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6 th September 2026 Psalter Week 3		Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9 <i>‘If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’		
Second Reading	Romans 13:8-10 <i>‘Love is the fulfilling of the law.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20 <i>‘If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.’</i>		
Saturday 5 th September +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 6 th September +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass – (Paula Medlicott RIP)
Monday 7 th September Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Colin Cummings RIP)
Tuesday 8 th September The Nativity of the BVM		9.15am 10.00am 7.00pm	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Bernadette Blunt- Thanksgiving) Confirmation Mass (Confirmandi Ints.)
Wednesday 9 th September St Pater Claver - Priest			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 10 th September Feria		10.00am 6.00pm 6.45pm	Mass – (David Hadfield RIP) Adoration with Confession Mass – (Chloe Hall Ints.)
Friday 11 th September Feria			No Parish Mass today
Saturday 12 th September The Most Holy Name of Mary		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Essie Mannion – Birthday Ints)
Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 12 th September +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 13 th September +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass – (Fr D Hildebrand van Reyk OSB – RIP)

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£412.33
Digital Collection Plate	£80.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£994.33



Hello from the Social Committee – After the summer break monthly Tea/Coffee returns along with the 100 Club draw this Sunday after 10:30am Mass. It's a lovely opportunity to get to know other parishioners and to find out what is going on in the parish. Please do come along you are most welcome.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – This special feast falls on a **Tuesday 8th September**. “This is the unveiling of the mystery, this is the nature made new, God and man, and the deification of the human nature assumed by God. But so radiant, so glorious a visitation of God to men needed some prelude of joy to introduce us the great gift of salvation. The present feast is such: the prelude is the birth of the Mother of God, and the concluding act is the union which is destined between the Word and human nature. A virgin is now born and suckled and moulded, and is made ready to be mother of God, the king of all for ever.”

Extract from a reading from the sermons of St Andrew of Crete



Confirmation Mass – Tuesday 8th September at 7.00pm

We have three candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evening. All are welcome, although seating for the candidates and their families will be a priority. There will be refreshments after Mass for everyone. Please do keep the candidates and their families in your prayers. Many thanks as to the parents, families and sponsors of each of the young people, for their commitment to the programme. Lastly, thanks to the young people themselves for coming forward to be Confirmed. Let us pray that the Gift of the Holy Spirit will help them to grow in their love for God and help them to be living members of the Church.

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.



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.

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.



Missio Red Box Holders – Just three parishioners have been identified as Red Box Holders and I have emptied their boxes. If you have a red box at home, please can you bring it in for counting, clearly marked with your name and address and tell me whether you want to continue collecting through the red box or not. Hand to either Anne Busby if you are at the Saturday Vigil Mass or hand to either Father Daniel or Denise at any other Mass. Thank You from Anne Busby, Secretary



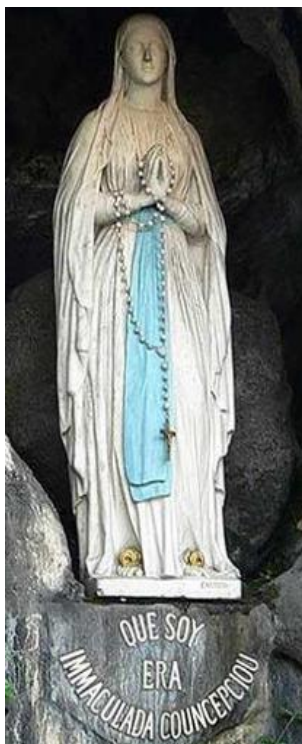
Sacrament of Reconciliation – There are many opportunities for parishioners to avail themselves of this wonderful sacrament – before the Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings and before the weekday Masses as published in the newsletter. Fr Daniel will now be available for Confessions at 10am – before the Sunday morning Mass



First Holy Communion – Classes will start in October. 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.



New Academic Year - As the new academic year begins for those at School, College, or University we wish our young people every success and hold them in our prayers. We pray that their studies will enrich their lives and that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit.



Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 (22nd-28th October 2026) We are currently exploring interest in a parish pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes this autumn from 22nd – 28th October 2026. Although this date is coming up quickly and is short notice, it remains entirely possible to organise if enough parishioners wish to travel. If there is insufficient interest for October, we will instead plan for our pilgrimage for Spring 2027. To help us determine whether the October dates are viable, please add your names to the sign-up list at the back of the church. Signing the sheet carries no financial commitment. • Dates - 22nd-28th October 2026 (7 days) • Leadership- Spiritual Leader Fr Daniel, Group Leader Ashley Appleton • A Travel – Direct coach travel with no overnight journeys, departure and return outside our church • Accommodation- Half board (breakfast and evening meal included) • Cost approximately £850.00 per person (twin/triple room sharing); single supplement £40.00 per person per night printed flyer and complete itinerary will be available as soon as initial numbers are confirmed.

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