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28th May 2023 Psalter Week 4	Pentecost Veni, Sancte Spiritus	
First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 <i>They were all filled with Holy Sprit and began to speak</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.	
Second Reading	1 St Paul to the Corinthians <i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!	
Gospel	John 20:19-23 <i>As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.</i>	
Saturday 27th May +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)
Sunday 28th May +	10.30am	Mass – (John Kent RIP)
<i>So Eastertide ends</i>		
Monday 29th May Mary, Mother of the Church		No Parish Mass today
Tuesday 30th May Bl Richard Newport, Martyr – op mem	10.00am	Mass - (Canon Vincent Burrowes – 70th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination)
Wednesday 31st May THE VISITATION OF THE BVM - feast	6.15pm 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Judy Ashford RIP)
Thursday 1st June OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST - feast	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Foundation Mass for members of Throckmorton family)
Friday – 2nd June Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs – op mem	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Molly Wogan RIP)
Saturday – 3rd June Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs - memoria	10.00am 10.30am	Mass – (Catherine Bott Int.) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY		
Saturday – 3rd June +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)
Sunday 4th June +	10.30am	Mass – (Croucher & Chance families intentions)

NB: MASS ON WEDNESDAY WILL BE AT 7.00PM & THURSDAY AT 10.00AM

Last Week's Collection: **£247.50**
Card Reader: **£25.00**
Average Weekly Standing Orders: **£239.00**
TOTAL: £511.50

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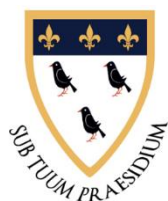
PLANT SALE – Terry Askew will be holding a plant sale after the Sunday morning Mass this weekend – all proceeds will go towards the new church windows.



CORPUS CHRISTI - we are proposing to have a celebration on the feast of Corpus Christi on **11th June**: at the end of the 10.30am we will process into the garden with the Blessed Sacrament with the First Holy Communion children and then have with tea/coffee and refreshments afterwards. Please could we ask if anybody can help serve teas and coffees or can bake cakes can they fill in the sheet at

the back of church. If anyone would be willing to help with serving the refreshments, for this or for any other Sunday teas and coffees, please sign the form or contact Aine Cooper or Fr David. Many thanks! Tea/Coffee will not be served after Mass next Sunday 4th June.

HOLY HOUR - next Sunday 4th June from 3pm – 4pm at Northampton Cathedral. All are welcome, especially Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. You can also view this via the Cathedral 'Live Stream – <https://northamptondiocese.org/>



Fr Paul Hardy RIP - It was with great sadness that we learnt that Fr Paul Hardy passed away peacefully last Monday evening. Please pray for the repose of his soul, and for all those who mourn him. Fr Paul's funeral will be held at St Edward's in Milton Keynes at 11am on Monday 12th June. May he rest in peace.



MK FOODBANK – we continue to be very grateful for your generous donations to the MK Foodbank – particularly during these very difficult times for families & individuals.

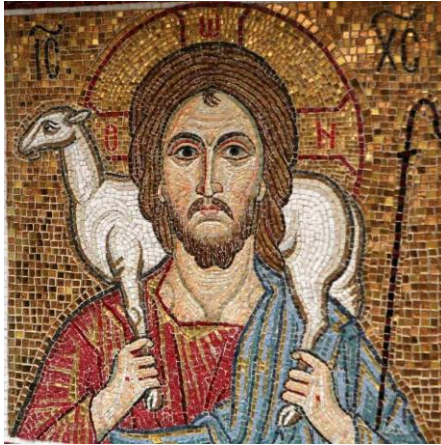
The organisers of the Food bank are specifically requesting the following please: **Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Pasta, Tinned Veg, Pasta Sauce; Long Life Milk, Juice or Squash, Cooking Oil, Spreads – Jams, Peanut Butter, or Chocolate Spread; Biscuits, Tinned Fruit, Rice Pudding/Custard, Dried Rice – 500g or 1kg packets please.**



THE BECKET FESTIVAL - St Thomas Becket is the co-patron of our Diocese, and the Solemnity of the Translation of the Relics will be celebrated at the Cathedral on 7th July, followed throughout the day by Veneration of the Relic. On 8 July will be an Ecumenical walk including the ancient Holy Sepulchre Church, Becket's well and St Peter's Church. On 9th July in the afternoon Dr Judith Champ will deliver the Becket Lecture, after which Vespers of St Thomas will be celebrated. Full details will be available nearer the time.



Blessed Richard Newport was an English martyr, born at Haringworth in Northamptonshire. He studied in Rome and was ordained priest in 1597. Returning to England, he worked in London for several years before being arrested and banished twice, but he returned each time. His third arrest was with Blessed William Scott. Both were hanged, drawn, and quartered at Tyburn for being Catholic priests.



