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1st October 2023 Psalter Week 2	Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year	
First Reading	Ezekiel 18:25-28 <i>When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	Remember your mercy, Lord.	
Second Reading	St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11 <i>In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!	
Gospel	Mathew 21:28-32 <i>He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you.</i>	
Saturday 30th September +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass - (For the Parish)
Sunday 1st October +	10.30am	Mass – (Mary Redmond RIP)
Monday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels – mem.		No Parish Mass today
Tuesday 3rd October St Thomas de Cantelupe, Bishop – op. mem.	10.00am	Mass – (Nora & Leonard Rix RIP)
Wednesday 4th October St Francis of Assisi, Religious – mem.		No Parish Mass today
Thursday 5th October St Faustina Kowalska, Religious, op. mem.	6.45pm	Mass – (The Holy Souls)
Friday – 6th October St Bruno, Priest, op mem.	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Jenny Newton RIP)
Saturday – 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary - memoria	10.00am 10.30am- 11.30am	Mass – (Andrew Barrett Int.) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary & Confession
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
Saturday – 7th October +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)
Sunday 8th October +	10.30am	Mass – (McCarthy family Int.)

PARISH MASS COUNT THIS WEEKEND (WEEK 3)
MASS ON THURSDAY EVENING WILL BEGIN AT 6.45PM

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £336.90

DGP – £40.00

Average Standing Orders: £553.00

Total: £911.00

Second Collection: Evangelii Gaudium: £129.00

Many thanks for your continued financial support

This weekend - we extend a very warm welcome to John Fulton who will give a talk on behalf of Mary's Meals.



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - Friday 6th October

From floods and earthquakes to famine and droughts, CAFOD is working with local experts to provide food, water, and shelter as quickly as possible wherever it is needed most. Your steadfast support during emergencies and previous Fast Days has enabled CAFOD to respond rapidly to help stricken Communities, currently those in Morocco and Libya. On **Friday 6th October** we can pray, eat simply, and give, as you always do so generously. **CAFOD Harvest Day envelopes are available this weekend – please return them next week in the Second Collection.** Thank you for your continued support - Parish CAFOD Group.

November Holy Souls envelopes will be available from this weekend. Can you please print the surnames (block capitals) of those you wish to be prayed for and put the list, along with any donation, into the envelope and place in the offertory baskets. All names needed by **Sunday 29th October** please.



First Thursday Club - This is a new initiative in the parish organised by Simon Lee and is open to everyone in our area. After a year of celebrating Amazing Grace's 250th anniversary in fine style, we thought we would look at some of the surrounding denominations, places, and eras. Wherever he went as a cleric, Revd John Newton invited other Anglican clergy and non-Conformist ministers to join him on first

Thursdays. As Catholics, we would like to develop that practice 250 years later to include us and all-comers, laity as well as those in ordained ministries. So, following **The Anglican Heritage in Buckinghamshire** the new **First Thursday Club** will meet on the first Thursday of every month in our parish hall as follows:

October 5th: The Catholic Heritage in Northamptonshire & beyond

November 2nd: The Gunpowder Plot, Catholics, Northamptonshire & Olney 1605-1777

December 7th: Evangelical-Catholic Ecumenism in 18th Century Buckinghamshire



Sacrament of Confirmation – we are soon to begin our parish preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. If you are in **School Year 8** or above, or you know of someone who is, and would like to begin preparation for this Sacrament, please give your details to Denise - **01234 711212** or ourladysolney@btconnect.com. If you are an adult & have not yet been Confirmed but wish to know more about what is involved in preparing for the Sacrament then please contact Deacon Peter – **07850 499414**

Mass for those with Disabilities - Bishop David will preside at a Mass for those with disabilities, their carers, families, and friends on **Sunday 8th October at 3.00pm** in the Cathedral. For more details see poster in porch.

Celebrating Our Riches - Bishop David will celebrate Mass on **Saturday 4th November** at Holy Ghost Church, Luton from 12 noon followed by lunch finishing at 3.00pm. It is a time to celebrate our oneness in diversity and will have the opportunity to experience and learn more about our different cultures.

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope - As we head towards the Jubilee year in 2025 we are reminded that this year is the Year of the Council. We are asked to focus on the four constitutions of Vatican 2. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales together with the Diocese of Clifton have produced a series of short videos which you may wish to watch. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/constitutions-of-vatican-ii/>

Season of Creation - 1st September – 4th October 2023

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. The season started on 1 September, the Day of prayer for Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology, when Pope Francis will publish a follow-up letter on his Encyclical, *Laudato Si*.

We are encouraged to look at the following websites: www.seasonofcreation.org and www.northamptondiocese.org/soc. There are some 'action cards' in the porch if you would like to take one.

Thought for the Week: "To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ."

St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter 'Rosarium Virginis Mariae'

This week on Saturday 7th 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 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 several 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 mediating 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 Rita, St John Mary Vianney, St Thomas de Cantelupe, St Francis of Assisi, St Faustina, St Bruno, pray for us.

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