



Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence

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7 th July 2024 Psalter Week 2		Fourteenth Sunday of the Year	
First Reading	Ezekiel 2:2-5 <i>The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.		
Second Reading	2 St Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10 <i>I shall be very happy to make my weakness my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Mark 6:1-6 <i>A prophet is despised only in his own country.</i>		
Saturday 6th July +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday 7th July +	10.30am	Mass – (Mary Redmond RIP)	
Monday 8th July <i>Feria</i>		No Parish Mass	
Tuesday 9th July St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & the Martyrs of China	10.00am	Mass – (Mary Kathleen O'Connor RIP)	
Wednesday 10th July <i>Feria</i>		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 11th July ST BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion	
Friday – 12th July <i>Feria</i>	10.00am	Mass – (Sr Margaret Geraghty RIP)	
Saturday – 13th July St Henry – Confessor	10.00am 10.30am	Mass – (CAFOD) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession	
Fifteenth Sunday of the Year			
Saturday – 13th July +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Lillian Morris RIP)	
Sunday – 14th July +	10.30am	Mass – (Agnes & Sidney Wogan RIP)	

Second Collection next weekend – Stella Maris (Sea Sunday)

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £432.95

DCP – £30.00

Average Standing Orders: £464.00

Total: £926.95

Many thanks for your continued financial support.

Fr Biju Chittuparamban



As announced last weekend, Fr David will be taking up a full-time post as Director of Human Formation at Allen Hall Seminary and as such Fr David will sadly be leaving the Parish at the end of the month. Bishop David has appointed **Fr Biju Chittuparamban**, currently assisting at St Ethelbert's, Slough, as our new Parish Priest here in Olney. Fr Biju has a wide experience of being a priest and has spent 6 years in Formation work for students for the priesthood at Oscott Seminary in Birmingham. We look forward to welcoming Fr Biju to the parish in the week of 5th August.

Message from the Social Committee

We are serving **tea and coffee after Mass this Sunday** - everyone is welcome!

We will not be letting Fr. David go without a leaving do. It is likely to be in September and will be an opportunity for us all to come together to thank Fr David. As soon as the details are confirmed we will let everyone know. Thank you in advance for your support.



Confirmation Mass with Bishop David Monday 22nd July 2024 at 7.00pm

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS – If you wish to make a donation for Mass Intentions via the Digital Collecting Plate can you please ensure that you complete the Mass Offering at the same time and put into one of the baskets in the church. Thank you.



SEA SUNDAY - The annual collection for 'Sea Sunday' will be held in our parish next weekend – this is the traditional second collection for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea. Please put your contribution either in the baskets in the narthex, the Digital Collection Plate or place in a sealed envelope

marked 'Sea Sunday' and leave at the Presbytery. Thank you for your continued generosity. You can find further information on the work of Stella Maris by visiting the website: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/>



Catholic Grandparents Association

As many of you will know, due to the diligence of Fr Patrick, we have a very successful group of parishioners who are members of the Catholic Grandparents Association. On **28th July 2024** the association will be celebrating the '**Fourth World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly**'. You can find the official prayer celebrating this special day at the end of this bulletin. Please do pray for our grandparents, living or dead, thanking the Lord

for the many graces bestowed on us through their actions. You can discover more about the work of the Catholic Grandparents Association by going to their website:

<https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/>



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



St Benedict – Patron of Europe

Born at Norcia in Umbria (Italy) about the year 480. After studying at Rome, he led a life of solitude in Subiaco and gathered disciples around him, and then went to Monte Cassino. Here he founded a well-known monastery and wrote his 'Rule', as a result of which he has been called the Father of Monasticism in the West. He died on 21st March 547 but from the end of the eighth century he has been venerated on 11th July in many places. On the feast day of St Benedict we pray for all who have responded to God's call to live a monastic life of prayer and devotion. Of course we pray especially for Brother John and community of the Monastery of Christ our

Saviour, together with the Sisters and community at the Priory of Our Lady of Peace, Turvey Abbey

**WE WELCOME THOSE ON THE CAFOD WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MASS
NEXT SATURDAY MORNING AT 10.00AM.**



PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR PEACE If anyone is looking for an app online to help you pray the Rosary, there are a good number of them online. Just type in “Rosary” and you will find plenty to choose from, including Daily Holy Rosary Prayer App and Rosary + Divine Mercy Chaplet. You can also go on to YouTube and you will find plenty of channels there with the Rosary for each day – just tap in “Daily Rosary” and make your choice



Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

28 July 2024

Lord, faithful God,
You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone
and who accompanies us through every season of life,
Do not abandon us, take care of us,
And grant us, once again,
The ability to discover ourselves
and recognise that we are Your children.
Renew our hearts with your Word
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.
May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness
And teach us to say:
“I will not abandon you!”
To those we meet on our journey.
With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,
And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
A day without loneliness, and a day abundant
with the first-fruits of Your peace.
Amen.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Joseph, St Lawrence, St Rita, St Augustine Zhao Rong & the Martyrs of China, St Benedict, St Henry the Confessor pray for us.

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