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2 nd August 2026 Psalter Week 2		Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Prophet Isaiah 55:1-3 <i>‘Come and Eat.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.		
Second Reading	Romans 8:35, 37-39 <i>‘Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Matthew 14: 13-21 <i>‘They all ate and were satisfied.’</i>		
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)
Monday 3 rd August St Walthen - Abbott		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Anthony McGovern RIP)
Tuesday 4 th August St John Vianney - Priest		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Fr Biju – Birthday Ints)
Wednesday 5 th August The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 6 th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD		10.00am 6.00pm 6.45pm	Mass – (Gaia Cremones RIP) Adoration with Confession Mass – (Maureen O’Sullivan RIP)
Friday 7 th August St Cajetan – Priest St Sixtus II – Pope & Martyr		10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 8 th August St Dominic - Priest		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Jacqui Houlihan RIP)
Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 8 th August +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 9 th August +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass – (Deceased family & friends of the Ayles family)

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£368.22
Digital Collection Plate	£125.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£995.22

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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.



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. Commencing **this Sunday** Fr Daniel will be available for Confessions at **10am – before the Sunday morning Mass.**



Debt Crisis CAFOD Petition - Over the weekend of 8th/9th August members of our Parish Cafod Group will be available after Mass to collect signatures for a Cafod petition to Government about the continuing global debt

crisis which is causing much suffering in many countries already struggling with poor health conditions floods and droughts. Cardinal Stephen Archbishop of Juba in South Sudan has written to parishes in England and Wales to explain and his talk will be read out at Mass. Thank you for your support.



News from the 100 Club - the August draw for 'the 100 Club' will take place during the teas and coffees **after Mass on Tuesday 4th August.** Good luck to everyone.

If, by any chance, you missed out on joining the 100 Club, please send an email to The 100 Club committee on: the100clubourladysolney@gmail.com or call Maura Gould on **07960 018343** and we can let you know how you can be

included in the remaining draws from September onwards. Thank you for your continued support.

Gardening Club

It's lots of fun but we need more helpers with all this sun.
To water the plants, get rid of the weeds.
We want to keep the garden looking to please.
So come along on Saturday morning after ten services.
And see what you can do.
How ever small the job we will help you see it through



Sing Along with Friends – from a selection of Sea Shanties; Folk Songs; Ballads; Skiffle; Spiritual Songs and Popular Songs. No experience necessary! – no auditions! just fun! Starting **this coming Thursday, 6th August from 2pm until 4pm** then every other Thursday afternoon in the Parish Hall here at Our Lady's. Please bring your own cold drink and a Ukulele (if you have one). For further details see

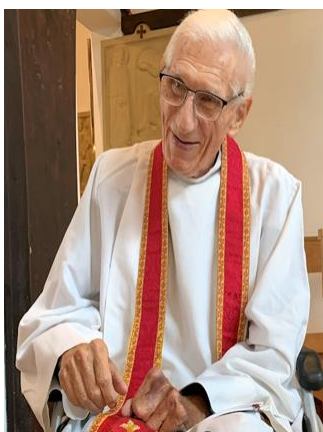
notice in the porch or contact **Ruth on 07500 506851**



The Diocese of Northampton's Liturgy Commission

has published a new Supplement of Saints and Beati Associated with the Diocese. This 75-page A5 booklet includes a calendar of the solemnities, feasts and memorials of saints and beati linked to our Diocese, together with biographical information and the prayers from their proper liturgical texts. An excellent resource for clergy, parish liturgy groups and anyone wishing to learn more about our diocesan spiritual heritage, the booklet is available for £7.50, plus postage and packaging. To order a copy, email Deacon Peter Collins with

your contact details: deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org



Fr John Fowler, RIP – On Wednesday 5th August, we remember in prayer our dear friend and priest on the fourth anniversary of when he returned to the Lord. We all of us have so many fond memories of dear Fr John – we pray that he is now basking in the joys of his heavenly home. Please keep Cicely, Andrew & all of Fr John's family & friends in your prayers.

"Happy are those who die in the Lord! Happy indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest for ever after their work, since their good deeds go with them." Revelation 13-14



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 exsilium 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