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8 th June 2025 Psalter Week 2		Pentecost - Veni, Sancte Spiritus	
First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 <i>‘They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.		
Second Reading	St Paul to Romans 8:8-17 <i>‘For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!		
Gospel	John 14:15-16, 23b-26 <i>‘The Holy Spirit will teach you all things.’</i>		
Saturday 7 th June +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday 8 th June +		10.30am	Mass – (Tessa Woolmer RIP)
So, Eastertide Ends			
Ordinary Time Resumes: Lectionary Year 1 – Week 10			
Monday 9 th June Mary, Mother of the Church		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Tim Ashford RIP)
Tuesday 10 th June Feria		9,15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Eileen Barrett Ints.)
Wednesday 11 th June St Barnabas - Apostle			No Parish Mass Today
Thursday 12 th June OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST		10.00am 10.30am 12noon	Mass – (Yvonne Williamson RIP) Adoration with Confession
Friday – 13 th June St Anthony of Padua – Priest & Doctor		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass- (Fr Malcolm Bull Ints.)
Saturday – 14 th June Feria		11.00am	Mass - First Holy Communion
The Most Holy Trinity			
Saturday – 14 th June +		6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday – 15 th June +		10.30am	Mass – (Deceased members & friends of the Ayles family)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – DAY FOR LIFE

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£376.65
Digital Collection Plate	£50.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£928.65
World Communication Day	£55.20



Clergy News – Bishop David has announced several Clergy appointments. Included in these **Fr Biju is appointed Parish Priest of St Mary's, Dunstable** – this move will be sometime in September, the exact date will be communicated to you once this has been finalised. Fr Daniel Rooke is appointed Parish Priest here at Our Lady Help of Christians and St Lawrence and Chaplain to HMP Aylesbury. Fr Daniel was ordained Priest on 26th September 2020 – he currently serves at the Cathedral. Albeit Fr Biju's time with us has been somewhat brief, we have been very fortunate to have been blessed with such a caring and loving Parish Priest. We thank God for Fr Biju's faithful priestly ministry and pray for him, his family, and friends as he prepares to embark of the next phase of his spiritual journey. Whilst Fr Biju's departure from our parish is sad news, it is also happy news as we believe it to be God's will. **God bless you Fr Biju.**

SVP Healing Mass – The SVP would like to thank everyone who attended the very special Healing Mass celebrated by Fr Biju. We all went joyously into the hall to enjoy every each other's company over lunch. Thaks also for your very kind donations. This was another wonderful day for our parish and we thank God for the many graces bestowed upon us all. – *Deo Gr̄tias!*

Vacancy – The Daughters of the Holy Spirit are advertising for a finance manager based in Olney. The post will be for three days a week. Closing date for applications is midday **9th June 2025**. To request further details including the detailed role description please Email: recruitmentdhsiw@gmail.co.uk

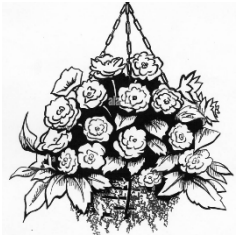


First Holy Communion – **next Saturday morning** here in Our Lady's, a group of our younger parishioners will be receiving their First Holy Communion. In the days leading up to next Saturday, please keep our young people, their families, and friends, in your thoughts and prayers.



Parish Forum - Last week we published the first notice of the Parish Forum meeting due to take place on **Monday the 9th of June at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall**. The Forum is your best opportunity to find out what the many volunteers are doing on your behalf. On this occasion the Parish Council is reporting on its first year of operation. They have produced a summary of some of the work in progress and there are copies of this available to you as you leave the church. Have a good read and bring your ideas to the meeting. Your voice really does matter!

Liturgy Commission – Holy Hour – The annual Holy Hour to celebrate the Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be live streamed from Northampton Cathedral at **3.00pm on Sunday 29th June**. All Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to attend in person or join via the livestream and to renew their commitment as lay ministers.



Plant Sale Update – many thanks once again to everyone who supported the recent Plant Sale. The final figure for the money raised is a magnificent **£294.65** Of this, **£100** will be donated to the local charity, 'Olney is Kind' and the remaining **£194.65** to support our parish Gardening Club projects.



If you would still like to join The 100 Club, we are requesting that you return your application form and make payment by **next Sunday 15th June** to ensure you are entered in the first draw which will take place on Sunday 6th July.

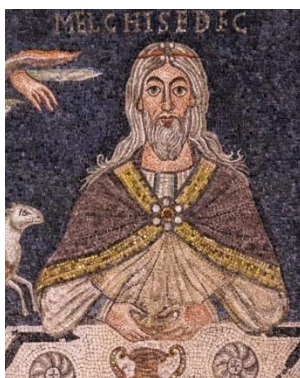
By now all who have entered will have received their unique colour/combination either by email (or by letter if no email address was provided). If you have returned an application form and have not yet heard from The 100 Club team to confirm your entry, could you please email:

the100clubourladysolney@gmail.com Alternatively speak to Michele Attwood or Toby Cooper after Mass and they will look into why you have not had confirmation of your entry. **Many thanks from The 100 Club Committee for supporting this new fundraising venture for our parish.**



Month of June Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion is a way to honour the love and compassion symbolized by Jesus' heart. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on **Friday 27th June**. During the month of June Fr Biju is offering to visit and bless your home if you wish. Please speak directly to Fr Biju to arrange this.



The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest is celebrated on the first Thursday after Pentecost and focuses on Jesus' Priestly Office (*Latin: Munus sacerdotale*). Jesus is considered the model for believers, and particularly the clergy, with priests acting in '**Persona Christi**' ("In the person of Christ"). We are thus urged to pray that priests would be more like Christ, the compassionate and trustworthy high priest (*Hebrews 2:17*), ever-living to intercede for humanity before The Father (*Hebrews 7:25*).

Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention - That the world might grow in compassion -

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart learn to have compassion on the world.

Pentecost Reflection – Pope Benedict XVI



At times it is thought that missionary effectiveness depends primarily on careful programming and its subsequent intelligent application through a concrete commitment.

The Lord certainly does ask us for our collaboration, but before any other response his initiative is necessary: His Spirit is the true protagonist of the Church. The roots of our being and of our action are in the wise and provident silence of God. The Pentecost of the Spirit, with the gift of tongues, shows that his presence unites and transforms confusion into communion. Man's pride and egoism always creates divisions, builds walls of indifference, hatred, and violence.

The Holy Spirit, on the contrary, makes hearts capable of understanding everyone's languages, as it re-establishes the bridge of authentic communication between earth and heaven. **The Holy Spirit is love.**

This is the mystery of Pentecost: The Holy Spirit illuminates the human spirit and, on revealing Christ crucified and risen, indicates the way to become more like him, that is, to be **"expression and instrument of love that comes from him"** ("Deus Caritas Est," No. 33).

The Church, gathered with Mary, as at her birth, today implores:

"Veni, Sancte Spiritus!" -- "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of thy love!" Amen.



"It is the Holy Spirit that helps us love God and love our neighbour"

Pope Francis

With our love and prayers, Fr Biju, and Deacon Peter