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12 th November 2023 Psalter Week 4		Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF WARFARE	
First Reading	Wisdom 6:12-16 <i>Wisdom is found by those who look for her</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God		
Second Reading	1 St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18 <i>God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, Alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Mathew 25:1-13 <i>The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.</i>		
Saturday 11 th November + (Holy Souls – G-H)	6.30pm	Vigil Mass - (Anthony Bagg RIP)	
Sunday 12 th November + (Holy Souls – I-J-K)	9.30am	Mass – (For the Parish)	
Monday 13 th November - Feria		No Parish Mass today	
Tuesday 14 th November - Feria	10.00am	Mass – (Jean Saunders RIP)	
Wednesday 15 th November St Albert the Great – Religious & Doctor		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 16 th November St Margaret of Scotland St Gertrude – Virgin St Edmund of Abingdon - Bishop	10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Friday – 17 th November St Elizabeth of Hungary – Religious St Hilda – Abbess St Hugh of Lincoln - Bishop	12 noon	Memoriam Mass for loved ones who died during the Covid Lockdown until now.	
Saturday – 18 th November Dedication of the Basilicas of Peter & Paul. (Holy Souls – L-M)	10.00am 10.30am	Mass – (Charles Keeney RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
Saturday – 18 th November + (Holy Souls – N-O)	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)	
Sunday 19 th November + (Holy Souls – P-Q-R)	10.30am	Mass – (David O'Connor RIP)	

Second Collection this weekend Sunday for Sick & Retired Priests

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £327.30

DCP – £20.00

Average Standing Orders: £553.00

Total: £900.30

Bishop's Maintenance Fund - £143.50



When you get home,
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow, we gave our today

✠ **In Memoriam Mass Friday 17th November 12 Noon** - This Mass will be celebrated for our loved ones who have died from the beginning of COVID until now. All who have lost someone special will have their names read out and a candle lit in their memory. If you wish to bring a picture of your loved one to place by the candles that will be lit, please feel free to do so. Fr David, Deacon Peter, and the SVP look forward to welcoming you to give thanks for their lives and to pray for the repose of their souls. **We also invite you to a light lunch in the Hall afterwards.** We are happy to provide transport. It would be helpful to have an idea of the number of people attending. Please let us know by email at veronicatarrant@aol.com or by phone at 07469 717760, or in person to any member of the SVP.



Extra-Ordinary 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.

World Day of the Poor - Pope Francis has declared **Sunday 19th November 2023** to be the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of **“Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor”**.

Inter Faith Week 12th - 19th November is led by the Inter Faith Network and is an annual event that aims to make a significant contribution to interfaith understanding, harmony, and cooperation. Further details can be found at www.interfaithweek.org

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal – you can donate at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, and emergency shelter to those in need.



CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Passing on the Faith

Grandparents were never as important to the family, Church and society as they are today. Grandparents treasure their Faith, they are concerned about the future, and want to ensure the Faith is passed on.

Our mission is to help Grandparents pass on the Faith and to keep prayer at the heart of family life.

JP2 Network for Counsellors and Therapists - The JP2 Network is a community that is open to all counsellors, psychotherapists and psychologist who are interested in exploring issues of faith with a particular focus on working with Catholic Clergy. The JP2 Directory helps clergy find counsellors and pastoral accompaniers and is open to members of the Network who are in private practice or working in an agency that supports our work, a member of a professional accountable body and who holds the relevant public liability and professional indemnity insurances.

If you are a counsellor/psychotherapist or psychologist and would like to join the JP2 Directory and be part of the Network covering the Diocese of Northampton, please get in contact the Northampton JP2 Network Co-ordinator, Fr David Barrett, at frdavid.barrett@northamptondiocese.org For more details, please see <https://jp2directory.org>

Preparing for Advent - Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm is the latest in a series of online zoom sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and sessions of the liturgical year. To book email deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org

Mass of Thanksgiving for Donors is an opportunity to show gratitude for all those who have offered to our mission this year, through prayers, time, or a financial gift. Mass will be at **11.00am on 25th November at Northampton Cathedral**. You are very welcome to attend.

