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2 nd November 2025 Psalter Week 3		All Saints	
First Reading	Book of Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 <i>‘Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.		
Second Reading	1 St John 3:1-3 <i>‘We shall see God as he is.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12a <i>‘Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’</i>		
Saturday 1 st November +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday 2 nd November +		10.30am	Mass – (Eileen Barrett RIP)
Monday 3 rd November COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED		8.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	Mass (Holy Souls) Mass (Eileen Barrett RIP) Mass (Pope Leo – Int)
Tuesday 4 th November St Charles Borromeo - Bishop		9,15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Pro Populo & Benefactors of the SVP) – Holy Souls A-B
Wednesday 5 th November Feria			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 6 th November Feria		6.00pm 6.45pm	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Michael McMurray RIP) Holy Souls C-D
Friday – 7 th November St Willibrord - Bishop		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Br Tony Nolan RIP) Holy Souls E-F
Saturday – 8 th November Blessed Duns Scotus - Priest		9,15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Patricia O’Shea RIP) Holy Souls G-H
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica			
Saturday – 8 th November +		6.00 pm 6.30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass (Pro Populo) Holy Souls i-J-K
Sunday – 9 th November +		9.30am	Mass – (David Watson RIP) Holy Souls L-M

Second Collection this weekend for Sick and Retired Clergy of the Diocese

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£482.62
Digital Collection Plate	£100.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£1084.62
Missio Collection	£200.07

No children's liturgy this weekend or next.
Next 1st Holy Communion class is 9th November at 8.45am

Christmas cards and advent calendars are available in the church porch.



Fr Daniel – Induction Mass – Last Saturday we came together to celebrate the Induction Mass for Fr Daniel as our new Parish Priest. This was a wonderful occasion in the life of our parish and we would like to thank everyone that was involved, in whatever way, in ensuring that it was such a joyous occasion. Of course, in the midst of our celebrations we continue to thank God for Fr Daniel's faithful ministry as a Priest and keep Fr Daniel in our love and prayers as he embarks on the next stage of his ministry as our Parish Priest.



Plant Sale – Thank you to everyone who braved the cold and visited the plant stall last weekend. Gardening Club members have donated a lot of plants so we will move the stall into the Hall where it will be much warmer for browsing. We will keep the stall open until after the coffee morning and 100 Club draw on Tuesday 4th November.



100 Club Draw – November - After the celebrations for Fr Daniel's induction as our parish priest last weekend there will be no teas and coffees after Mass today, Sunday 2nd November. The 100 Club draw for November will, instead, take place during the teas and coffees after **10am Mass on Tuesday 4th November**.

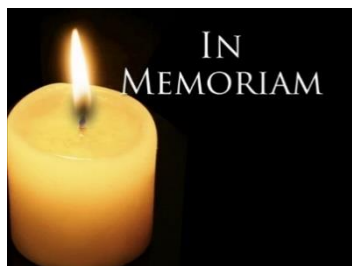
The First Thursday Discussion Club meets this coming **Thursday, 6th November, at 7.30pm-8.30pm, after Mass at 6.45pm**. The theme for 2025-6 is Faith in the Arts. Revd Hugh Reid will be reflecting on Faith and Film. All are welcome. Thinking ahead to the 4th December meeting, everyone would be welcome to share with us in our Advent gathering an image (for instance, a Christmas card or a photo of a painting, whether famous or by a child in your family) or a sound (for example, a recording of a carol or your own rendition on the night of a carol or a poem or a reading about Christmas) or an object (such as a favourite crib) or just to tell us something about the Art of Christmas which has touched you. Thank you.



Remembrance Sunday - 9th November 2025

Please note that **next Sunday 9th November**, Mass will be changed to begin at **9.30am** for that day only. This will allow those who wish to join in with the town's Remembrance Sunday Commemoration.

The Parish CAFOD Support Team - would like to thank parishioners for their generous donation of £485.00. The money raised will be used to support aid in Ethiopia.



In Memoriam Mass

The annual Parish Memorial Mass is on **Saturday 15th November 4.00pm** this will also be the Vigil Mass and will be followed by tea, scones & cake. The Mass will be celebrated for our loved ones who have died since 2023 and now. All who have lost someone special will have their names entered into our parish memorial book, read out and a candle lit in their memory. Please let Denise have any names no later than Wednesday evening 5th November. These names should not be confused with the November Holy Souls envelopes. If you wish to bring a picture of your loved one to be placed by the candles please do. We are happy to provide transport if needed - 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.



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.



Our annual parish Christmas Concert will be held on **Friday 19th December at 7.00pm** here in our church. An evening of carols, readings and prayer followed by seasonal refreshments in the parish hall. Everyone welcome! This year the proceeds from the concert will go to 'Willen Hospice.'



Saint John Henry Newman - This Saturday, 1 November 2025, Saint John Henry Newman will be declared the 38th Doctor of the Church. This great honour will be conferred by Pope Leo XIV in St Peter's Square, Vatican City, at 10.30am (EST), and will mark the culmination of events celebrating the Jubilee of Education. Earlier this week, Pope Leo named Saint John Henry Newman "patron of the Church's educational mission alongside St Thomas Aquinas."



Thought for the Month of Holy Souls: "We must say many prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, for one must be so pure to enter heaven"

St John Mary Vianney

Reflection on All Saints and All Souls



All Saints - Who are we? St. John answers that beautifully in our second reading today:

"We are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall be like him..."

The Solemnity of All Saints reminds us of who we are and what a bright future can be ours. As we celebrate all the saints, both those canonized and those who are unknown to us, we are joyful that they have reached the goal of life, heaven. They remind us to keep our sights fixed high, to remember who we are and the glorious possibility that God offers each one of us. The saints encourage us in our own struggles because, like us, they also endured immense hardships, but they grew from strength to strength, they matured in the Lord as they grew in years. We also see this journey of growth in the great people of the Bible. We could think of Abraham whom Genesis tells us pretended his wife was his sister because he was afraid, but Abraham grew to become our father in faith. Moses had a speech impediment and had murdered and protested being called by God but he led his people to the Promised Land. In the Gospels Peter is impulsive and does not want the Lord to suffer but in Acts he is totally transformed and considers it an honour to suffer for the Lord. Interestingly in Acts even Peter's shadow is a source of healing, something which is not said of Jesus in the Gospels. Obviously, Peter's Formation Adviser was out of this world!



All Souls - After judgment three choices await us: hell, purgatory or heaven; hell, for those who have rejected God, heaven for those who die as saints and purgatory for everybody else. We would all like to go immediately to heaven when we die but we need to ask ourselves, are we living in such a way that we will die as saints? Would it be more realistic for us to expect to spend some time in purgatory being purified? Only perfect love can see God face to face, so in purgatory we are purified that we may see God face to face. On the solemnity of the Holy Souls, we especially pray for all the souls who are still in purgatory

undergoing purification and growing in love before they are ready to see God face to face in heaven. It is out of our belief in purgatory that the commemoration of the Holy Souls springs for if we did not believe in purgatory the commemoration of the Holy Souls and our prayers for them would not make sense. We believe that God is all merciful and that Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection saved us but that does not excuse us from being purified. Jesus has saved us but we still need to make amends for the sins that we have committed and we need to be purified. This expiation for sin must be made either in this life or the next. During life we receive many opportunities to expiate sin through the sacraments and through our sufferings but after death any unexpiated sin needs to be purified. This is what Purgatory is, purification for unexpiated sin, being healed of the negative effects of sin which do not leave us totally open to grace.

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