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10 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 Psalter Week 3	Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year Day of Prayer for those involved in Education	
<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Ezekiel 33:7-9</b> <i>If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.</i>	
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</b>	
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10</b> <i>Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</b>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mathew 18:15-20</b> <i>If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.</i>	
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September +</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass - (For the Parish)</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September +</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (Adolph Weber RIP)</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Feria</i>		<b>No Parish Mass today</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>The Most Holy Name of Mary – op. mem.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass – (Fr Hildebrand van Reyk RIP)</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>St John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Doctor - memoria</b>		<b>No Parish Mass today</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - Feast</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Service of Word &amp; Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday – 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Our Lady of Sorrows - memoria</b>	<b>9.15am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Mass – (Jean &amp; Michael Griffin RIP)</b>
<b>Saturday – 16<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Ss Cornelius, Pope &amp; Cyprian, Bishop - Martyrs</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30-</b> <b>11.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (Bernadette Barrett-John Int.)</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>With Rosary &amp; Confession</b>
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
<b>Saturday – 16<sup>th</sup> September +</b>	<b>5.45pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>Vigil Mass – (Fr Brian Leatherland RIP)</b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September +</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (For the Parish)</b>

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK – HOME MISSION SUNDAY**

## Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £287.50

DGP – £25.00

Average Standing Orders: £553.00

**Total: £865.50**

**Many thanks for your continued financial support**

# Thank You

Fr David wishes to thank everyone who was, in any involved, in the celebration of his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood last Friday evening. A special thanks to those who were able to attend the Mass or to watch via the 'Live Stream.' Your prayers, encouragement & good wishes continue to be greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

## And Thank You from the Social Committee

A huge thank you to everyone for helping to create a memorable Parish occasion . We are very blessed to have Fr. David and it was wonderful to be able to come together both in church and on line to mark this very special anniversary .

Thank you for bringing the fabulous food and drink that we enjoyed sharing . Fr David had planned the weather and it was great to be able to use the patio.

Thank you to Deacon Peter for presenting our Parish gift , Veronica for the wonderful cake and Jo for her beautiful poem. Finally a huge thank you to those who were able to help at the end of the evening .



### Reverend Father Brian Leatherland, RIP

This coming Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, we mark the 'Years Mind' when dear Fr Brian was called home to the Lord. Please do continue pray for the repose of the soul of this much-loved priest and friend; and pray also for Sally, Rebeka, James and all the family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

*Requiescat in pace*

**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](mailto:ourladysolney@btconnect.com) or call her on 01234 711212 for a registration form. Further details will be announced later.



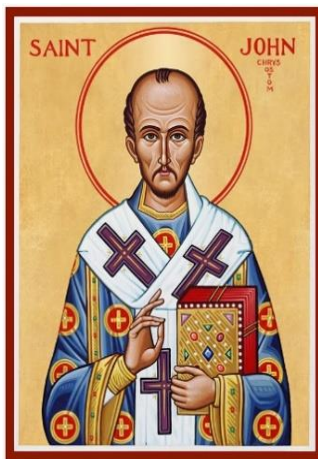
**Diocesan Youth Mass** – This will be celebrated by Bishop David on Sunday 22nd October at 5.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Luton LU1 3AG. A further Diocesan Youth Mass will again be celebrated by Bishop David on Sunday 14th January 2024 6.30pm at St Augustine's Church, Milton Keynes, MK13 7PL. If you would like to attend either/both celebrations please contact: [www.nymo.org/youthmass/](http://www.nymo.org/youthmass/)

**Mission Northampton** - An online course will be starting **13th September** between 7.30pm & 9.00pm on the subject – ‘**James - Discerning God's Will**’. The course will run every Wednesday evening for seven weeks. To register your place or for further information please go to:  
<https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/james-discerning-gods-will-autumn-2023/>



**Queen Elizabeth II**  
1926 – 2022

Almighty God, You are the author and sustainer of all human life;  
grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,  
whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands,  
may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life promised to all those born  
again in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit God, forever and ever. Amen.



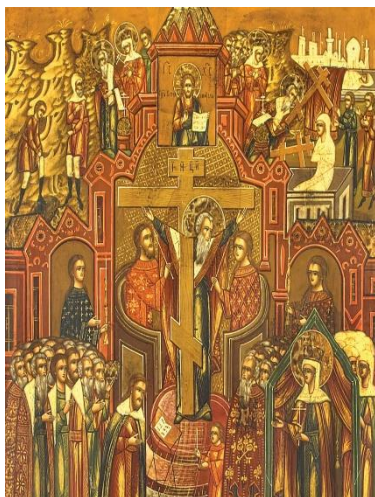
**St John Chrysostom** – was born at Antioch about the year 349. After a brilliant course of studies, he began to lead a life of austerity. He was ordained priest and laboured in preaching, with great fruit. In 397 he became Bishop of Constantinople and showed himself a true pastor, striving to reform the morals of both clergy and people. He incurred the hatred of the imperial court and his work was undermined because of jealousy, and twice he was sent into exile. Overcome by exhaustion he died at Comana in Pontus on 14<sup>th</sup> September 407. Because of his sermons and writings to explain the faith and to encourage the practice of the Christian life he was called ‘John of the Golden Mouth’



**Ss Cornelius & Cyprian** - Cornelius was ordained Bishop of Rome in the year 251. He laboured to combat the Novatian schism and with the help of Cyprian he was able to enforce his authority. He was sent into exile by the Emperor Gallus, and he died at Civitavecchia (Rome) in the year 253. His body was brought to Rome and interred in the cemetery of Callistus. Cyprian was born at Carthage about the year 210. He was converted to the faith in mature life and ordained priest. He was ordained Bishop of Carthage in 249. He guided his church excellently during much troubled times both by his deeds and his writings. During the persecution of Valerian, he was first exiled, then, on 14<sup>th</sup> September 258, martyred for the faith.



## Reflection on the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and his Church is the Cross. On Thursday we celebrate the feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335. But the meaning of the Cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The Cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself. Believers have always looked to the Cross in times of suffering. People in concentration camps, in prisons, in hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery; it does not give us any easy answers; but it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's. We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves; we make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God; we make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the Cross is a sign of strength and protection, it is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest/deacon, parents, and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child – *'claiming the child for Christ.'* On this special feast let us look to the Cross often; let us make the Sign of the Cross and realise we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, thoughts, and hearts; everything we are and will become.

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May Our Lady Help of Christians, Our Lady of Sorrows, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St Rita, St John Henry Newman, St John Mary Vianney, St John Chrysostom, Ss Cornelius & Cyprian pray for us.

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