Caritas Northampton have launched the Love Christmas Campaign. Our parish is pleased to be taking part in the diocese Love Christmas Campaign 2023. Over the last two years many parishes and schools have taken part and so have been able to distribute 1450 Bags of Kindness containing gifts and toys for 3300 individuals. Importantly these all go to those in need local to where the donations are made. With the continuing cost of living crisis and even more help being required we are hoping to support many more individuals and groups including families, the elderly, those who are lonely and isolated, children from broken homes, children in care and young carers. Suggested gifts are toys (new), colouring books, games, Chocolates, biscuits, socks, gloves, scarves, aftershave. In fact, whatever you think a child, young family or elderly person would like to receive.

OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT will take place on Friday 15th December at 7.00pm – an evening of carols, readings and prayer. All will be welcome. The proceeds from the concert will go to Willen Hospice. If you would like to sing in the choir, then please do join them for their Choir Practice every Monday evening in the church at 7.30pm.

LEARN ABOUT THE SAINTS ON YOUTUBE If you type in “Jerome Chong” you will find an inspiring YouTube channel with lots of programmes about saints and those on the road to sainthood – a great way to get to know the saints and befriend them.

Homily of Pope St John Paul II on All Souls Day 1986



On this day the Church directs our thoughts and prayers, in a special way, towards "eternal life". After the Solemnity of All Saints, today, the day dedicated to the memory of the dead, we wish first of all to remember those among our loved ones who have left this life. In remembering them, we are called to reflect that human existence is not entirely resolved within the earthly horizon. We are invited to consider life in

the light of the ultimate end, of the destiny that awaits us after death, with our gaze fixed on our eternal vocation.

In the light of the liturgy, which celebrates Christ's sacrifice, we are led to reflect today on the meaning of death. On the one hand, we find a realistic reflection on the precariousness of earthly life, doomed to defeat; on the other hand, the Eucharistic mystery proclaims that Christ's death was resolved in the resurrection, a decisive event for the life of every human being.

Faced with the memory of our deceased we are sad because we are forced to recognize with pain that this body of ours passes: the projects that we build every day trusting in health, strength, the qualities we have, are temporary, they are destined to be extinguished. But, if we accept the message that flows from the word of God, we learn that dying does not mean falling into nothingness, into the dark shadow of the total end. Rather, it means moving to a new state of life which is eternal glory and bliss. Faith illuminates the mystery of death with comforting certainties.

Our gaze on eternity is again comforted by the light of the mystery of the communion of saints. We have inherited from the most ancient Christian communities the certainty that there is an intense participation of life between us and our brothers and sisters who are in heavenly glory or who are still purifying themselves after death. We form one supernatural reality, one body with those who have gone before us in eternal life—the mystical body of Jesus Christ. We are therefore united, through Jesus, with those who have entered into the vision of God. But they have not left us. With them we form a community which is perfected in prayer and which the offering of the Eucharistic sacrifice realizes in an eminent way. The love that we continue to nourish for our dead is expressed in prayer and in a unique sharing of grace, as we are moved by piety to ask for their intercession, recalling their examples of Christian life. In the common prayer of the Church, which we address to God united to our departed, we can foretaste that liturgy of eternal glory, towards which we all journey sustained by hope. By virtue of communion with Christ, death does not eliminate fraternal communion, but exalts it and realizes it in a new dimension.

We turn to you, Immaculate Blessed Virgin. In you begins the mystery of the Redemption that frees us from death, because the inheritance of sin has not reached you. You are full of grace, and in you opens for us the kingdom of God, the new future of man. We invoke you, guide us on our way, Blessed Virgin, so that by working the truth we may come to the light of your Son, seek the grace of his word, faithfully walk the way that leads to the mountain of God, to the gentle port where our loved ones have arrived and where, with Jesus, you await us. Amen.

May Our Lady Help of Christians, Our Lady of Peace, Our Lady of Walsingham, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St Rita, St John Mary Vianney, St John Henry Newman all Holy Men & Women, pray for us.

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