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8 th October 2023 Psalter Week 3	Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year 8 th – 14 th October: Prisons Week	
First Reading	Isaiah 5:1-7 <i>The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.	
Second Reading	St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9 <i>The God of peace will be with you.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!	
Gospel	Mathew 21:33-43 <i>He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.</i>	
Saturday 7th October +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass - (For the Parish)
Sunday 8th October +	10.30am	Mass – (McCarthy family Int.)
Monday 9th October St John Henry Newman, Priest		No Parish Mass today
Tuesday 10th October St Paulinus of York, Bishop – op mem.	10.00am	Mass – (Sydney Ayles RIP)
Wednesday 11th October St John XXIII, Pope – op mem.		No Parish Mass today
Thursday 12th October St Wilfrid of York, Bishop op mem.	10.00am	Mass – (Fr John Fowler RIP)
Friday – 13th October St Edward the Confessor - op mem.	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Marjorie Ritchie RIP)
Saturday – 14th October Pope St Callistus I, Martyr – op mem.	10.00am 11.00am- 2.30pm	Mass – (Mark Barrett Int.) UCM Rosary Rally with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
Saturday – 14th October +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)
Sunday 15th October +	10.30am	Mass – (Denis O'Shea RIP)

PARISH MASS COUNT THIS WEEKEND (WEEK 3)

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £303.50

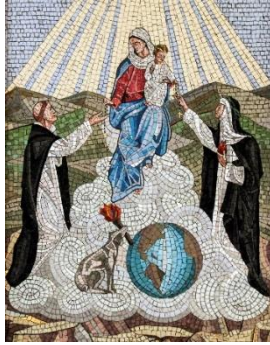
DCP – £5.00

Average Standing Orders: £553.00

Total: £861.50

Second Collection: Mary's Meals £380.00

Many thanks for your continued financial support



UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS ROSARY RALLY

will take place next Saturday 14th October here in our church in Olney. We are very pleased that UCM members from across the Diocese will gather here to celebrate their Rosary Rally again this year. After 10.00am Mass, we will begin at 11.00am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Joyful Mysteries; at 11.40am the Mysteries of Light; at 12.15p, the Sorrowful Mysteries. At 1.00pm the Glorious Mysteries will be prayed and then we will end with Benediction at 2.30pm. Confession will be available throughout the rally. Everyone is welcome to attend part or all of the day.



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 of the 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 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.

The SVP would like to thank you most sincerely for your generosity on our recent Appeal. It raised the enormous total of **£1022**. We will decide the best use of this money at our next meeting: all of it will be used through this Conference. It will make a huge difference to so many beneficiaries and we feel very blessed to have your generous support as members, volunteers and through your love and prayers. We would also like to hear from you if you feel you could offer some help or that we might be able to help you or someone you know

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.

First Thursday Club – Our first meeting was a lovely success. Many thanks to Simon Lee for organising the event and for leading our first talk. It was good to see so many there. Many thanks for those who helped with tea and coffee and other goodies. The next talk will be on 2nd November at 7.30pm – on All Souls Day. As it takes place a few days before Guy Fawkes Night, the theme of Simon's talk will be: **November 2nd: The Gunpowder Plot, Catholics, Northamptonshire & Olney 1605-1777**



Sr Mary Hanrahan DHS has sadly passed away. Her funeral will take place on 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 Meeting 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.

News from the Diocese

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 do not have a Red Box and would like to contribute in this way, they are available at the back of the church.

You can donate directly to missio.org.uk/wmdonate

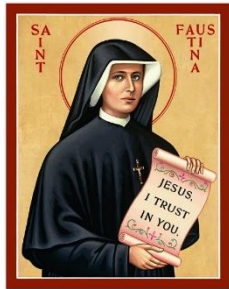
Celebrating Our Riches - Bishop David will celebrate Mass on **Saturday 4th November** at Holy Ghost Church, Luton from 12 noon followed by lunch finishing at 3.00pm. It is a time to celebrate our oneness in diversity and will have the opportunity to experience and learn more about our different cultures.

October- Month of the Rosary - Pope Francis recently wrote, "Today begins the month of October, the month of the Rosary and of the missions. I encourage everyone to

experience the beauty of praying the Rosary, contemplating the mysteries of Christ and Mary, and invoking her intercession for the needs of the Church and of the World"



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.



Sr. Faustina Kowalska - was born Helena Kowalska in Lodz, Poland, in 1905. The Kowalskas were a large peasant family who depended upon their children to help keep food on the table. From a young age, Helena felt a calling to enter religious life, but to continue providing for her family, Helena worked as a housekeeper. When she was nineteen, while attending a dance in a park, Helena saw a vision of Jesus suffering. She immediately went to a nearby church to pray and received direction from Jesus to leave immediately for Warsaw to

enter a convent. That very night, Helena packed a small bag and left for Warsaw without her parents' knowledge or consent.

In Warsaw, Helena visited several convents but was turned away, due to her poverty and lack of education. After several weeks, one convent finally accepted her on the condition that she pay for her habit. Helena did not know anything about this particular community but felt certain that she had been led there. Helena worked as a maid for a year to earn enough money to pay for her habit, and, in 1926 she joined the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, taking the name Sister Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament. She served as cook, porter, and gardener in convents in Poland and Lithuania.

In 1930, while Faustina was praying in her room, Jesus appeared to her wearing a white robe with red and white rays emanating from his heart. He told her to have his image painted with these words inscribed below: "Jesus, I trust in you," in Polish: "Jezu, ufam Tobie." Jesus expressed his desire for a feast of Mercy to be established and for increased devotion to his abundant Divine Mercy. Faustina began taking spiritual direction from the convent's confessor, Fr. Michał Sopoćko, a professor of theology at Vilnius University. When Faustina told Fr. Michał of her visions, he recommended she be examined by a psychologist. After several tests, Faustina was declared to be of sound mind. Fr. Michał told Faustina to begin keeping a record of the visions and helped her find an artist to paint the image Jesus had requested. In a later vision, Faustina recorded a series of prayers—the Chaplet of Divine Mercy—to be used in the devotion to the Divine Mercy. She wrote that the prayers served three purposes: to obtain mercy, to trust in Jesus' mercy, and to show mercy to others.

Devotion to Divine Mercy spread quickly in popularity throughout the 1930s. In 1936, Faustina became critically ill with tuberculosis. As the disease slowly conquered her body, Faustina suffered intensely for several years. Her visions persisted, until she finally died on October 5, 1938, at the age of thirty-three.

May Our Lady Help of Christians, Our Lady of the Rosary, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St Rita, St John Mary Vianney, St John Henry Newman, St Paulinus, St John XXIII, St Wilfrid, St Edward the confessor, St Callistus I, pray for us.

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