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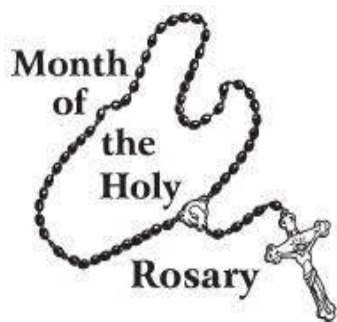
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11 th October 2026 Psalter Week 4		Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Isaiah 25:6-10a <i>'The Lord will make a feast, and he will wipe away tears from all faces.'</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.		
Second Reading	St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 <i>'I can do all things through him who strengthens me.'</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Matthew 22: 1-14 <i>'Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'</i>		
Saturday 10 th October +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 11 th October +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass - (Deceased members of the Chapman family)
Monday 12 th October St Carlo Acutis + St Wilfred – Bishop		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Frank & Elsie Abraham RIP)
Tuesday 13 th October St Edward the Confessor		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Michael McMurray RIP)
Wednesday 14 th October St Callistus I – Pope & Martyr			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 15 th October St Teresa of Jesus – Virgin & Doctor		10.00am 6.00pm 6.45pm	Mass – (Laurence Drummond RIP) Adoration with Confession Mass – (Daphne Kilner RIP)
Friday 16 th October St Hedwig – Religious St Margaret Mary Alacoque - Virgin		10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 17 th October St Ignatius of Antioch – Bishop & Martyr		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Margaret Botten Ints.)
Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 17 th October +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 18 th October +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass – (William Brooks RIP)

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£366.50
Digital Collection Plate	£50.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£918.50

WEEK FOUR ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



October - Month of the Holy Rosary

During the month of October, traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, Pope Leo XIV has called on Catholics around the world to pray the Rosary daily, uniting in prayer for peace in war-torn regions. Announced during the Wednesday General Audience, the Holy Father encourages the faithful to join in this powerful prayer of intercession.

'To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.'

St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter 'Rosarium Virginis Mariae'



NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Holy Souls envelopes are now available in the narthex. Can you please print clearly the name of the deceased on a piece of paper and place in the envelope, together with any offering, and return to the church no later than **Saturday 31st October** please.

Rosary Rally - The UCM have organised a Rosary Rally here at Our Lady's – **next Saturday 17th October**. We will be praying especially for peace in our troubled world. All are all welcome to join us even for a short time. Please see the poster for more details.



Congratulations to our latest 100 Club winners!

Yellow	5
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Many congratulations to the winners of the October draw - the winning colour/number combination was **Yellow - 5**. The draw took place during the teas and coffees **after Mass last Sunday**. The next draw will be after the 10.00am Mass on **Tuesday 3rd November**. 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



Pilgrimage to Walsingham - The pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday 24th October**. We will have a coach leave from the **Church car park at 9.00 am** - returning by about **6.00pm**. At the moment, this is the only pick-up point, but please let us know if you will have difficulty getting to the Church and we can sort out transport. Mass is at midday; Fr Daniel will be one of the concelebrants. There is a cafe at the shrine, where we can either purchase food or eat a packed lunch. Many thanks to those who have signed up. The list will remain open until **10th October**, after which we will have to confirm numbers for the coach. *Monica Grady*



In Memoriam Mass

The annual Parish Memorial Mass is on **Saturday 14th November at 12 noon** followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. The Mass will be celebrated for all of our loved ones who have died, their names entered into our parish memorial book, read out and a candle lit in their memory. If you would like to come then please add your name to the list in the porch or contact any member of the SVP. If you wish to bring a picture of your loved one to be placed by the candles please do. We are happy to provide transport if needed - please let us know by email at veronicatarrant@aol.com or by phone at **07469 717760**, or in person to any member of the SVP.



Our Lady & Lawrence Apple & Pear Juice – we are delighted to give you the opportunity of purchasing the trial ‘2026 Vintage’ of this special ‘Our Lady & Lawrence’ Apple and Pear Juice. This is limited to **thirty-five** x 70cl bottles, made with pears from the tree in the Parish garden and a few Parishioners' home-grown apples. The juice is pasteurised with a tiny amount of ascorbic acid (Vitamin C) added, so lasts for 2 years unopened. It's 100% juice and it isn't too sweet and can be diluted to taste. You can purchase a bottle for £4.00 but are welcome to donate more if you wish. All proceeds will be given to our Parish Gardening Club to continue their work in maintaining our beautiful parish garden. In order to give as many of you as possible the opportunity of purchasing this unique juice there is a limit of 1 – 2 bottles per parishioner. We are most grateful to Marianne & David Carew for this initiative and for the parishioners who gathered the pears and the apples.



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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

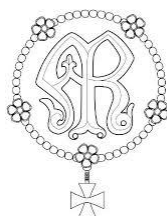
**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly 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 Our Lady of the Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each
day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a
tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk
joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the
study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous
atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my
understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole
being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of
formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by
aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the holy Rosary, through
Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy
mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.



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