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25 th October 2026 Psalter Week 2		Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Exodus 22:21-27 <i>'If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you.'</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	I love you, Lord, my strength.		
Second Reading	1 St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5c-10 <i>'You turned away from idols to serve God and to wait for his Son.'</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Matthew 22:34-40 <i>'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.'</i>		
Saturday 24 th October +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 25 th October +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass – (Mr & Mrs H W Appleton RIP)
Monday 26 th October SS Chad and Cedd - Bishops		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Alan Canning – Healing)
Tuesday 27 th October Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Elizabeth Denise Hill RIP)
Wednesday 28 th October SS SIMON AND JUDE - Apostles			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 29 th October Feria		10.00am 6.00pm 6.45pm	Mass – (Brian Barrett RIP) Adoration with Confession Mass – (Private Intention)
Friday 30 th October Feria		10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 31 st October Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Deborah Orr RIP)
All Saints			
Saturday 31 st October +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass - (Pro Populo)
Sunday 1 st November +		10.00am 10.30am	Confession Mass – (Lawrence Alban James Jevon - Thanksgiving)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - SICK & RETIRED CLERGY

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£358.96
Digital Collection Plate	£35.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£895.96
Second Collection for Missio	£324.80



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 **next Saturday 31st October** please.

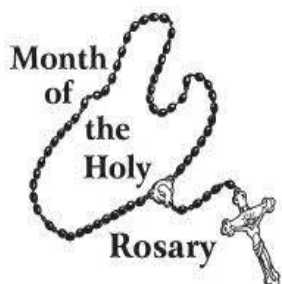


In Memoriam Mass - The annual Parish Memorial Mass is on **Saturday 14th November at 12 noon** followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. The Mass will be celebrated for all of our loved ones who have died, their names entered into our parish memorial book and will be read out and a candle lit in their memory. If you wish to bring a picture of your loved one to be placed by the candles please do. If you would like to come

then please add your name to the list in the porch as this will help us with catering. If you have any allergies or dietary requirements, please also include these. The SVP would be delighted to make you very welcome to the lunch and 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. We very much look forward to seeing you.

✠ **Brian Barrett RIP** – **next Friday 30th October** marks the third anniversary of when Fr David's father, Brian, was called home to the Lord. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul together with that of Fr David's dear mother, Eileen. We continue offer our prayers for Fr David and to all his family during this time of sadness and reflection. Requiescant in pace

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.



Remembrance Sunday - 8th November 2026

Please note that on **Sunday 8th November**, Mass will be changed to begin at **9.30am** for that day only. This will allow those who wish to join in with the town's Remembrance Sunday Commemoration.



Pope Leo XIV - following on from his surgery on 13th October to remove the lower lobe of his right lung; the Vatican has announced that Pope Leo will not need further cancer treatment. Final examinations of the tissue removed during his lung surgery confirmed that the cancer was lung adenocarcinoma and it was localised; an oncological evaluation determined that no additional therapy was necessary, according to a Vatican communique released on Wednesday 21st October. We thank Almighty God for His Divine Intervention and continue to pray for the Holy Father and all of those who are experiencing illness at this time, and keep them, their families and those who care for the sick in our prayers. **Deo gratias**



Message from Walter Micallef – ‘Dear friends, some weeks ago, I fell and broke several ribs. I went to hospital and then to recuperate in a Care Home. It now looks as though I will be here for some time. I have been a member of the Parish for many years and I just wanted to let you to know why I have not been around. It would be lovely if any of you would visit or give me a ring for a chat. Kind regards, Walter’

**Lakeview Lodge Care Home,
2 Elba Gate, Newton Leys, Bletchley, MK3 5QU
Care Home reception: 01908 641200.**

‘I was sick and you visited me’ – Matthew 25:36



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



Newsletter – Deadline - Items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter should be submitted to Denise no later than **12 noon on Thursday afternoon**. Whilst we will do our best to include your item this cannot always be guaranteed.

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