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30 th June 2024 Psalter Week 1	<i>Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles</i>	
First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11 <i>Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	From all my terrors the Lord set me free.	
Second Reading	2 St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18 <i>All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!	
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-19 <i>You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.</i>	
Saturday 29th June +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday 30th June +	10.30am	Mass - (Myrna & Bruce Kelly RIP)
Monday 1st July St Oliver Plunkett – Bishop & Martyr	7.00pm	Mass (Fr Finbar Vale RIP)
Tuesday 2nd July <i>Feria</i>	10.00am	Mass - (Mrs Dryer RIP)
Wednesday 3rd July St Thomas, Apostle		No Parish Mass today
Thursday 4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal	6.45pm	Mass – (Kelly Chadinska – Healing)
Friday – 5th July St Anthony Zaccaria – Priest Bl Thomas Belson - Martyr	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Canon Vincent Burrowes RIP)
Saturday – 6th July Patronage of St Thomas Beckett <i>Secondary Patron of the Diocese</i>		No Parish Morning Mass today
<i>Fourteenth Sunday of the Year</i>		
Saturday – 6th July +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday – 7th July +	10.30am	Mass - (Mary Redmond RIP)

**Note: Mass will be celebrated in the Parish on Monday evening at 7.00pm
And on Thursday evening at 6.45pm**

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £419.30

DCP – £25.00

Average Standing Orders: £464.00

Total: £908.30

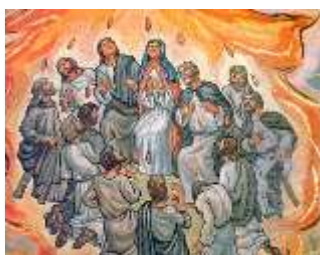
Many thanks for your continued financial support.



Peter's Pence – Each year throughout the entire Church, on the Sunday nearest the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, a collection is held for the charitable work of the Pope. It is interestingly one of the oldest collections in the Church. It was first mentioned in history as far back as 1031. Pope Francis has shown us by his word and by his example the special concern he has for the poor and those on the periphery of society. He has said that he wants a Church which is there for the poor. He has a special concern for the victims of human trafficking and modern forms of slavery. He has appealed on many occasions for support for the many Christians who suffer persecution because of their Faith. **The Peter's Pence collection will be held in our parish this weekend** – please put your contribution either in the baskets in the narthex or place in a sealed envelope marked 'Peter's Pence' and leave at the Presbytery.



Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - June is the month specially dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You will find a Litany dedicated to the Sacred Heart on the parish website. This devotion reminds us how in Jesus's Heart, the love of God has been made manifest: a love that atones for our sins, that reaches out with healing, that longs to bring peace to our hearts and to the world, a love that suffers with us in our sufferings, a love that transforms our crosses into offerings of love which save souls and atones for sins and spreads the victory of God's grace throughout the world. Please do think about praying the Litany every day this month.



Confirmation Mass with Bishop David Monday 22nd July 2024

We have 15 candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation later this July. Bishop David Oakley will be here from Northampton for the 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.

Helping Hands Appeal – Cleaning the Patio!



We need some help cleaning the patio outside the hall and the church. It needs to be properly cleaned in time for the Bishop's visit on 22nd July. If you feel you would like to help, then please contact Fr David on his email frdavid.barrett@northamptondiocese.org

However, as this needs to be done soon, please contact him as quickly as possible, by the end of this week – otherwise we may need to pay for someone to clean it professionally which is not cheap. Many thanks.



Church Flower Arrangers: Helping Hands

We are truly blessed in our parish to have a dedicated team of flower arrangers who work so hard throughout the year to garnish Our Lord's House – of course this is particularly so at Christmas and Easter. As part of our parish 'Helping Hands' project, we are looking for a few more volunteers to lend a hand with this important ministry. If you would like to help or simply find out more of what would be involved, please contact Denise.



The First Thursday Discussion Club meets this **Thursday, 4th July**, for the last time in this 'school year'. It is a cheese and wine (and soft drinks) celebration, at the usual time, 7.30-8.30pm. If the weather permits, we will go out into the garden. This is an informal opportunity to reflect on the year and consider themes or topics for the coming year. The Club will take a break in August and resume in September. Please bring a bottle or a cheese, if you can. Everyone will be home in good time for the election exit polls.



