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9 th August 2026 Psalter Week 3		St Lawrence – Deacon & Martyr Secondary Patron of our Parish	
First Reading	Book of Wisdom 3:1-9 <i>‘Like a sacrificial whole burnt offering he accepted them.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends.		
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 9:6-10 <i>‘God loves a cheerful giver.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever follows me will not walk I darkness, but will have the light of life, says the Lord. Alleluia!		
Gospel	John 12:24-26 <i>‘If anyone serves me, the Father will honour him.’</i>		
Saturday 8 th August +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 9 th August +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass – (Deceased family & friends of the Ayles family)
Monday 10 th August ST LAWRENCE – Deacon & Martyr		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Sick of the Parish – SVP)
Tuesday 11 th August St Clare - Virgin		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Albert Blunt RIP)
Wednesday 12 th August St Jane Frances de Chantel - Religious			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 13 th August Ss Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus – Priest, Martyrs		10.00am 6.00pm 6.45pm	Mass – (Richard Jewell RIP) Adoration with Confession Mass – (Anthony McGovern RIP)
Friday 14 th August St Maximillian Kolbe – Priest & Martyr			No Parish Mass today
Saturday 15 th August Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Michael Kearns Ints)
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
Saturday 15 th August +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 16 th August +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass – (James O’Connor RIP)

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
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TOTAL	£982.55

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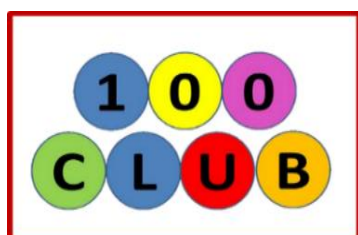
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APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR - The Diocese of Northampton continues to be supported by Archbishop Richard Moth and he celebrated Mass at the Cathedral last week as he takes up this role. His Grace, Archbishop Moth said during the Mass, 'This evening, I would like to say to you, the lay faithful of this diocese, and to you, brothers in priesthood and diaconate, that as the family of this diocese, as Christ's people here in this part of His world, this is a moment when we must focus our minds and our hearts ever more closely on Him.'



Congratulations to our latest 100 Club winner!
Paul Young

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The August draw for 'the 100 Club' took place during the teas and coffees **after Mass last Tuesday 4th August**. The winning colour/number combination was **RED - 71** The winner was Paul Young. The draw was made by Liz Wogan and our visitor from Dublin, Karen. Don't forget if you have not entered yet, please contact the 100 Club Committee if you would like to be included. the100clubourladysolney@gmail.com



Mass Intentions

We currently have lots of availability for the weekday Masses during September and November. If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one please speak to Fr Daniel or contact Denise.

Debt Crisis CAFOD Petition – this weekend

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 – you can read his statement & sign the petition online if you wish at: <https://cafod.org.uk/>



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



St Lawrence – Deacon & Martyr – Lawrence was one of the seven deacons of the city of Rome and died in the persecution of Valerian four days after Pope Saint Sixtus II and his four fellow deacons. Before his death St. Lawrence remarked; “At last I am finished; you may now take from me and eat!” He then turned to God in prayer saying, “I thank You, O Lord; that I am permitted to enter Your portals.” He was buried on the Via Tiburtina at the Campo Verano near to where Constantine the Great built a basilica. He has been venerated throughout the Church from the fourth century. St Lawrence is the Secondary Patron of our parish.



St Maximilian Kolbe – On Friday of this week the Church celebrates the feast of St Maximilian Kolbe a Polish Catholic priest who was very active in promoting the veneration of the Immaculate Virgin Mary. During the Second World War he was imprisoned in Auschwitz where he famously offered himself, as an old man with no dependants, in place of Francis Gajowniczek, an Army Sergeant, who had a wife and children and had been sentenced to death. Truly a Saint of our time.

If anyone does not wish to have Mary Immaculate for his Mother, he will not have Christ for his Brother.”

St Maximilian Kolbe

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.**

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

Prayer to St Lawrence

O Generous patron of the Church's poor, St. Lawrence, pray to the One God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit that all the poor of the Church in need in every
corner of the world may feel the effect of the love of their brothers and
sisters who seek to help them. Deliver the Church from the greed and envy
of the powerful and protect her rights and property so that she may serve
the needy in freedom, giving them good things for soul and body.
May we come some day with all those whom we helped on earth to the
bright mansions of heaven where we will enjoy the riches of God's house
and the company of the Savior who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



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