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15th October 2023 Psalter Week 4	Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year	
First Reading	Isaiah 25:6-10 <i>The Lord will prepare a banquet and will wipe away tears from every cheek.</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.	
Second Reading	St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 <i>There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!	
Gospel	Mathew 22: 1-14 <i>Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.</i>	
Saturday 14th October +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass - (For the Parish)
Sunday 15th October +	10.30am	Mass – (Denis O'Shea RIP)
Monday 16th October St Margaret Mary, Religious – op. mem.		No Parish Mass today
Tuesday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	10.00am	Mass – (Foundation Mass – Murphy family)
Wednesday 18th October ST LUKE, Evangelist - feast		No Parish Mass today
Thursday 19th October St John de Brebeuf & Comp. – Martyrs	6.45pm	Mass – Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday – 20th October <i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Requiem Mass – Sr Mary Hanrahan RIP
Saturday – 21st October Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am 11.00am	Mass – (Maureen Fallon RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
Saturday – 21st October +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Lillian Morris RIP)
Sunday 22nd October +	10.30am	Mass – (For the Parish)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY – WORLD MISSION DAY (MISSIO)

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £265.00

DGP – £30.00

Average Standing Orders: £553.00

Total: £848.00

Many thanks for your continued financial support

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, SUNDAY MORNING MASS WILL BE AT 9.30AM

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY – PLEASE PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD



Sr Mary Hanrahan DHS has sadly passed away. Her funeral will take place this coming **Friday 20th October** at **11.00am**, followed by burial in Olney at 12 midday. All are welcome to attend. We pray for the repose of her soul and for comfort and consolation from the Holy Spirit for SR Mary's family and for all our Sisters.

Parish Forum Meeting – The next meeting of our Parish Forum will take place on **Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm after Mass at 6.45pm**. All are welcome to attend to discuss how things are going in the parish and to listen to any ideas for the future.

November Holy Souls envelopes are now available in the narthex. 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.

TRAINING SESSION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION will be held here in the church on Saturday 18th November from 11.30am to 1.30pm. If anyone signed up on the Helping Hands Sunday to help in distributing the Lord's Body and Blood or to bring Holy Communion to the sick, please do come to this. If you are just interested in finding out more, you will be most welcome.

Weekday Mass Intentions – there are several weekday dates during November should you wish to have a Mass said for a particular intention. Please contact Denise.



Parish Choir - one of the many blessings in our parish is our magnificent Choir who not only enhance our Sunday Mass but also those special occasions throughout the Liturgical Year – Lent; Triduum; Easter; Advent; Christmas etc. There is a famous quote attributed to St Augustine: 'to sing is to pray twice.' Our Parish Choir is looking for more singers of all ages; male and female.

Rehearsals start on **Monday 30th October at 7:30pm** at the church. If you are interested in joining, please get in touch with Eva: Mobile: 07876 366 177, email:

eva_kuntz@hotmail.com We look forward to seeing you but especially hearing you!



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**



Plant Sale – following on from the very successful plant sale last Summer organized by Terry Askew, several parishioners asked if he had some perennial summer plants. So, by popular request, Terry is proposing to have a sale of summer perennial plants after the Masses **next weekend 21st/22nd October**. The plants have been sown earlier this year to start flowering next summer and will be available as plug plants to plant on. They are winter hardy although they will often look quite sad when the weather gets very cold (*rather like our Deacon*) but they will recover when the weather warms up. Terry also has some pansies and primroses for autumn and early spring colour. Proceeds from the sale of plants will be in support of Mary's Meals.

