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18 th May 2025 Psalter Week 1		Fifth Sunday of Easter	
First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 14:21b-27 <i>‘They declared to the Church all that God had done with them.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.		
Second Reading	Book of Revelation 21:1-5a <i>‘God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia!		
Gospel	John 13:31-33a, 34-35 <i>‘A new commandment I give you, that you love one another.’</i>		
Saturday 17 th May +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday 18 th May +		10.30am	Mass – (Ponso, Florida & Edward Soriano RIP)
Monday 19 th May St Dunston, Bishop Blessed Peter Wright		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Foundation Mass – Murphy family)
Tuesday 20 th May St Bernadine of Siena, Priest		9,15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Malcolm Saw RIP)
Wednesday 21 st May St Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and the Martyrs of Mexico.)			No Parish Mass Today
Thursday 22 nd May St Rita of Cascia, Religious		10.00am 10.30am 12noon	Mass – (Roberston family Ints.) Adoration with Confession
Friday – 23 rd May Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass- (Marie Costello RIP)
Saturday – 24 th May Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Linda Stevens RIP)
Sixth Sunday of Easter			
Saturday – 24 th May +		6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday – 25 th May +		10.30am	Mass – (Anne & Brendan Ludlow RIP)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – DIOCESAN BISHOPS FUND

Thank you for your Weekly Offering

Offertory	£305.00
Digital Collection Plate	£50.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£857.00



Month of May – Our Lady's Month

As we begin the month of May which we dedicate to Our Blessed Lady – Mother of God & Mother of the Church.

It would be good if we could all set aside some time each day during the month to pray the rosary. It would be good also if families could come together in their homes to pray the rosary – this will be a source of great grace. Suggested intentions: That the Holy Spirit will guide our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, for peace in our troubled

world, (particularly in Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudan). For the poor and marginalised in our society, for our families, friends, our parish...



Parish Patronal Solemnity this year falls on Saturday 24th May.

To celebrate the occasion we will, weather permitting, hold the **10.30am Sunday Mass on 25th May** in the garden. Our Social Committee are organising celebratory drinks/refreshments after the Mass – we very much hope that you will be able to join us.

Given that this will be the third Sunday in May that our Social Committee will have provided refreshments after the Sunday Mass,

there will not be any tea/coffee on the first Sunday of June.



Thank you – to all who have returned their application

forms to join the parish 100 Club. The response has been good and we hope everyone who would like to enter and has already taken a pack will bring their form back over the next two weeks. This will be a huge help to us to get everything

ready for the first draw on **Sunday 6th July**. If you have not had an information pack yet, please see Maura, Michele, or Toby after Mass. For those who have already completed an application form, you will receive a receipt for your payment and notification of your allocated number(s) by the end of May. For those of you still thinking about joining - Don't be shy, for less than the price of a cup of coffee a month you could win a £100 prize and there is no limit to the number of tickets you can purchase. **Many thanks from The 100 Club Committee for supporting this new fundraising venture for our parish.**



SVP Healing Mass – The annual SVP Healing Mass will be

celebrated by Fr Biju on **Saturday 31st May at midday** and will be followed by lunch. It would help us with the catering if you could let us know if you will be joining us for lunch. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Also please let us know if you would like transport either by phone on **07469 717760** or by email on veronicatarrant@aol.com or contact any member of the Parish SVP.



The lawn is an important part of our garden and our social life. We have some volunteers to cut the grass but the more often we can mow it the better it will become. We are getting our own motorised mower so please consider if you could help for two or three hours every few weeks – please speak with Graham Ryan or any member of the Garden Club.

The Spring Pant Sale will be after Mass on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May



The Parish SVP continue to provide transport for people who need it. We aim to be able to get people to Mass once a week (often a lot more). There is often a high demand which makes the transport arrangements difficult. We are very grateful to our volunteer drivers who are an enormous help to us. We have a great need for more volunteers - the more we have the less we will need

to call on you. If you can help, please contact Veronica or any member of the SVP as above. **Thank you.**

Children's Liturgy – Mike and Mary do a wonderful job in planning and delivering the liturgy to our young parishioners, we are looking for volunteers to help with this. In line with diocesan protocol, volunteers will be required to be DBS checked. If you are interested or would simply like to know more about what is involved, please contact Fr Bijou, Deacon Peter, Mike, or Mary.

Divine Mercy Talk - Fr Chris Alar MIC, Provincial Superior of the Marion Fathers of the Immaculate Conception at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge Massachusetts, will be visiting **St Joseph's Parish, Gerrards Cross** on **Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30pm**. He will speak on 'The Significance of the Divine Mercy Devotion'. The talk will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments. All are welcome.

Considering the Diaconate - Are you feeling called to serve in a deeper way? Come and learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese at an Information morning on 31st May 10.00am -12.00pm at St Mary's Parish, 82 West Street Dunstable. This is a great opportunity to explore the vocation of a Deacon, ask questions and discern if God is calling you to this ministry. For more information contact Fr Tony Brennan on 01582 662710 or by email to franthony.brennan@northamptondiocese.org

Newsletter Deadline – Items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter should be submitted to Denise **no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday afternoon**. Items submitted after this deadline cannot be guaranteed to be included until the following week.



Bishop David Welcomes Election of Pope Leo XIV

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pope Leo XIV has been elected to become the next Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pontiff of the Church. In this moment, we pray in gratitude for our Risen Saviour's abiding and generous love for His Body, the Church, in giving us the gift of a new Pope.

Pope Leo lived his priesthood within the religious life of the Augustinian Order. And so, he will have drunk deeply from the spirituality of St Augustine. This great saint is the Doctor of Grace.

Pope Leo will show us the power of God's gracious love at work in our lives and calling us to a deeper experience of this love for ourselves and through us, for others. He may share with us in time, why he chose the name Leo. The last Pope to choose this name is known for his pastoral solicitude towards the right of workers. He was able to draw upon the theological insights of St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas. He dedicated the world of his time to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the twentieth century to the Holy Spirit. May we see something of this in the ministry of Pope Leo XIV?

At this important moment in salvation history and in our troubled world, please join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV, that he will show us how to become missionary evangelists of loving charity. Every person may be comforted by Pope Leo XIV's words on the occasion of his election. Greeting us with the words 'Peace be with you', he said, 'This is the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarming and humble and preserving peace. It comes from God. God, who loves all of us, without any limits or conditions.'

Yours devotedly in Christ,

✠ David



With our love and prayers, Fr Biju and Deacon Peter