



## Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence

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28 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 Psalter Week 2		Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Prophet Amos 6:1a, 4-7 <i>‘The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	My soul give praise to the Lord.		
Second Reading	1 St Paul to Timothy 6:11-16 <i>‘Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you buy his poverty might become rich. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Luke 16:19-31 <i>‘You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.’</i>		
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September +		6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September +		10.30am	Mass – (SVP Members & Benefactors)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael - Archangels		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Fr Derek Laverty RIP)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September St Jerome – Priest & Doctor		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Marie Therese Poulaileau RIP)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October St Thérèse of the Child Jesus – Virgin & Doctor			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October The Holy Guardian Angels		6.00pm 6.45pm	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Betty Pentony Ints.)
Friday – 3 <sup>rd</sup> October St Thomas Cantiloupe - Bishop			No Parish Mass today
Saturday – 4 <sup>th</sup> October St Francis of Assisi Religious			No Parish Mass Morning today
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday – 4 <sup>th</sup> October +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday – 5 <sup>th</sup> October +		10.30am	Mass – (Deceased members of the Chapman family)

**WEEK TWO: ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT**

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£278.70
Digital Collection Plate	£45.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£825.70</b>



**Message from the Parish SVP** – we will be holding our annual appeal **this weekend**. In addition to envelopes distributed last weekend, you can also donate via the digital collection plate (select SVP). Members of the SVP will be available after Mass today if you would like to chat to us or ask any questions. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.



**CAFOD - Cafod Harvest Fast Day this year is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

a day when we are asked to live and eat more simply, recognising the needs of others throughout the world who struggle to survive. The theme this year is '**love thy neighbour as thyself.**' These are the words of Jesus himself and a phrase very familiar to all of us. This year Cafod has chosen Ethiopia as the country to show neighbourly love and support. The Cafod Appeal talk and distribution of Fast Day

envelopes will be given out over the weekend **4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> October** and contribution envelopes collected the following weekend **11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> October**.

Thank you for your continuing generosity. **Parish Cafod Support Group**

**The First Thursday Discussion Club** meets **this coming Thursday, 2nd October, at 7.30pm-8.30pm, after Mass at 6.45pm.** The theme for 2025-26 is 'Faith in the Arts'. We will be completing our introduction to this year's series by considering what recent Popes from Paul VI to Leo XIV have said and done about the interplay of the arts and faith, with special reference to Paul VI in 1964 and Benedict XVI in 2009 each meeting artists in the Sistine Chapel. Mention of Pope Francis meeting the film-maker Martin Scorsese in 2023 will lead us towards our 6th November discussion, when Revd Hugh Reid will be reflecting on Faith and Film. All are welcome.



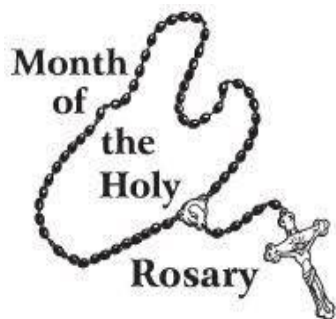
**PILGRIMS OF HOPE – JUBILEE EVENT** – All the parishes in our Pastoral Area are getting together to celebrate the Jubilee **next Saturday 4th October at St Pauls Catholic School, Milton Keynes**

The parishes are ourselves, Olney, Stoney Stratford, Buckingham, Milton Keynes cluster, Bletchley, Woburn Sands and Winslow. It will be a great opportunity to meet people from other

parishes share idea and make see the wider community of which our parish is part. The format is around a **Mass at 11am**. There is an extensive music programme and some members of our choir will be singing with other choirs at the Mass. Before and after Mass there will be displays to show what is going on in the Pastoral Area. **Our own Gardening Club and First Thursday club will be providing displays.** After Mass there is a shared meal (please bring a plate). Please come along and support our parishioners. All ages are welcome.