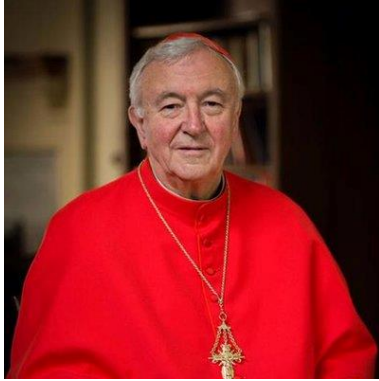
MISSIO – The Mission Charity supported by Pope Francis Sunday 22nd October 2023 is World Mission Sunday, a second collection will be held to support the work of the Mill Hill Missionaries throughout the world. Your donations will be much appreciated, but most importantly, we ask for your prayers. For those who are kind enough to support us through the **RED BOX Collection Scheme**, that weekend would be the time to return the monies you have collected. Please do not return the red box: just empty it and put the contents in an envelope, mark it **MISSIO or RED BOX** with your name on it, so we can identify and account for the monies received. Envelopes will be available at the rear of the church. If you don't have a Red Box and would like to contribute in this way, there are some at the back of the church. You can donate directly to missio.org.uk/wmdonate

Safeguarding - Within our diocesan safeguarding structures, the healing and reconciliation group is focussed entirely on representing the voice of survivors and reaching out to those who have been hurt by abuse. As a diocese we are particularly keen to encourage membership from those who have lived experience of abuse. We value your insight and would like to be able to listen, hear and act upon your advice to help improve our response to those who have been hurt by abuse. To make further enquiries please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office on 01604 723514 or via safeguarding@northamptondioces.org

Safeguarding Healing Garden – A fundraising event will take place at Northampton cathedral this coming Friday 20th October at 7.30pm. The Northampton Male Voice Choir will perform in what should be an uplifting evening of music. Tickets cost and can be purchased by ringing 01604 714556 or online at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/northamptoncathedral> or visiting the Cathedral Parish Office. The Healing Garden within the Cathedral grounds is intended as a sanctuary for all who need healing, especially those who have suffered abuse.



Priestly Vocations - Our diocesan Vocations Office have launched a diocesan chain of prayer for priestly vocations. The chain of prayer journeys across our diocese from parish to parish. Two San Damiano crosses will accompany prayers, one cross to remain in the parish, the other will be shared around family homes as they pray for vocations to the priesthood. The journey has begun in St Ethelbert's Parish in Slough – we will let you know when it is coming to our parish.



Cardinal Vincent Nichols - preaching at the Church of the Holy Rosary, Marylebone, asked the faithful to pray for peace given the situation with Israel and Gaza.

Cardinal Vincent said: *“Today I also ask your prayers that, at the intercession of Mary, the Holy Spirit may be a bringer of peace in the conflicts spreading at this time in Israel and Gaza. Having visited Gaza on two occasions, my heart goes out to its people who will now bear the consequences of the attack on Israel by Hamas militants. Violence is never a solution. Retribution is never a contribution to peace. Please*

*pray today for that peace. Pray for all who have lost their lives and for the immediate release of those taken hostage. Pray especially for the small but active Catholic community in Gaza City who at this moment will be reaching out courageously to their neighbours, trying to offer shelter and support. **Today please pray the great prayer of the Rosary that this conflict, in the homeland of Mary herself, will quickly come to an end.**”*



Laudate Deum – ‘Praise God’ - Pope Francis has released his Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, ‘Praise God,’ to ‘clarify and complete’ what he started in 2015 with his Encyclical Letter *Laudato si’* on how we care for our common home. It has been released at the end of the Season of Creation on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4th October 2023. Welcoming the Apostolic Exhortation, Cardinal Vincent Nichols says, “It is the

Pope's heartfelt appeal to all people of good will, to communities, business, governments, and international bodies that each play its part in facing and responding to the challenges of climate change. He asks each of us to contribute by efforts to ‘reduce pollution and waste, to consume with prudence’ and thereby help ‘to create a new culture.’ Faith in God as creator and giver of all good gifts is foundational. The Pope's final words are: *“For when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies.”* He commends this Exhortation to everyone’s **‘attention, study and action.’**

You can purchase a copy of ‘Laudate Deum’ online from the Catholic Truth Society bookshop; <https://www.ctsbooks.org/> - £4.95

May Our Lady Help of Christians, Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Peace, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St Rita, St John Mary Vianney, St John Henry Newman, St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary, St Ignatius of Antioch, St Luke, St John de Brebeuf & Companions, pray for us.

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