Holiday Bible Club Olney will be held this year from 7th to 11th August, 9.30am to 12 noon, a regular part of life in Olney, organised by the Baptist church but with full involvement of other Christians as well. The organisers have sent the following message: “The first all-team meeting for anyone helping with Holiday Bible Club “On Safari” will be on Thursday, 15th June at 8.00 pm in Olney Baptist Church. If you would like to help but would like more information, please email hilary@holidaybibleclubolney.org.uk. We have a particular need for musicians, door stewards and helpers in the small creche. Thank you.”



Parish Forum Meeting Many thanks to all who came to the Parish Forum Meeting on Thursday evening.

We had reports from the *various groups of the parish*: **Finance Committee** – things have improved but we are aware of increase in the Diocesan levy on every parish and the need to keep aware of our expenditure and the help that Gift Aid gives the parish; **Social**

Committee – going well, with some new members (more will be welcome too!) with regular social events happening and to be planned for the future, including the Corpus Christi celebration and regular tea and coffee on first Sundays – including Fr David’s 30th anniversary of Ordination on 30th July which we will celebrate as a parish on 10th September; **SVP** – working actively with increased membership and successful activities including St Patrick’s Day and the Healing Mass; **Knitting Group** is still going well and contributes to ecumenical activities; **CAFOD** – a successful Soup Lunch in Lent raised over £750 and other collections and Fast Days for particular CAFOD projects; **Catechists** – a good First Holy Communion group this year – from September will begin organising Confirmation classes – and also would like to start Children’s Liturgy soon, perhaps initially on a monthly basis – and also increased children’s participation at Mass where possible; **Servers and Sacristy** are going well but looking for new servers too; **Readers** – a good group of readers but the need to look for more on a Saturday evening; **Welcoming** – a regular much appreciated group welcome people at 10.30 Sunday Mass – maybe begin to see what can happen for Saturday evening Mass.

We had a report concerning the *Pastoral Area Council* – it is being revamped and rejuvenated, but the Pastoral Area is large with diverse parishes. We would hope to have an additional member or two from the parish to attend in the future with our regular Parish Delegate (Mike G).

The Diocese is holding an *Assembly on Saturday 15th July*. We have been asked to provide and enrol delegates for it. If you are interested in attending, please consult with Fr David directly. The Assembly is a continuation of the Synodal process inaugurated by Pope Francis a few years ago. It will be a day of discussion, prayer and reflection from across the whole Diocese.

Helping Hands Sunday – we will hold this on the last Sunday of June. “Many hands make light work.” The idea is to see if people would be willing to volunteer to help in one area of parish life so that everyone is involved; at the same time, by having many people involved, no-one will have to do too much, as we know we all have busy lives. This is especially important since Fr David will be working 3 days a week at Allen Hall Seminary in London from September. More about this soon.

Holy Communion under Both Kinds – Fr David didn’t get a strong response in favour of restoring the distribution at Mass of the Precious Blood, so this will not happen for now. If people do feel strongly about it either way, please do contact him. It has to be emphasised that a period of catechesis (teaching) will be needed before we recommence the practice – for example, we receive the full presence of Jesus whether we receive under one kind or under both.

There was some discussion about the possibility of having Sunday Mass at 10.00am rather than 10.30am but no consensus emerged – it will remain at 10.30am.

Diocesan Assembler Webinars A series of webinars will be held on the main themes of the Diocesan Assembly on 15th July. It will reflect on that arose from the listening last year. The working parties will present their main findings and recommendations, and there will be time for small group conversation. These are open to everyone so that feedback can be heard from as many people as possible. They are on Monday nights from 12th June: 12th June, Women’s ministry; 19th June: Life of the priest; 26th June: Resourcing a missionary diocese; 3rd July: Reaching the marginalised; 10th July: Lay engagement in decision making
Register here for the link: https://assembly_webinars.eventbrite.co.uk



Pentecost Reflection – Pope Benedict XVI

Sunday 4th June 2006 – Pentecost

At times it is thought that missionary effectiveness depends primarily on careful programming and its subsequent intelligent application through a concrete commitment. The Lord certainly does ask us for our collaboration, but before any other response his initiative is necessary: His Spirit is the true protagonist of the Church. The roots of our being and of our action are in the wise and provident silence of God.

The Pentecost of the Spirit, with the gift of tongues, shows that his presence unites and transforms confusion into communion. Man's pride and egoism always creates divisions, builds walls of indifference, hatred and violence. The Holy Spirit, on the contrary, makes hearts capable of understanding everyone's languages, as it re-establishes the bridge of authentic communication between earth and heaven. The Holy Spirit is love.

This is the mystery of Pentecost: The Holy Spirit illuminates the human spirit and, on revealing Christ crucified and risen, indicates the way to become more like him, that is, to be "expression and instrument of love that comes from him" ("Deus Caritas Est," No. 33). The Church, gathered with Mary, as at her birth, today implores: "Veni Sancte Spiritus!" – "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of thy love!" Amen.

May Our Lady Help of Christians, Mary, Mother of the Church, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St Rita, St John Henry Newman Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, pray for us all as we continue to bask in the glory of the Easter Season.

With our love and prayers to you all - Fr David, Fr Patrick & Deacon Peter