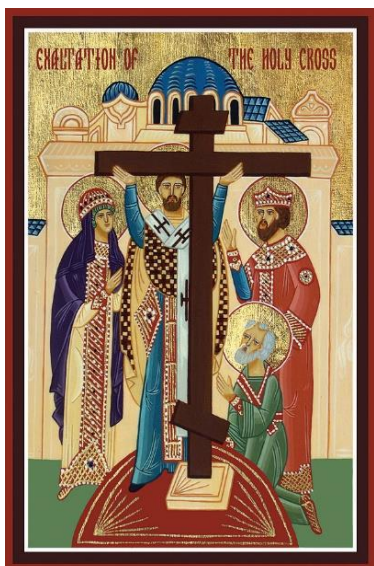




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13 th September 2026 Psalter Week 4		Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Book of Sirach 27:30-28:7 <i>‘Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.		
Second Reading	Romans 13:8-10 <i>‘Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35 <i>‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.’</i>		
Saturday 12 th September +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 13 th September +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass – (Fr D Hildebrand van Reyk OSB – RIP)
Monday 14 th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (John & Mary Turner Jewell RIP)
Tuesday 15 th September Our Lady of Sorrows		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Sick of the Parish – SVP)
Wednesday 16 th September Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop & Martyrs			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 17 th September St Robert Bellarmine – Bishop & Doctor St Hildegard of Bingen – Virgin & Doctor		10.00am 6.00pm 6.45pm	Mass – (Holy Souls) Adoration with Confession Mass – (Deceased members of the McCarthy family)
Friday 18 th September Feria		10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 19 th September St Januarius – Bishop & Martyr. St Theodore of Canterbury - Bishop			No Parish Morning Mass
Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 19 th September +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 20 th September +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass - (Alan & Joan Bagg RIP)

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£327.42
Digital Collection Plate	£350.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£1179.42

NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND COLLECTION – HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY



Many Congratulations to the three young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Canon Francis Higgins (Pastoral Area Dean) here at Our Lady's last Tuesday evening – it was a truly wonderful occasion. Thanks to everyone in the parish who worked so hard to ensure that everything went so well. We keep our newly Confirmed young people, their families, and friends very much in our thoughts and prayers.

Note from Deacon Peter: *It was a great privilege and pleasure for me to journey with our young people as they prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their obvious hunger and enthusiasm for the faith was truly inspiring – I wish them well in whatever the future may hold for them – 'Pactum Serva' (Keep the Faith). May God bless you & your families now and always.*



Congratulations to Fr Daniel – this coming week sees the first anniversary of Fr Daniel being installed as our Parish Priest. As a parish we are truly blessed to have such a fine priest taking care of us – please do continue to pray for Fr Daniel as he continues his priestly ministry here in Olney.

Thursday Club - Please note the start of the new year has been deferred to October. If you know anyone who regularly attends but might not see the newsletter could you please let them know. Thank you.



Congratulations to our latest 100 Club winner!
Paul Young

Red	70
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The winner of the September draw was Vivienne Young and the winning colour/number combination was Red 70. The draw took place during the teas and coffees **after Mass last Sunday** – thanks to Trish Roche's grandsons, Barney & Patrick, who assisted with draw and a warm welcome to Barney's new baby son, Malachi, who slept through the whole thing! Don't forget if you have not entered yet, please contact the 100 Club Committee if you would like to be included. the100clubbournladysolney@gmail.com

From Fr Daniel – We have a guest display coming about St Carlo Acutis and the eucharistic Miracles he promoted, which will be out for anyone to view from this Thursday over the weekend.



Parish Pilgrimages – After discussions with several parishioners, Fr Dan has decided to postpone a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes until spring 2027, possibly in April. But the final date and details are yet to be arranged. Fr Dan has also found that parishioners are keen to continue journeying together to strengthen our community. So, it has been suggested that we make a pilgrimage together to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. It would be

wonderful if we could celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary by visiting Walsingham in October, perhaps sometime during the original dates suggested for Lourdes. We would hire a coach and driver, the cost of which will be covered so the pilgrimage can be open to everyone. Walsingham is about 100 miles from Olney, so a day trip is readily achievable. It is a beautiful place in the Norfolk countryside. Information about the Shrine and activities at Walsingham can be found here: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

To organise the pilgrimage, we need to know:

- How many would be interested in taking part?
- Would you prefer to go on a Saturday or a weekday?

Note that 26th – 30th October is half term, so students and teachers would be able to take part if we selected one day of that week. As part of my ‘Minister without Portfolio’ role on the Parish Council, I have volunteered to co-ordinate the Walsingham Pilgrimage. So please could you e-mail or text me to let me know your thoughts.

Many thanks – Monica Grady 07921 911208 – monicamgrady@gmail.com



Journey in Faith – Starting **Thursday 17th September** you are warmly invited to ‘Journey in Faith’ meeting on the third Thursday of each month from 7.30pm-8.30pm in the parish hall. Utilising the informal Sycamore Church, or exploring Christianity for the

first time, all are welcome. These relaxed sessions provide a welcoming space to explore the Christian faith, meet others and discuss life’s big questions together. Whether you are a lifelong Catholic, returning to the Church or exploring Christianity for the first time, all are welcome Catholics and Non-Catholics alike.



First Holy Communion – Classes will start on **Sunday 4th October 9.40am in the Parish Hall**. If you have a child in Year 2 or above and you would like them to make their 1st Holy Communion, please contact Denise on parish.olney@northamptondiocese.org or call her on 01234 711212 for a registration form. Further details will be announced later – all requests must be made via the parish office in the first instance.

Day of Healing – **Saturday 7th November** at the St Thomas Centre Northampton (adjacent to the Cathedral). Full details are on the poster that will be up in the porch.



Reverend Father Brian Leatherland, RIP This coming Wednesday 16th September, we mark the Fourth Anniversary of when dear Fr Brian was called home to the Lord. Please do continue pray for the repose of the soul of this much-loved priest and friend; and pray also for Sally, Rebekka, James and all the family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!



Sing Along with Friends certainly hit the right note at our last session. It was lovely to see and hear everyone having fun. Come along and see for yourself. Our next session will be on **Thursday 17th September 2pm-4pm** in the Parish Hall.

We meet every other **Thursday 1st October, 15th 29th** and so on. Song books will be available to use. Please bring your own col drink and a ukulele if you have one. Everyone is welcome, we look forward to seeing you. Ruth.



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



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