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20 th September 2026 Psalter Week 1		Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Isaiah 55:6-9 <i>‘My thoughts are not your thoughts.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	The Lord is close to all who call him.		
Second Reading	Philippians 1:20c-24,27a <i>‘For to me to live is Christ.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16 <i>‘Do you begrudge my generosity?’</i>		
Saturday 19 th September +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 20 th September +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass - (Alan & Joan Bagg RIP)
Monday 21 st September ST MATTHEW - Apostle		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Stanislawa Kaminska RIP)
Tuesday 22 nd September Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (All Parish Volunteers)
Wednesday 23 rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina - Priest			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 24 th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM		10.00am 6.00pm 6.45pm	Mass – (Daughters of the Holy Spirit) Adoration with Confession Mass – (John Hyland RIP)
Friday 25 th September Feria		10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 26 th September Ss Cosmas & Damian – Martyrs		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Max Ayres & family Ints)
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 26 th September +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass - (Fr Daniel – Anniversary of Priestly Ordination)
Sunday 27 th September +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass - (Pro Populo)

WEEK ONE: ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£336.86
Digital Collection Plate	£70.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£908.86

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – HOME MISSIONS SUNDAY



Reverend Father Daniel Rooke Ordained Priest: 26th September 2020

This coming Saturday 26th September, Fr Daniel celebrates the sixth anniversary of his priestly ordination. We are very fortunate to have been blessed with such a caring and loving Parish Priest and we thank God for Fr Daniel's priestly ministry and pray for him, his family, and friends as he embarks on the next phase of his priestly ministry here in Olney. God bless you Fr Daniel

Ad Multos Annos

"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

Thank-You – the Parish SVP wish to thank the person(s) who generously donated the bed linen and duvet. We have people in mind who will very much benefit from these items particularly as the weather turns colder.



The First Thursday Discussion Club will be holding the first meeting of the new term on **Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm** after Mass at 6.45pm. Our Parish CAFOD group will be leading this meeting. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



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.

The annual CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day will be on **Friday 2nd October** - Next weekend the CAFOD Harvest envelopes will be handed out for return the weekend of 3rd/4th October.

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.

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.



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



The Season of Creation – The Season of Creation runs from **1st September until 6th October** and invites Christians to unite in prayer and action for our common home. This year’s theme, “Living Water”, draws on Ezekiel’s vision of God’s life-giving river, bringing healing and renewal. Pope Leo XIV reminds us that care for creation is inseparable from peace, human dignity and conversation of heart. As Christians, we are called to become collaborators in God’s work of renewal, transforming what harms life into what sustains and protects it. Further information is available at: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Thought for the Week – Small yet strong in the love of God, like St Francis of Assisi, all of us, as Christians, are called to watch over and protect the fragile world in which we live, and all its peoples.

Pope Francis – ‘Evangelii Gaudium’

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 Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl
about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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