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22nd October 2023 Psalter Week 1	Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year WORLD MISSION DAY	
First Reading	Isaiah 45:1. 4-6 <i>I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	Give the Lord glory and power.	
Second Reading	1 St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5 <i>We constantly remember your faith, your love, and your hope.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!	
Gospel	Mathew 22:15-21 <i>Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.</i>	
Saturday 21st October +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass - (Lillian Morris RIP)
Sunday 22nd October +	10.30am	Mass – (For the Parish)
Monday 23rd October St John of Capestrano, Priest – op mem		No Parish Mass today
Tuesday 24th October St Anthony Claret, Bishop – op mem	10.00am	Mass – (Michael McCormick Int.)
Wednesday 25th October <i>Feria</i>		No Parish Mass today
Thursday 26th October Ss Chad & Cedd – Bishops, op mem St Alfred the Great, King & Confessor – op mem	10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Friday – 27th October <i>Feria</i>	10.00am 5.00 - 7.00pm	Mass (Laurence & Monica Drummond RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday – 28th October Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles - feast	10.00am 10.30am	Mass – (Margaret McCormick RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
Saturday – 28th October +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)
Sunday 29th October +	10.30am	Mass – (Brian Barrett RIP)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – WORLD MISSION DAY (MISSIO)

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £292.00

DCP – £30.00

Average Standing Orders: £553.00

Total: £845.30

CAFOD Family Fast Day: £558.00

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

Remembrance Sunday 12th November



Please note that on **Sunday 12th November**, Mass will be changed to begin at **9.30am** for that day only. This will allow those who wish to join in with the town's Remembrance Sunday Commemoration.



Invitation to a Day of Penance - Pope Francis has urged Catholics to take only one side in the war in the Middle East, the side of peace. In this regard, Pope Francis invites everyone to a day of prayer, fasting, and penance for peace.

On **Friday, 27 October**, he encourages people of different Christian denominations, other religions, and all those who advocate for peace to participate as they see fit. We are encouraged to pray and to do penance,

especially fasting, on this day

The central event will be an hour of prayer at 5.00pm UK time (6.00pm in Rome) in St. Peter's Square, with the goal of invoking peace for the world. Pope Francis says, "I invite all the particular Churches to take part by organising similar initiatives which involve the people of God". **We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our church on Friday from 5.00 to 7.00pm. All are welcome.**



CAFOD FAST DAY APPEAL - Thank you most sincerely for your donations of **£558.00** Your generosity will help trusted local experts to provide emergency support to those in most need. The CAFOD Israeli

Palestinian Appeal has already committed £100,000 to provide urgent help in Gaza. Thank you from the Parish CAFOD Group

Conflict in the Middle East - You will be aware of the terrible conflict in Israel and Gaza. It is easy to feel helpless from such a distance. CAFOD have produced three ways we can respond: prayer, donating and sending a message to our Foreign Secretary. Find out more on <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/israeli-palestinian-crisis-how-you-can-help>

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 **next Sunday, 29th October**, please.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION a training session 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. A training session for Readers will be arranged early in the new year.

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

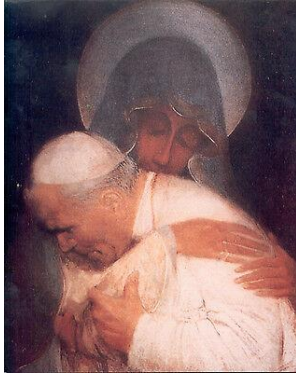


Laudate Deum – ‘Praise God’ - Pope Francis has released his Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, ‘Praise God,’ to ‘clarify and complete’ what he started in 2015 with his Encyclical Letter *Laudato si’* on how we care for our common home. It has been released at the end of the Season of Creation on the 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



Date for your Diary - Christmas 2023 marks the 800th anniversary of the first crib, created by St Francis of Assisi. To celebrate we plan to hold a Crib Festival in the parish in December during the Season of Advent – date yet to be finalised. This will be an opportunity for parishioners, young & old, to display individual cribs with a short description of its history and why it is special to the owner; or you can create a brand-new crib. Further information will follow.



Pope St John-Paul II

The memoria of Pope St John Paul II is not celebrated this year as it falls today, Sunday 22nd October. St John Paul was elected Pope by the second conclave of 1978 which was called after the death of Pope John Paul I who died after a brief pontificate. St John Paul II's papacy lasted from 1978 – 2005. *“Death itself is anything but an event without hope. It is the door which opens wide on eternity and, for those who live in Christ, an experience of participation in the mystery of his Death and Resurrection.”* Pope St John Paul II

St Pope John Paul II was a great advocate of the Holy Rosary and throughout his pontificate encouraged the faithful to make the Rosary an integral part of our daily prayer life. In his Apostolic Letter *‘Rosarium Virginis Mariae’* he described the Rosary as *‘a treasure to be rediscovered.’*

In this month of the Holy Rosary, lets us all renew our efforts in ensuring that praying the Holy Rosary does indeed become a part of our daily prayer life. With so much sadness and despair in our world praying the rosary is a very positive and worthwhile thing for us to do.



Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of mercy and compassion,
of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:
Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians, and Israelis.
Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope,
oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation,
that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces,
and peace and justice could be experienced by all. Amen

Our Lady of Peace – Pray for us

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 John-Paul II, St John of Capestrano, At Anthony Claret, St Chad, St Cedd, St Alfred the Great, Ss Simon & Jude pray for us.

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