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20th August 2023 <i>Psalter Week 4</i>	<i>Twentieth Sunday of the Year</i>	
First Reading	Isaiah 56:1. 6-7 <i>I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.	
Second Reading	St Paul to the Romans 11:13-15. 29-32 <i>With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know the and they follow me. Alleluia!	
Gospel	Mathew 15:21-28 <i>Woman, you have great faith.</i>	
Saturday 19th August +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass - (Daniel Solymari – Recovery)
Sunday 20th August +	10.30am	Mass – (Richard Jewell RIP)
Monday 21st August <i>Pope St Pius X - memoria</i>		No Parish Mass today
Tuesday 22nd August <i>Our Lady Mother & Queen - memoria</i>	10.00am	Mass – (Vincent Keyhoe – Recovery)
Wednesday 23rd August <i>St Rose of Lima, Virgin – op memoria</i>		No Parish Mass today
Thursday 24th August <i>ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle - feast</i>		No Parish Mass today
Friday – 25th August <i>St Louis – Confessor – op mem</i> <i>St Joseph Calasanz, Priest – op mem</i> <i>Bl Alice Rich, Religious – op mem</i> <i>Bl Alice, sister of St Edmund Rich, was a nun at Catesby, Northants</i>		No Parish Mass today
Saturday – 26th August <i>Bl Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest</i>	10.00am 10.30am	Mass – (Ken Canfor Int.) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
Saturday – 26th August +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)
Sunday 27th August +	10.30am	Mass – (McCarthy Family – Int.)

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £299.00

DCP – £25.00

Average Standing Orders: £553.00

Total: £877.00

Many thanks for your continued financial support



Our Parish Church – on Saturday 26th August we celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful church. We thank God for the gift of our church and for the benefactors and many parishioners past and present. We pray also for the priests who have served the people of our parish over the years.

Prayer to Our Lady Help of Christians

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christian, how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help. If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life. Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven.

St John Bosco

Special Collection – we are holding a special collection for Fr David to mark his anniversary. You can donate in one of two ways – either by placing your offering in one of the special envelopes marked ‘Fr David’ that are available in the porch and put this into the collection basket - please make any cheques payable to ‘Our Lady Help of Christians’. Alternatively, you can make an offering on the Digital Collection Plate in the porch. We hope to make a presentation to Fr David on 8th September. Thank you.

PLEASE RETURN ANY DONATIONS NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

First Holy Communion - Classes will start 5th November. If you have a child in Year 2 or above and you would like them to make their 1st Holy Communion, please contact Denise – ourladySolney@btconnect.com or call her on 01234 711212 for a registration form. Further details will be announced later.

Book Sale - There are 2 boxes of books outside the church, please help yourself - if you would like to make a donation, please place money in the container provided.

March For Life – The ‘March for Life UK’ takes place in London on **Saturday 2nd September**. The day begins with Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am. More information can be found on: www.marchforlife.co.uk/2023-annual-event-page/

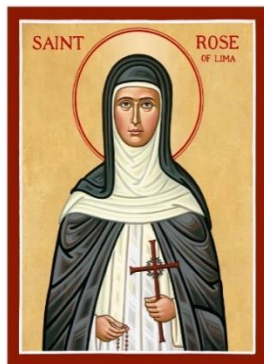


Mass for Married Couples - The annual Mass for married couples will take place on **Saturday 30th September at midday at the Cathedral**. Bishop David will celebrate the and give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones; for example: 10, 20,25,30,40,50 years etc. All welcome to attend and there will be light refreshments after in the Cathedral Centre. If you are interested in going, please contact Sam at: mfl@northamptondiocese.org

Youth Mass - Bishop David invites our young people to a Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, 52 Castle Street, Luton LU1 3AG on **Sunday 22nd October 5.00pm - 7.00pm** Further information can be found at: www.nymo.org/youthmass

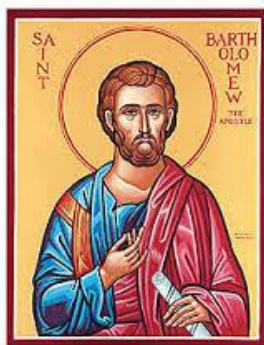


Mary Meal's - If anyone has any foreign coins/notes or old UK coins/notes that they are looking to dispose of there is a box at the back of the church for your donations. Alternatively, there are envelopes that you can take away and return to the church by the end of September. All donations will be given to the Mary's Meals representative when he visits the parish on 30th September/1st October. Thank you



St Rose of Lima - Born at Lima in Peru in the year 1586. She advanced in virtue in her daily life at home, and after taking the habit of the Third Order of St Dominic she made great progress in a life of pence and mystical contemplation. She died on 24th August 1617.

“When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbour’s, because in them we serve Jesus. Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven. Without the burden of afflictions, it is impossible to reach the height of Grace.” – Sr Rose of Lima



St Bartholomew - On Thursday we celebrate the feast of St Bartholomew one of the apostles who was born in Cana. He was led to Jesus by the apostle Philip and after the Lord’s Ascension tradition has it that he preached the Gospel in India and there suffered martyrdom. He is only mentioned a few times in the Synoptic Gospels – in Mark 3:18 he is one of the twelve whom Jesus calls to be with Him and names as apostles: *“and Andrew, Philip and Bartholomew...”*

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 22nd August



Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954 but the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord."

As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven."

The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

As Saint Paul suggests in Romans 8:28–30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen.

All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth by serving his Father and his fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her queenship.

As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.



May Our Lady Help of Christians, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St Rita, St John Henry Newman, St Pope Pius X, St Rose of Lima, St Bartholmew, St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz, Bl Alice Rich, Bl Dominic of the Mother of God, pray for us.

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