of people across the UK stopped for a minute of silence to commemorate the ten million lives that have been lost to abortion across Great Britain since the Abortion Act was introduced in 1967. Right To Life UK have released a short two-minute video called *The Ten Million*, which attempts to illustrate what the UK has lost through the death of these millions of people. They are encouraging people to share the video with friends and family who may find it of interest: [www.righttolife.org.uk/thetenmillion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/thetenmillion)



## St Francis of Assisi

Born at Assisi in the year 1182. From being a light-hearted youth, he changed, gave up his inheritance and bound himself to God, embracing poverty and living the life of the gospels. He preached to all the love of God. He gave to his followers' wise rules which were approved by the Holy See. He laid the foundation of an order of nuns, of groups of penitents living in the world, and of preaching the gospel to infidels. He died in the year 1226.

### From Fr David's desk...

This week on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is a prayer favoured by so many saints in the life of the church – Padre Pio, Pope St John Paul II, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and many, many others. It is a powerful prayer – useful in intercession for ourselves, the Church and the world, a help in temptation and trials, a comfort in tribulation and desolation.

The Rosary is a form of meditation. As we pray the 10 Hail Marys in each decade, we ponder on one of the events of the life of Jesus and also of Mary - but we do not do this on our own. In a sense, we are putting our hand into that of Mary and she guides us to look at these events through her eyes, with her hearts and her mind. Mary is a great model of this kind of prayer.

We are told in Luke's Gospel on a number of occasions that she treasured these things in her heart – she pondered over them. Mary teaches us through the Rosary to look with her eyes at the life of her Son, to ponder over these events, these mysteries, to contemplate Jesus and the whole marvellous plan of God which is summed up in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. In meditating on the life of Jesus as He was on earth, we are led by Mary to contemplate Jesus as He is now in heaven and to experience His presence now in our hearts. Each recitation of the Rosary is a walk with Mary, a walk whose steps with her bring us ever closer to the true goal of our lives, when we shall see God face to face in heaven and become like Him.

Please do pray the Rosary – for our parish, for our Diocese and our Bishop, for the Church, for our world. We live in times when there is a lot of noise, so many words with very little of substance being said. These are disturbing and difficult moments, when we need as Catholics to become people of prayer and of intercession for our world. We need to pray for the sick, the dying and those who have died. We need to pray for saints for our age, for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, for families and for married couples, for our young and our old. We need to pray for the conversion of all people to the Lord, for more labourers in the vineyard to bring the Good News to a world mired in so much bad news, division and recrimination. **We need especially now to pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world.** We might ask ourselves, “But what can I do? How can I make any difference to all this?” Pray the Rosary – we will make a difference just by praying the Rosary and Our Lady will show us what the Lord wants us to do and how we can do it, just as she did.



May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of the Rosary, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St John Henry Newman, St Rita, St Thomas de Cantelupe, St Francis of Assisi, St Bruno, pray for us all.

With our love and prayers – Fr David & Deacon Peter