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9 th November 2025 Psalter Week 4		The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
First Reading	Ezekiel 47:1-2; 8-9; 12 <i>‘I saw water flowing from the Temple, and all to whom this water came were saved.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	The waters of a river give joy to God’s city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.		
Second Reading	1 St Paul to the Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 <i>‘You are God’s temple.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever. Alleluia!		
Gospel	John 2: 13-22		
Saturday 8 th November +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo) Holy Souls: I-J-K
Sunday 9 th November +		9.30am	Mass – (David Watson RIP) Holy Souls: L-M
Monday 10 th November St Leo the Great - Pope		9,15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Maura & Peter Dempsey RIP) Holy Souls: N-O
Tuesday 11 th November St Martin of Tours – Bishop		9,15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (David O’Connor RIP) Holy Souls: P-Q-R
Wednesday 12 th November St Josaphat – Bishop & Martyr			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 13 th November Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Michael McMurray RIP) Holy Souls: S-T
Friday – 14 th November Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Tom Moore RIP) Holy Souls: U-V
Saturday – 15 th November St Albert the Great – Bishop & Doctor		9,15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (James Crilly RIP) Holy Souls: W-X-Y-Z
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday – 15 th November +		4.00pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass – Parish Memorial Mass (Faithful Departed) Vigil Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday – 16 th November +		10.30am	Mass – (Deacon Peter – Int.)

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£287.24
Digital Collection Plate	£60.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£849.24



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When you get home,
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow, we gave our today



In Memoriam Mass

The annual Parish Memorial Mass is **next 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 **Thursday evening 13th 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 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.



Congratulations to our latest 100 Club winner!
Janet Goodland

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In a break with tradition the draw took place on Tuesday after the 10am Mass. Thank you to Tricia and Liz for drawing the number and colour. Watch this space for details of when the December draw will take place!



Plant Sale – a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our annual Autumn Plant sale – it was another huge success! We will let you know next week how much was made. We very much hope that your newly acquired plants will bring you much joy & pleasure. Thanks also to the Gardening Club for organising this.

Christmas cards and advent calendars are available in the narthex



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.'



Love Christmas 2025- Share the Joy, Spread the Light.

This Advent, join Caritas Northampton's Love Christmas Campaign and help bring the true spirit of Christmas to those most in need across our diocese. Over the past four years, your generosity has shared over 1,700 Bags of Kindness, touching the lives of more than 4,000 people, from children in care and young carers to isolated elderly and families struggling to make ends meet. Together, we can make an even greater difference this year. Simply collect small gifts, such as toys, chocolates, warm clothing, or toiletries and we will provide the bags which can be left at the church/presbytery for collection by Caritas. Let us fill our community with hope and compassion this Christmas.

Further information: <https://northamptondiocese.org/caritas/>



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.



Sacrament of Confirmation – Early in the new year we are hoping to begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are in **School Year 7** or above, or you know of someone who is, and would like to begin preparation for the Sacrament of then please give your details to either Fr Daniel or Deacon Peter. Likewise, if you are an adult & have not yet been Confirmed but wish to know more about what is involved in preparing for the Sacrament then please contact Fr Daniel or Deacon Peter.



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

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The liturgy today has us celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, called the "mother and head of all the Churches of the *Urbe* and *Orbe*". This Basilica was the first to be built after the Edict of the Emperor Constantine who, in 313, conceded to Christians the freedom to practice their religion. The same Emperor gave Pope Miltiades the ancient estate of the Laterani family and had the Basilica, the Baptistery and the Patriarchate built for him, the latter being the Bishop of Rome's residence, where Popes resided until the Avignon era. The dedication of the Basilica was celebrated by Pope Silvester in about 324 and the temple was dedicated to the Most Holy Saviour; only after the 6th century were the names of Ss John the Baptist and John the Evangelist added, from which came its common name. This occasion initially only involved the city of Rome; then, from 1565 onwards, it extended to the entire Church of the Roman rite. Hence, honouring the holy building is meant as an expression of love and veneration for the Roman Church "which", as St Ignatius of Antioch affirms, "presides in charity" over the entire Catholic communion (cf. *Epistula ad Romanos*, 1, 1).

The Word of God during this Solemnity recalls an essential truth: the stone temple is the symbol of the living Church, the Christian community, that the Apostles Peter and Paul had, in their Letters, already understood as a "spiritual building", constructed by God with the "living stones" that are the Christians, upon the one foundation that is Jesus Christ, who is in turn compared to the "cornerstone" cf. 1 Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17; 1 Pt 2: 4-8; Eph 2: 20-22). "Brethren, you are God's building", St Paul writes, and he adds, "God's temple is holy, and you are that temple" (1 Cor 3: 9c, 17). The beauty and the harmony of churches, destined to render praise to God, invites us human beings too, though limited and sinful, to convert ourselves to form a "cosmos", a well-ordered construction, in close communion with Jesus, who is the true Holy of Holies. This reaches its culmination in the Eucharistic liturgy, in which the "*ecclesia*" that is, the community of baptized finds itself again united to listen to the Word of God and nourish itself on the Body and Blood of Christ. Gathered around this twofold table, the Church of living stones builds herself up in truth and in love and is moulded interiorly by the Holy Spirit, transforming herself into what she receives, conforming herself ever more to her Lord Jesus Christ. She herself, if she lives in sincere and fraternal unity, thus becomes a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to God. Dear friends, today's feast celebrates an ever-current mystery: that God desires to build himself a spiritual temple in the world, a community that adores him in spirit and truth (cf. Jn 4: 23-24). But this occasion reminds us also of the importance of the concrete buildings in which the community gathers to celebrate God's praises. Every community therefore has the duty to carefully guard their holy structures, which constitute a precious religious and historical patrimony. For this we invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, so that she might help us to become, like her, a "house of God", living temple of his love.

Pope Benedict XVI
St Peter's Square, Sunday, 9 November 2008

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