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18 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Psalter Week 4	<b>Twentieth Sunday of the Year</b>	
<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Proverbs 9:1-6</b> <i>Eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared for you.</i>	
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Taste and see that the Lord is good.</b>	
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>St Paul to the Ephesians 5:15-20</b> <i>Recognise what is the will of God.</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>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!</b>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>John 6:51-58</b> <i>My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.</i>	
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August +</b>	<b>5.45pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>Vigil Mass – (Michael &amp; Vincent Wogan RIP)</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August +</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (Pro Populo)</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b> St John Eudes - Priest	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass – (Rachel Ryan RIP)</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church	<b>9.15am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Adoration</b> <b>Mass – (Breda Cribben RIP)</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b> St Pius X - Pope	<b>9.15am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Adoration</b> <b>Mass – (Danny &amp; Christina Robertson Ints)</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b> The Queenship of the BVM	<b>9.15am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Adoration</b> <b>Mass – (Sandy Smyth Ints.)</b>
<b>Friday – 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> St Rose of Lima - Virgin	<b>9.15am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Adoration</b> <b>Mass – (Danny Sullivan Ints.)</b>
<b>Saturday – 24<sup>th</sup> August</b> ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (Julia &amp; Ian Scott Ints.)</b> <b>Adoration with Confession</b>
<b>Twenty-First Sunday of the Year</b>		
<b>Saturday – 24<sup>th</sup> August +</b>	<b>5.45pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)</b>
<b>Sunday – 25<sup>th</sup> August +</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (James O'Connor RIP)</b>

## Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £336.67

DCP – £0

Average Standing Orders: £464.00

**Total: £800.67**

*Many thanks for your continued financial support.*

**Thanksgiving Mass** – A Thanksgiving Mass & presentation to Fr David will be held on Sunday 6th October at 10.30am. Cards for parishioners are at the back of the church. Envelopes are also available for anyone wishing to donate towards a farewell gift for Father. If donating by cheque, please make payable to Our Lady Help of Christians. You can also donate via the digital collection plate or via the bank. Contact Denise for further details.



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### **NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN – SAFEGUARDING**

#### **New arrangements for Safeguarding Training:**

Following a good rating in the recent audit, the Diocese has introduced new arrangements for safeguarding training for all who volunteer for roles in the parish. There are specific requirements for those whose roles require them to hold a DBS certificate; all the volunteers affected by this have been contacted to explain what they need to do.

All other volunteers will receive a leaflet explaining the principles of safeguarding as it applies to those undertaking roles in the Church. This is also available to all parishioners free of charge; there is a notice on the board explaining how it can be accessed, or you can contact Janet Goodland for details at [safeguarding.olney@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding.olney@northamptondiocese.org).

**YOUTH WORKER VACANCY** The Diocese is currently recruiting for a Youth Worker to join the Youth Ministry Office. The role will be for 35 hours per week and will include evening and weekend work. Full information for the positions, including how to apply, can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> The closing date for applications will be 10th August. Interview dates to be confirmed. The start date for the position will be Tuesday 10th September 2024. All candidates should complete an application form and email it to: [hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

**First Holy Communion** - Classes will start 13<sup>th</sup> October. If you have a child in Year 2 or above and you would like them to make their 1st Holy Communion, please contact Denise – [ourladysolney@btconnect.com](mailto:ourladysolney@btconnect.com) or call her on 01234 711212 for a registration form. Further details will be announced later. **All** requests must be made via the parish office in the first instance.

**Mary Meal's** - If anyone has any foreign coins/notes or old UK coins/notes that they are looking to dispose of there is a jar in the narthex for your donations. Thank you.

**PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN FRANCE:** You are invited to join Bishop David on pilgrimage to Northern France from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024. Our pilgrimage begins with 3 nights staying in Lisieux, followed

by an overnight stay in Chartres and 3 nights in Paris. Our pilgrimage will be led by Canon John Udris. For more details <https://www.jcjourneys.com/northampton-diocese-pilgrimage-retreat> or email [neil.roseman@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:neil.roseman@northamptondiocese.org)

### **Diocesan Mass for Marriage**

The annual Mass for Marriage and Family Life will be celebrated by Bishop David on 7th September 2024 at Northampton Cathedral at 12 noon. Bishop David will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage ie 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 years etc. If this is a special anniversary year for you, please contact Sam Canning (MFL Co Ordinator) via email [mfl@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:mfl@northamptondiocese.org) by 25th August 2024.

### **Acts of Violence across the UK**

A prayer written by a priest of the Plymouth Diocese can be used to pray for peace across our nation.

Lord, Prince of Peace. We appeal to your boundless love and mercy. In the face of violence and turmoil in our country, strengthen our resolve to work for reconciliation and peace within our communities. Help us not to harden our hearts, to redouble our efforts to welcome the stranger and to reach out to those in need. Change the hearts and minds of those who seek to fuel unrest and bring us all to live in your kingdom of justice, peace and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

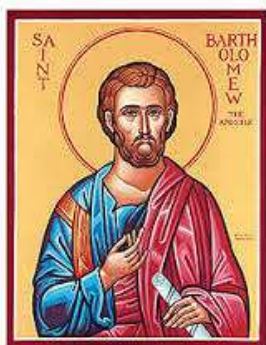
By Father Jonathan Stewart, Diocese of Plymouth

**NYMO** will be travelling to a youth gathering as part of the Eucharistic congress in Birmingham in September and will be taking young people from our diocese to be part of this special event. Please visit the NYMO webpage and complete the booking form: <https://nymo.org/invocation-at-adoremus-eucharistic-congress>



**St Rose of Lima** - Born at Lima in Peru in the year 1586. She advanced in virtue in her daily life at home, and after taking the habit of the Third Order of St Dominic she made great progress in a life of pence and mystical contemplation. She died on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1617.

*“When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbour’s, because in them we serve Jesus. Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven. Without the burden of afflictions, it is impossible to reach the height of Grace.” – Sr Rose of Lima*



**St Bartholomew** - On Saturday we celebrate the feast of St Bartholomew one of the apostles who was born in Cana. He was led to Jesus by the apostle Philip and after the Lord’s Ascension tradition has it that he preached the Gospel in India and there suffered martyrdom. He is only mentioned a few times in the Synoptic Gospels – in Mark 3:18 he is one of the twelve whom Jesus calls to be with Him and names as apostles: *“and Andrew, Philip and Bartholomew...”*

## **Reflections on the Readings**

20th Sunday of ordinary time readings stress the fact that the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of the Sacraments is the Food that gives us life forever. This Sunday, Jesus asserts that to eat this Bread is to have eternal life.

Today's first reading, taken from the Book of Proverbs offers wisdom and understanding in the form of a rich banquet to all those who are willing to heed her invitation. The early Christians often identified Jesus as the Wisdom of God. They regarded the Eucharist as Wisdom's banquet, where they shared in the Divine Wisdom now Incarnate in Jesus. The Responsorial Psalm thanks God for His providential care and His close association with His people, and invites all to "taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

In the second reading, Paul advises the Gentile Christians to show their gratitude to God for calling them, along with the Jews, to Christianity, and for giving them a share in Christ's life.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus asserts that eating the Living Bread, allows us to participate in his life and to grow here and now in our eternal life with God. Jesus emphasizes the eternal-life dimensions of eating His body and drinking His Blood. Our participation in the Eucharist also concretizes and energizes our relationship with Christ and with one another. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one Body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body for the life of the world. Amen

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of Walsingham, St Joseph, St Lawrence, St Rita, pray for us.

*With our love and prayers, Fr Biju, Fr Patrick, and Deacon Peter*