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27 th September 2026 Psalter Week 2		Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Ezekiel 18:25-28 <i>‘When a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed, he shall save his life.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Remember your compassion, O Lord.		
Second Reading	St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11 <i>‘Have this mind amongst yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Matthew 21:28-32 <i>‘He changed his mind and went. The tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.’</i>		
Saturday 26 th September +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Fr Daniel – Anniversary of Priestly Ordination)
Sunday 27 th September +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass - (Pro Populo)
Monday 28 th September St Lawrence Ruiz & the Martyrs of Japan) + St Wenceslaus - Martyr		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Deceased members of the McCarthy family)
Tuesday 29 th September Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL - Archangels		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Monica Drummond RIP)
Wednesday 30 th September St Jerome – Priest & Doctor			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 1 st October St Therese of the Child Jesus – Virgin & Doctor		10.00am 6.00pm 6.45pm	Mass – (Emma Cauldwell RIP) Adoration with Confession Mass – (Shirley de Hoedt RIP)
Friday 2 nd October The Holy Guardian Angels		10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 3 rd October St Thomas of Cantelupe - Bishop			No Parish Morning Mass today
Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 3 rd October +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 4 th October +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass - (Eileen Barrett RIP)

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£358.08
Digital Collection Plate	Unavailable
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£860.08

WEEK TWO: ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT



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

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day – is this coming Friday, 2nd October – this weekend the CAFOD Harvest envelopes will be handed out for return next weekend please. A short talk will be given at the end of Mass on how helping Cafod keeps children in Zimbabwe healthy and continue to learn in school. Thank you.



The First Thursday Discussion Club will be holding the first meeting of the new term **this coming 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.



Message from the Parish SVP – Following a request to the SVP, we have researched organisations that can offer help in the local area. This includes **Food – Transport – Shelter – Mental Health – Age UK (Milton Keynes)**. Full contact information of organisations that can offer support are available in the church porch or on the parish website under the 'Newsletter' tab.



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/>



Singers Wanted – We would love for more singers to join the choir! We rehearse every Monday evening at the church from 7:30-9pm. We are currently working on two choir communion solo pieces: Elgar's Ave Verum and Anima Christi by Marco Frisina, alongside some plainchant. Looking ahead, our annual carol concert will take place on Friday, 11th December at 7pm. There will be carols and depending on the numbers of singers we can assemble from our church and the other churches in Olney, some more ambitious choir pieces. If you are interested, please speak to Nick or Eva after Mass, or get in touch via email: eva_kuntz@hotmail.com, or text/WhatsApp: 07876 366 177



An Invitation – In November last year, during a severe storm, much of the rear wall of the **Olney United Reformed Church** collapsed. Such was the damage that further collapse became a possibility and, as a result, the church became unusable. The building and its predecessors on the site have been central to the Olney community for well over 200 years. Now, funded by the URC Synod and brilliant work by stonemasons, the wall and the church rose window has been repaired and the building is once more operating as a place of worship and community facility. On **Sunday 18th October at 2.30pm** the church in the centre of the High Street is hosting an ecumenical celebration and Thanksgiving Service for the continuance of their centre of worship and community activity. The congregation of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Lawrence are invited to join Father Daniel and other church leaders and congregations from Olney and surrounding areas. One of the features of the Thanksgiving will be the music of Rev John Bell from the Iona Community well known for the volumes of hymns by him and his collaborator Graham Maule. They have been referred to as the 'modern-day Newton and Cowper'. The church elders are looking forward to welcoming our congregation to join them for as special and uplifting service. For further information please ask Eva or email Tim German timgerman1@gmail.com

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.

Thought for the week: 'We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking for them.'

St Vincent de Paul

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