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19 th October 2025 Psalter Week 1		Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	
First Reading	Exodus 17:8-13 <i>‘Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.		
Second Reading	2 St Paul to Timothy 3:14-4-2 <i>‘That the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Luke 18: 1-8 <i>‘God will give justice to his elect, who cry to him.’</i>		
Saturday 18 th October +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass – (<i>Pro Populo</i>)
Sunday 19 th October +		10.30am	Mass – (<i>Michael Graney RIP</i>)
Monday 20 th October <i>Feria</i>		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass (<i>Fr Daniel’s Ints</i>)
Tuesday 21 st October <i>Feria</i>		9,15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (<i>Eileen Barrett RIP</i>)
Wednesday 22 nd October St John Paul II - Pope			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 23 rd October St John of Capistrano - Priest		9,15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (<i>Rosemarie Grunnell RIP</i>)
Friday – 24 th October St Anthony Mary Claret - Bishop		9,15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (<i>Eileen Barrett RIP</i>)
Saturday – 25 th October <i>Feria</i>		9,15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (<i>Fr Biju’s Ints.</i>)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday – 25 th October +		6.30pm	Vigil Mass – Rite of Induction Mass for Fr Daniel
Sunday – 26 th October +		10.30am	Mass – (<i>Pro Populo</i>)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – MISSION SUNDAY(MISSIO)

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£325.68
Digital Collection Plate	£65.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£892.68



NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Holy Souls envelopes are now available in the narthex. Can you please print clearly the name of the deceased on a piece of paper and place in the envelope, together with any offering, and return to the church no later than **Sunday 2nd November** please.



Proud to be the Pope's Charity for World Mission

Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Sometimes this need might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together for vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it. **There is a Second Collection this weekend to support the work of Mission.**

Missio Red Boxes - Could box holders please return them to the church over the next two weeks to be emptied. Thank you.



Fr Daniel – Induction Mass - Please join us in celebrating the Induction of our new Parish Priest, Father Daniel, **next Saturday, 25th October**. All are invited to attend! There will be a welcome reception with refreshments (teas, coffee, sandwiches, cakes) at 4.30pm Then there will be a short introduction from Fr Daniel about his story, journey, and vision for ministry. The induction takes place during the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm. After Mass there will be more celebration with wine, cheese, and other light drinks. If you can only come for a part of it, great, no pressure! There will be some of Fr Daniel's wider family and friends joining us for this special occasion. We look forward to celebrating the start of Fr Daniel's time with us!



Plant Sale – following on from the very successful plant sale last Summer and by popular request, there will be sale of summer perennial plants after the Masses **next weekend 25th/26th 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.



Eileen Barrett RIP

We were deeply saddened to learn that the Lord, in his great wisdom and mercy, has called home his faithful servant Eileen, Fr David's mother. We offer our sincere condolences and prayers to Fr David and his family in the midst of their grief. We pray that the angels will lead her to her heavenly reward. Eileen's Requiem Mass will take place at **11.00am on Wednesday 29th October at St Joseph's Church, Gardenia Avenue, Luton LU3 2NS**

'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord; inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.' – Matthew 25:34

Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee Event was held on Saturday 4th October where over 400 people from our Pastoral Area gathered at St Paul's Catholic School, Milton Keynes to celebrate the Pastoral Area Jubilee Mass presided over by our Dean, Canon Francis Higgins. Mike Galvin, our parish representative on the Pastoral Area Council has received the following letter of thanks:

Dear everyone, The Pastoral Area Council would like to thank you all who helped in any way to make the recent Jubilee event such a success. Without so much help, it could never have happened. Thank you also to all who supported it too. We hope this will be the beginning of more shared events across our pastoral area.

Vron Corben, on behalf of the MK Pastoral Area Council



Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Olney Friday 6th December & Saturday 7th December This year's theme is The Three Kings

We will not need any Christmas tree decorations, but we thought it would be an ideal Christmas offering if anyone who is able and willing could make a small gift. Some of these will be used to decorate around the Christmas tree and then displayed in our church before being donated to the SVP for delivery in and around Olney – Any gift donations to Vivienne Young please.



Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation, Dilexi te ("I have loved you"), is a heartfelt invitation to the Church and to all the faithful to rediscover the heart of the Gospel: the love of Christ revealed in love for the poor. Rooted in the mystery of the Incarnation, when God became man and chose poverty for our sake, this document is both a profound reflection on divine love and a passionate call to action. You can read the document at: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html

In today's gospel reading Jesus tells his disciples a parable "about the need to pray always and not to lose heart."



A Catechism on prayer, by St John Mary Vianney

Consider, children, a Christian's treasure is not on earth, it is in heaven. Well then, our thoughts should turn to where our treasure is. Man has a noble task: that of prayer and love. To pray and to love, that is the happiness of man on earth.

Prayer is nothing else than union with God. When the heart is pure and united with God it is consoled and filled with sweetness; it is dazzled by a marvellous light. In this intimate union God and the soul are like two pieces of wax moulded into one; they cannot any more be separated. It is a very wonderful thing, this union of God with his insignificant creature, a happiness passing all understanding.

We had deserved to be left incapable of praying; but God in his goodness has permitted us to speak to him. Our prayer is an incense that is delightful to God.

My children, your hearts are small, but prayer enlarges them and renders them capable of loving God. Prayer is a foretaste of heaven, an overflowing of heaven. It never leaves us without sweetness; it is like honey; it descends into the soul and sweetens everything. In a prayer well made, troubles vanish like snow under the rays of the sun.

Prayer makes time seem to pass quickly, and so pleasantly that one fails to notice how long it is. When I was parish priest of Bresse, once almost all my colleagues were ill, and as I made long journeys I used to pray to God, and, I assure you, the time did not seem long to me. There are those who lose themselves in prayer, like a fish in water, because they are absorbed in God. There is no division in their hearts. How I love those noble souls! Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Colette saw our Lord and spoke to him as we speak to one another.

As for ourselves, how often do we come to church without thinking what we are going to do or for what we are going to ask. And yet, when we go to call upon someone, we have no difficulty in remembering why it was we came. Some appear as if they were about to say to God: 'I am just going to say a couple of words, so I can get away quickly.'

I often think that when we come to adore our Lord we should get all we ask if we asked for it with a lively faith and a pure heart.



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