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30 th July 2023 Psalter Week 1	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Kings 3:5.7-12 <i>You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself.</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	Lord, how I love your law!	
Second Reading	St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30 <i>God intended us to become true images of his Son.</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	Mathew 13:44-52 <i>He sells everything he owns and buys the field.</i>	
Saturday 29th July +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass - (For the Parish)
Sunday 30th July +	10.30am	Mass – (Fr David's Intentions)
Monday 31st July <i>St Ignatius of Loyola, Religious - memoria</i>		No Parish Mass today
Tuesday 1st August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor - memoria</i>	10.00am	Mass - (Dorothy & Dick Cooper RIP)
Wednesday 2nd August <i>St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop – op mem.</i>		No Parish Mass today
Thursday 3rd August <i>St Walthen, Abbot – op mem.</i>	10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Friday – 4th August <i>St John Vianney, Priest - memoria</i>		No Parish Mass today
Saturday – 5th August Dedication of S. Maria Maggiore		No Parish Morning Mass
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD		
Saturday – 5th August +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Fr John Fowler RIP – 1st anniversary)
Sunday 6th August +	10.30am	Mass – (Fr John Fowler RIP)

Fr David will celebrate Mass for the People of the Parish while he is away

Tea and Coffee after 10.00am Mass every Tuesday – all are welcome!

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £290.50

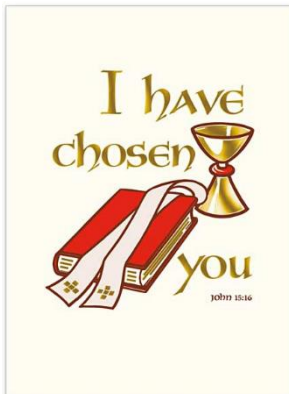
DCP – Nil

Average Standing Orders: £239.00

Total: £529.50

Second Collection – Sea Sunday: £287.50

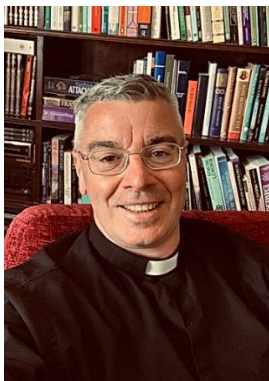
Many thanks for your continued financial support



Ad Multos Annos

This Sunday, 30th July, Fr David celebrates the 30th anniversary of his priestly ordination. We are very fortunate to have been blessed with such a caring and loving Parish Priest. We thank God for Fr David's priestly ministry and pray for him, his family, and friends and for our parish under his ever-watchful gaze.

God bless you Fr David



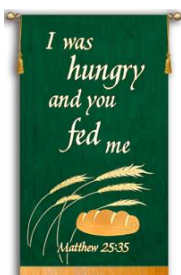
Fr David Butler Barrett
Ordained Priest: 30th July 1993

Deo Gratias

"O, how great is the priest! ... If he realised what he is, he would die. If we had faith, we would see God hidden in the priest like a light behind glass, like wine mixed with water. Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail."

St John Vianney

After the 10.30am Mass today you are invited to celebratory drinks in the garden to mark the 30th anniversary of Fr. David's Priestly Ordination. As this special anniversary is during the summer holiday season, we are also planning to have a Parish Celebration on **Friday 8th September** after the **7.00pm Mass** – **(Please note change of date/time)** so that we can more fully celebrate with Fr. David. We really hope you will be able to join us. Everyone is welcome.

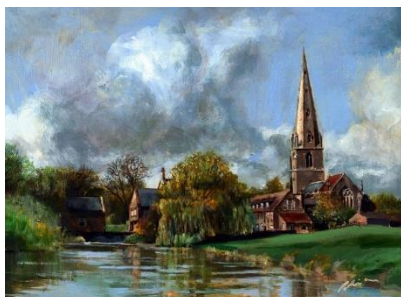


Milton Keynes Foodbank – we are all very much aware of the current cost of living crisis that is affecting so many people – these difficult times are particularly challenging for those individuals and families less fortunate than many of us. With the increased demands placed on the Foodbank, supplies are running very low. 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 Foodbank each week. We continue to be ever grateful for the tremendous support that you have given to the Foodbank over many years: thank you very much.



The combined churches of Olney Holiday Bible Club runs from **7th to 11th August between 9.30am to 12.00pm**. This is open to children aged 5yrs to 12yrs and is free.

