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26 th July 2026 Psalter Week 1		Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
First Reading	First Book of Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12 <i>'You have asked for yourself understanding.'</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	O Lord, how I love your law!		
Second Reading	St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30 <i>'He predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.'</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Matthew 13 44-52 <i>'He sells all that he has and buys that field.'</i>		
Saturday 25 th July +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 26 th July +		10.30am	Mass – (John Reid RIP)
Monday 27 th July Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Andrew McManus RIP)
Tuesday 28 th July Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Josephine Wilson RIP)
Wednesday 29 th July Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 30 th July St Peter Chrysologus – Bishop & Doctor Blessed Everard Hanse – Priest & Martyr		10.00am 6.00pm 6.45pm	Mass – (Fr David Barrett – Ints.) Adoration with Confession Mass – (Andrian Tobin RIP)
Friday 31 st July St Ignatius Loyola - Priest		10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 1 st August St Alphonsus Liguori – Bishop & Doctor		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Maureen O'Sullivan RIP)
Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 1 st August +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 2 nd August +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass – (Sick of the Parish – SVP)

Oremus Pro Invicem! (Let us pray for each other)

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£367.42
Digital Collection Plate	£60.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£929.42

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Parishioners who wish to donate directly to the parish can do so through your bank. You can make a one-off donation or set up a monthly standing order arranged through your bank. The parish banking details are as follows:

Bank: NatWest – Sort Code: 60-06-11 – Account: 46714618
Account name: RCDN Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence, Olney

Please use your name as a reference so that we can identify you if you have signed up for Gift Aid – Thank you.



Aid to the Church in Need - This weekend there should have been a stall on behalf Aid to the Church in Need. Due to unforeseen circumstances this has been cancelled. If anyone would like to browse the gift shop go to: <https://acnuk.org/shop> and email your order to Teresa.Kehoe@acnuk.org

Teresa will apply a 10% discount to our order. Please mention you are a parishioner at Our Lady's and St. Lawrence Olney.



Missio 'Red Boxes' – many of you will be familiar with the Missio 'Red Boxes' that are used to collect money in support of Missio – a charity that 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. Recently, Anne Busby, has taken on the role as the local Secretary for Missio. Presently Anne is trying to establish which parishioners

already have a Missio 'Red Box' and any who may like to have one. In the porch there are a number of letters/booklets from Missio – one of these may be addressed to you. It would be most helpful if you could please check this as you leave church today. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



Sacrament of Reconciliation – There are many opportunities for parishioners to avail themselves of this wonderful sacrament – before the Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings and before the weekday Masses as published in the newsletter. Starting next Sunday Fr Daniel will be available for Confessions at **10am – before the Sunday morning Mass.**



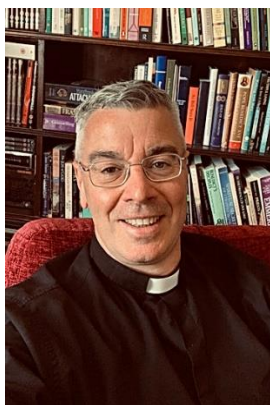
National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life - Saturday 1st August 2026. - This pilgrimage, to be led by Bishop Peter Collins of East Anglia, will go to England's Nazareth, the National Catholic Shrine at Walsingham. In the last year abortion up to birth has been legalised and there is a continued effort to make assisted suicide legal. Please join the pilgrimage to help build the 'great prayer for Life' asked for by Pope St John Paul II. A coach will leave from

Bedford on the day; details of cost and timings are in the in the poster on the noticeboard. Thank you.

ASSISTED SUICIDE - Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill. 'Not Dead Yet UK' has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities. Email your MP using the tool: www.action.notdeadyetuk.org



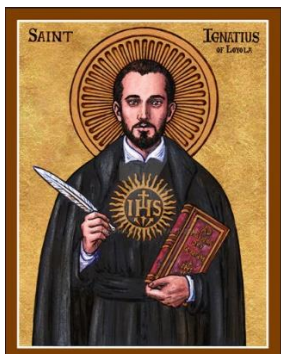
Enjoy the Summer! - As our schools, colleges & universities break up for the summer holidays, we pray all members of staff and especially our young people together with their families. We pray that they will continue to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in their faith and in all that they do. May it be a time of peace, joy and tranquillity.



Fr David Butler Barrett
Ordained Priest: 30th July 1993
Deo Gratias

"O, how great is the priest! ... If he realised what he is, he would die. If we had faith, we would see God hidden in the priest like a light behind glass, like wine mixed with water. Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail."

St John Vianney



St Ignatius Loyola, Priest - was born in the year 1491 at Loyola in northern Spain, his early life was led at court and in the army. He was later converted to a life of holiness. He studied theology at Paris and gathered companions around him and afterwards at Rome he formed the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He exercised a very fruitful apostolate by his written work and by the formation of his disciples who were outstanding in the reform of the Church. He died at Rome in the year 1556. You can obtain a copy of the 'Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola' – ISBN: 9780895551535 – published by TAN books from Blackwell's Books <https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/>

All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully.

St Ignatius Loyola

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.**

Salve Regina

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsiliium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

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