**First Holy Communion** - Classes will start **next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. If you have a child in Year 2 or above and you would like them to make their 1st Holy Communion, please contact Denise on [parish.olney@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.olney@northamptondiocese.org) or call her on 01234 711212 for a registration form. Further details will be announced later.



## October - Month of the Holy Rosary

During the month of October, traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, Pope Leo XIV has called on Catholics around the world to pray the Rosary daily, uniting in prayer for peace in war-torn regions. Announced during the Wednesday General Audience, the Holy Father encourages the faithful to join in this powerful prayer of intercession.



## St Francis of Assisi

St Francis was born at Assisi in the year 1182 - from being a light-hearted youth, he changed, gave up his inheritance and bound himself to God, embracing poverty and living the life of the gospels. He preached to all the love of God. He gave to his followers' wise rules which were approved by the Holy See. He laid the foundation of an order of nuns, of groups of penitents living in the world, and of preaching the gospel to infidels. He died in the year 1226. We celebrate his feast day this coming Saturday – 4<sup>th</sup> October.

*Thought for the week: 'Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible.'*

**St Francis of Assisi**



## Installation of Two New Canons at Northampton Cathedral

On Thursday 18th September 2025, Northampton Cathedral welcomed the installation of Canon Christopher Perry and Canon Simon Penhalagan, Dean of the Cathedral, into the Cathedral Chapter. The celebration took place during midday prayer, in the presence of their brother Canons gathering to witness this important moment in the life of

our Diocese. **What is a Canon?** - A canon is a priest who has been specially appointed to serve as a member of the Cathedral Chapter, a body that supports the bishop in the governance of the cathedral and, historically, in the wider governance of the diocese. Canons have both a symbolic and a practical role: they are called to model prayerful service, safeguard the mission of the Church, and strengthen the unity of clergy and people around the bishop. Our parish sends our love and prayers to both Canon Christopher & Canon Simon.



## October – the Month of the Holy Rosary

The Rosary is a prayer favoured by so many saints in the life of the church – Padre Pio, Pope St John Paul II, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and many, many others. It is a powerful prayer – useful in intercession for ourselves, the Church and the world, a help in temptation and trials, a comfort in tribulation and desolation.

The Rosary is a form of meditation. As we pray the ten Hail Marys in each decade, we ponder on one of the events of the life of Jesus and of Mary - but we do not do this on our own. In a sense, we are putting our hand into that of Mary and she guides us to look at these events through her eyes, with her hearts and her mind. Mary is a great model of this kind of prayer.

We are told in Luke's Gospel on several occasions that she treasured these things in her heart – **she pondered over them**. Mary teaches us through the Rosary to look with her eyes at the life of her Son, to ponder over these events, these mysteries, to contemplate Jesus and the whole marvellous plan of God which is summed up in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. In mediating on the life of Jesus as He was on earth, we are led by Mary to contemplate Jesus as He is now in heaven and to experience His presence now in our hearts. Each recitation of the Rosary is a walk with Mary, a walk whose steps with her bring us ever closer to the true goal of our lives, when we shall see God face to face in heaven and become like Him.

Please do pray the Rosary – for our parish, for our Diocese and our Bishop and Priests, for the Church, for our world. We live in times when there is a lot of noise, so many words with very little of substance being said. These are disturbing and difficult moments, when we need as Catholics to become people of prayer and of intercession for our world. We need also to pray for the sick, the dying and those who have died. We need to pray for saints for our age, for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, for families and for married couples, for our young and for our old.

We need to pray for the conversion of all people to the Lord, for more labourers in the vineyard to bring the Good News to a world mired in so much bad news, division, and recrimination. **We need especially now to pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world.** We might ask ourselves, "But what can I do? How can I make any difference to all this?" **Pray the Rosary** – we will make a difference just by praying the Rosary and Our Lady will show us what the Lord wants us to do and how we can do it, just as she did.



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