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24 <sup>th</sup> May 2026		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	1 St Paul to the Corinthians <i>'In one Spirit we were all baptise into one body.'</i>		
Sequence	Veni, Sancte Spiritus		
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 20:19-23 <i>'As the Father sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.'</i>		
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May +	10.30am	Mass - (Ashley Appleton – Thanksgiving)	
<b>Ordinary Time resumes – Lectionary Year 2 – Week 8</b>			
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Tom Treherne Ints)	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May St Philip Neri, Priest	10.00am	Mass – (Judy & David Ashford RIP)	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May St Augustine of Canterbury - Bishop		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May + OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	6.00pm 6.45pm	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Jon Chapple Ints.)	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May Our Lady Help of Christians, Patronal Solemnity	11.00am	Mass - (For all Seminarians)	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May Blessed Richard Newport – Priest & Martyr	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Anne RIP)	
<b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>			
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Deceased members of the Humpherries family)	
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May +	10.30am	Mass - (Pro Populo)	

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£325.53
Digital Collection Plate	£40.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£867.53</b>



## Month of May – Our Lady’s Month

During the month of May, which we dedicate to Our Blessed Lady, Mother of God & Mother of the Church, it would be good if we could all set aside some time each day during the month to pray the rosary. It would be good also if families could come together in their homes to pray the rosary – this will be a source of great grace. Suggested intentions: That the Holy Spirit will guide our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, for peace in our troubled world, (particularly in Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Sudan). For the poor and marginalised in our society, for our families, friends, our parish... The church will be open during the day for quiet prayer.



**Welcome ‘Home’ Fr David – this coming Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May**, we welcome Fr David together with a group of Seminarians from Allen Hall, who will be visiting the parish for the day. Fr David will be celebrating Mass here at **11.00am** which is most poignant as it falls on the Patronal Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians. This will be a most fitting opportunity for us to come together as God’s family and celebrate Mass with Fr David and the Seminarians. There will be refreshments after the Mass to which you are all most welcome.

## News from the Gardening Club



The annual Spring/Summer Plant Sale will be held from **next Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May until Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. All of the items on sale have been lovingly grown and nurtured by the members of our parish Gardening Club. Please do come along and see what is on offer and perhaps, weather permitting, enjoy a cup of tea in the garden – everyone welcome!



**100 Club Update** – The draw in June will be the last of the first very successful year of the 100 Club. Many thanks to all who have taken part. All current members will be contacted within the next week regarding renewal of membership for another year either by email to the address you supplied when you joined or by letter if you did not supply an email address.

We would love for everyone who did not have the opportunity to join last year to become members for the year ahead. Michele will be explaining all about the 100 Club at Masses this weekend and an information pack will be available after Mass and at the back of the church for new members. **Please don’t take an information pack if you are already a member** as you will be contacted by the 100 Club Committee shortly. If you have any questions or would like more information about joining the 100 Club, please send an email to: [the100clubourladysolney@gmail.com](mailto:the100clubourladysolney@gmail.com)



**Medical Emergencies** - Thank you to the 17 people who attended the Defibrillator Awareness session on Tuesday evening. It was a very informative session with plenty of time to ask questions as well providing the opportunity to have a go at doing CPR and practice operating a defibrillator. The South-Central Ambulance Team that ran the session made the point that anything you can do to help, before a first responder or ambulance arrives is a positive thing and they are keen for the community to step up. Thank you for responding so positively by engaging with this course.



### Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda - Appeal 30th/31st May

This Charity provides a future, through education, for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Trustee, will give a brief talk at all the Masses next weekend about their work. For further information about EVC please go to their website at: <https://www.evcuganda.org/>

**Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella, 9th June @ 7pm at St Thomas Aquinas, Bletchley MK2 2JE. For full details see poster in the porch.**



**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*).



## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if you were already there,  
and I unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.**

## Regina Caeli

Regina caeli, Laetare, alleluia.  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.  
Gaude et Laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.  
Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

## Prayer to Our Lady Help of Christians

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians,  
how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help.  
If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the  
most loving of all mothers forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your  
perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my  
temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.  
Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your  
intercessions many vocations to the religious life.  
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth  
we may love and eternally thank you in heaven. Amen



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