Want to know where your MP candidates stand on abortion? And other issues?

Ask your local MP candidates to take the **Both Lives Pledge**. The pledge outlines three policy changes that are designed to increase protections for babies in the womb and stop pregnancy discrimination for women.

Take action: Email your candidates today by visiting righttolife.org.uk/bothlives before the General Election on Thursday 4 July.

We will also be handing out some material from the SVP and CAFOD at our Masses this weekend with points to reflect on and perhaps use to ask MPs at any hustings. If you wish to email the candidates on these issues, please visit

<http://action.cafod.org.uk/page/150354/action/1>



THE THOMAS BECKET FESTIVAL 2024

Bishop David will preside at Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Translation of the Relics of one of our diocesan patrons, Saint Thomas Becket - this will take place at **11am on Saturday 6th July** at the Cathedral. The Mass opens the Becket Festival and is open to our whole diocese. The Festival will close with Solemn Vespers of Saint Thomas Becket at 4pm on Sunday 7 July. The Becket lecture will take place at 3pm on the same day. The lecture this year will be focussed on Venerable Ignatius Spencer who has strong links to

Northampton and we look forward to listening to Fr Gerard Skinner deliver the lecture. Please visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/relics/> for a full itinerary of events.

Prayer to St Thomas Beckett

O God, who gave to your Bishop, St Thomas, the grace to lay aside all earthly fear
And be faithful even unto death, grant, we pray,
At his intercession that your people, disregarding worldly esteem,
May resist what is wrong, uphold your rule and serve you to their life's end.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Turvey Abbey

An Icon Painting Course is being held at Turvey Abbey between 15th – 20th October. The course will consist of learning about icons, daily meditative reflection session on icons, some drawing exercises and painting an icon. Places are limited! Early Booking advised! For more information either apply to Turvey Abbey direct or email Sr Esther on esther.turvey@btinternet.com



Thought for the Week: Never forget that it is at the beginning of each day that God has the necessary grace for the day ready for us. He knows exactly what opportunities we shall have to sin, and will give us everything we need if we ask him then. That is why the devil does all he can to prevent us from saying our morning prayers or to make us say them badly. **St. John Mary Vianney**

Reflection on St Peter by Pope St John Paul II



"You are the Christ!". Jesus replies to Peter's confession: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven" (Mt 16: 17).

Blessed are you, Peter! Blessed because you could not have humanly recognized this truth, which is central to the Church's faith, except by God's action. "No one", Jesus said, "knows the Son

except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Mt 11: 27).

We are reflecting on this extraordinarily rich Gospel passage: the incarnate Word had revealed the Father to his disciples; now is the moment when the Father himself reveals his only Only-begotten Son to them. Peter receives inner enlightenment and courageously proclaims: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

These words on Peter's lips come from the depths of God's mystery. They reveal the intimate truth, the very life of God. And Peter, under the action of the divine Spirit, becomes a witness and confessor of this superhuman truth. His profession of faith thus forms the firm basis of the Church's faith: "On this rock I will build my Church" (Mt 16: 18). The Church of Christ is built on Peter's faith and fidelity.

The first Christian community was very conscious of this. As the Acts of the Apostles recount, when Peter was in prison it gathered to raise an earnest prayer to God for him (cf. Acts 12: 5). It was heard, because Peter's presence was still necessary for the community as it took its first steps: the Lord sent his angel to free him from the hands of his persecutors (cf. *ibid.*, 12: 7-11). It was written in God's plan that Peter, after long strengthening his brothers in faith, would undergo martyrdom here in Rome together with Paul, the Apostle of the nations, who had also escaped death several times.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Joseph, St Lawrence, St Rita, Ss Peter & Paul, St Oliver Plunkett, St Thomas, St Elizabeth of Portugal, St Thomas Beckett, pray for us.

With our love and prayers, Fr David, Fr Patrick, and Deacon Peter