If you are interested and wish to enrol, application forms can be downloaded from www.olneybaptist.org.uk/hbc.html



Invitation from St Peter & St Paul Parish Church, Olney

- we are delighted to host a Deanery Choral Evensong and I forward some information for you; I hope we can gather and worship God together and encourage one another. Our speaker will be our very own Area Dean. Please encourage members of your choir / singing group to join us at **6pm on Sunday 10th September 2023** for an ecumenical Choral Evensong, for which rehearsals

will be from **7pm until 8:30pm on Thursday 7th September** in the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul in Olney and from **3:30pm until 5pm on the day** (attendance at one of these strongly advised). We will be singing the Responses by William Byrd, who died on 4th July 1623. Byrd was an English Renaissance composer considered among the greatest composers of the Renaissance, he had a profound influence on composers both from his native country and on the Continent. He is often considered along with John Dunstaple and Henry Purcell as one of England's most important early music composers. He produced sacred music for Anglican Services, but during the 1570s he became a Roman Catholic, and wrote Catholic sacred music later in his life.



NEW LECTIONARY - The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the approval by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for the new Lectionary. The Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024.

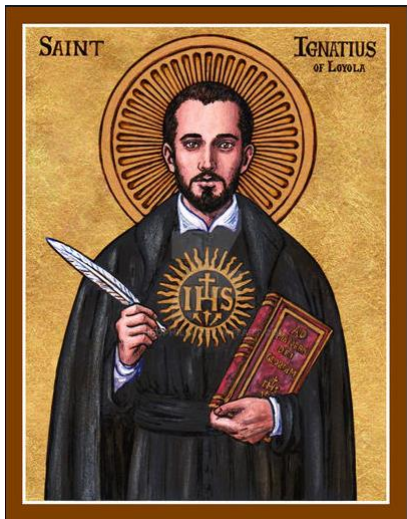
Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery, wrote to Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, confirming the new translation of the Lectionary, which has been done in collaboration with the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. He said: "The use of the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition, already in use in India, along with the Abbey Psalms and Canticles will help to ensure that the Word of the Lord reaches God's holy people without alloy. The Lectionary will be in use from Advent 2024 and will be published by the Catholic Truth Society (CTS).



Sponsored Bike Ride for Baby Basics

Anne Kearns, a parishioner from Wolverton and Stony Stratford, is doing a sponsored bike ride around our Diocese in August. The money will go to Baby Basics, a charity in Milton

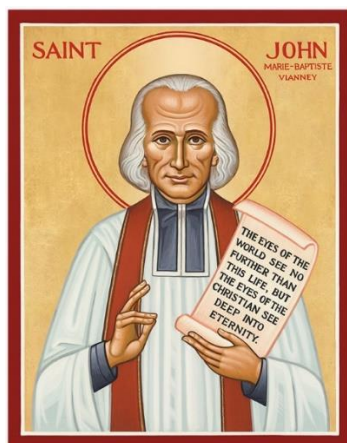
Keynes which helps young families who are going through financial hardships, helping to provide all the basics – prams, cots, bedding, clothes, toys, baby food/formula – that help the family in raising their babies and young children. If you would like to sponsor Anna's Bike Ride, you will find some envelopes at the back of church – please do pick one up and return it to church when you can. Many thanks.



St Ignatius Loyola, Priest was born in the year 1491 at Loyola in northern Spain, his early life was led at court and in the army. He was later converted to a life of holiness. He studied theology at Paris and gathered companions around him and afterwards at Rome he formed the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He exercised a very fruitful apostolate by his written work and by the formation of his disciples who were outstanding in the reform of the Church. He died at Rome in the year 1556. You can obtain a copy of the 'Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola' – ISBN: 9780895551535 – published by TAN books from Blackwell's Books <https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/>



St Alphonsus Liguori – Bishop & Doctor was born in Naples in the year 1696. He studied law and took his doctor's degree in both civil and canon law, became a priest and later founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists). In order to promote among the faithful a truly Christian life he spent his time in preaching and in writing, especially about moral theology of which discipline he is looked upon as the master. He was chosen to be Bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti, but soon gave up the post and returned to his own Congregation where he died at Nocera dei Pagani in Campagna in the year 1787



St John Mary Vianney – Priest was born at Lyons in the year 1786. After overcoming tremendous difficulties, he was finally ordained priest. He was given charge of the parish of Ars in the diocese of Belley, and by his forthright preaching, personal mortification, prayer, and charity renewed it and increased it in a wonderful way. His help to those who came to the sacrament of confession was renowned and people flocked to him from all sides to obtain his advice. He died in the year 1859. In his catechetical instructions, St John Mary Vianney writes, 'We had deserved to be left incapable of praying; but God in His goodness has permitted us to speak to Him. Our prayer is an incense that is delightful to God.'

St John Mary Vianney is the Patron Saint of Parish Priests.

May Our Lady Help of Christians, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St Rita, St John Henry Newman, St. Ignatius, St Alphonsus, St Eusebius, St Peter Eymard, St Walthen, St John Vianney pray for us.

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