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18 th October 2026 Psalter Week 1		Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	
First Reading	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 <i>‘I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before him.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.		
Second Reading	St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5b <i>‘Remembering your faith, love and hope.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Matthew 22: 15-21 <i>‘Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’</i>		
Saturday 17 th October +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 18 th October +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass – (William Brooks RIP)
Monday 19 th October St Paul of the Cross – Priest St John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues & the Martyrs of Canada		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Deceased members of the McCarthy family)
Tuesday 20 th October Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Elizabeth Nutt RIP)
Wednesday 21 st October Feria			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 22 nd October St John Paul II - Pope		10.00am	Mass – (Rosemarie Grunnell RIP) No Parish Evening Mass today
Friday 23 rd October St John of Capistrano - Priest		10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 24 th October St Anthony Mary Claret - Bishop			No Parish Morning Mass today
Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 24 th October +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 25 th October +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass – (Mr & Mrs H W Appleton RIP)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£373.36
Digital Collection Plate	£160.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£1035.36
CAFOD FAMILY FAST COLLECTION	£687.16

SECOND COLLECTION 31st OCTOBER/1st NOVEMBER SICK & RETIRED CLERGY



World Mission Sunday: 100th Anniversary – This Sunday marks the centenary of World Mission Sunday, first established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. On this special 100th anniversary, Pope Leo XIV invites Catholics across the globe to join in prayer and solidarity to support Missio, the Holy See's primary charity for world mission. The second collection taken on this day goes 100% directly to the Pope's Universal Solidarity Fund to build churches, train future priests and catechists, run schools and health clinics, and support missionary communities in the world's poorest dioceses. (Please note: this collection is separate from the Red Box).

How to Give: You can give via the second collection, or consider online giving by scanning the QR code above or visiting missio.org.uk (where you can also apply Gift Aid to boost your gift). World Mission Rosary: To celebrate this 100-year milestone, we encourage all parishioners to pray for the global Church. Thank you for your ongoing prayers, generosity, and commitment to the universal Church.



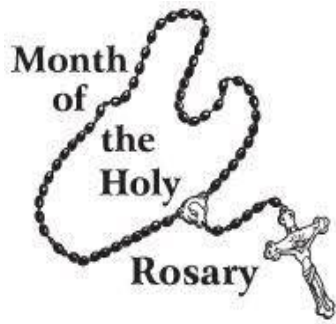
NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

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.



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.



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.



Pope Leo XIV - The Holy Father underwent surgery on Tuesday 13th October to remove the lower lobe of his right lung, after medical examinations identified a localised lung nodule. The Holy See Press Office has confirmed that the operation was successful and that there were no complications. In an update on Wednesday morning, 14th October, the Vatican reported that Pope Leo had spent a peaceful night following the operation. He awoke normally, returned to his hospital room and spent the evening with his secretaries and members

of the Vatican staff. The examination of tissue during the operation confirmed a diagnosis of lung adenocarcinoma, a form of lung cancer. Further examinations of the removed tissue are expected in the coming days. Pope Leo is anticipated to remain in hospital for approximately one week as he recovers.

Archbishop Richard Moth, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Northampton, said: *"It is with gratitude and relief that we learned that Pope Leo's surgery on Tuesday, 13th October at Rome's Gemelli Hospital was successful. We now know that Pope Leo was diagnosed with lung carcinoma and, in this month of the Holy Rosary, we entrust his recovery to the maternal care of Our Lady Health of the Sick. I ask that Catholics in England and Wales, and indeed all people of goodwill, pray for Pope Leo, in our homes and in our parishes, that he may be restored to full health after a period of rest and recuperation. We also remember all those who are experiencing illness at this time, and keep them, their families and those who care for the sick in our prayers."*



Thank you - The Parish SVP would like to thank the people who have donated clothes, shoes and financial help to us to support the people we are involved with. Some of the goods were given to local people and some to the vulnerable people we meet on the soup run. The people really appreciated the warm clothing and bedding, some of the money was used to buy essential items for them which greatly helps with their daily living. We are looking for men's shoes **size nine and a half wide fitting** if you happen to have similar spare pair, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Our Lady & Lawrence Apple & Pear Juice – many thanks to everyone who purchased the '2026 Vintage' of this special 'Our Lady & Lawrence' Apple and Pear Juice. We hope that you enjoy it. Again, many thanks to Marianne & David Carew for this initiative and for the parishioners who gathered the pears and the apples.

Parish CAFOD Support Group - Our thanks to all parishioners for your very generous donation of £687.16 monies which will provide much needed support to the peoples in Africa. Thank you.

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 Pete