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3 rd May 2026	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A) Christus surrexit vere, alleluia!	
First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 <i>'They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.'</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.	
Second Reading	1 St Peter 2:4-9 <i>'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.'</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia!	
Gospel	John 14:1-12 <i>'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'</i>	
Saturday 2 nd May +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 3 rd May +	10.30am	Mass - (Anthony & Eddie Bagg RIP)
Monday 4 th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (K C George Mannathukaran RIP)
Tuesday 5 th May Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Jane Medicott RIP)
Wednesday 6 th May Feria		No Parish Mass today
Thursday 7 th May Feria	6.00pm 6.45pm	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Kenn Sheridan RIP)
Friday 8 th May Feria	10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 9 th May Feria	12 noon	Mass - (Anne Harris RIP)
Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)		
Saturday 9 th May +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 10 th May +	10.30am	Mass - (Gerry Knott, Gareth Reilly & Peter Bovenzi – Healing)

NEXT WEEKEND – SECOND COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN BISHOPS FUND

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£333.00
Digital Collection Plate	£50.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£885.00
Priests Training Fund	£285.85



The next draw will take place after the **10.00am Mass on Tuesday 5th May** during the tea/coffee break. As the last draw for the current year is in June, please watch out for information from the 100 Club committee about renewing your membership of the 100 Club once the May draw has taken place. Thanks to everyone for your continued support



SVP Healing Mass – Last Saturday, 25th April we held the annual Healing Mass organised by the parish SVP. Some 80 plus parishioners received the Sacrament of the Sick. Afterwards we all enjoyed a splendid lunch lovingly prepared by the parish SVP and a team of helpers. We thank Fr Daniel and everyone involved in the organisation of this really wonderful parish occasion.



The First Thursday Discussion Club meets **this coming Thursday, 7th May at 7.30pm-8.30pm, after Mass at 6.45pm**. All three of the remaining sessions in this third season are much anticipated but there is a change to our planned running order. We will now be considering Sacred Music in June with Caroline and Nick Ridout. This coming Thursday, we are equally delighted that Alice Robertson, an artist in our parish, is leading our gathering on ‘Art & Prayer: a contemplative gaze’. Please join us for this meditative exploration of our theme on Faith in the Arts. Indeed, it was because parishioners wanted to hear from Alice, Caroline and Nick that this year's theme emerged. **All are welcome.**



Catholic Curry Club - This newly formed club will be holding its first outing at the **Four Pillars in Olney on Thursday 14th May at 7.30**. The restaurant has kindly agreed to provide us with an Indian meal for £15 per head (excluding drinks). We will use this ‘price’ as a suggested donation so that all can attend and pay as much or a little as they can afford. If the ‘wolf is at the door’ please do come along and enjoy a meal with the rest of the parish, you won’t be presented with a bill for food! Going forward the club will aim to host a handful of events each year (not all of them curry focused) to provide a space for fun and support within our parish. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the hall/ at the back of Church, or drop Kieron Dwyer a text on **07889748244**

News from the Gardening Club



The annual Spring/Summer Plant Sale will be held from **Saturday 30th May until Sunday 7th 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!



Archbishop Kevin McDonald – **This Saturday, 2nd May**, Archbishop Kevin McDonald, will be celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination as the 11th Bishop of Northampton. Please do keep him in your prayers along with Bishop Emeritus, Peter Doyle (12th Bishop of Northampton) and of course Bishop David Oakley our current Bishop (13th Bishop of Northampton).



Pope Leo XIV – this coming **Friday, 8th May**, we mark the first anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV. We thank God for blessing the Church and the world with a wise a gentle Holy Father – Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Servant of the Servants of God.

Ad Multos Annos



Altar Servers, by their skills, knowledge and growing experience, serve the smooth-running of the liturgy: they carry, bring and fetch the things needed by the priest or bishop who is presiding; they ring the bells, as appropriate, and they carry the candles in procession. They can also help to prepare the altar, as well as the credence and offertory tables, before Mass begins, as well as helping clear things away afterwards. This important ministry is open to all, adults and children. For many young people, both girls and boys, this important ministry represents a memorable and formative stage of their early faith years, and they often begin once they've received their first Holy

Communion with many continuing on into their teens performing this service, and share their knowledge and experience with their younger brothers and sisters. Full training will be given. If you are interested in becoming an altar server in our parish, **please speak to Fr Daniel or Deacon Peter**



Exclusive Footage!

An eagle-eyed parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, seems to have captured exclusive evidence as to why Tottenham Hotspur is looking towards being relegated from the Premier League...

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