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29 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 Psalter Week 2		Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year	
First Reading	<b>Numbers 11:25-29</b> <i>Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	<b>The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.</b>		
Second Reading	<b>St James 5: 1-6</b> <i>Your wealth is all rotting.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!</b>		
Gospel	<b>Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48</b> <i>Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.</i>		
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September +</b>	<b>5.45pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>Mass – (Pro Populo)</b>	
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September +</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (Monica Drummond RIP)</b>	
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>St Jerome – Priest &amp; Doctor</b>		<b>No Parish Mass today</b>	
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> <b>St Therese of the Child Jesus – Virgin &amp; Doctor</b>		<b>No Parish Mass today</b>	
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> <b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass – (Foundation Mass – Murphy family)</b>	
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> <b>St Thomas de Cantaloupe - Bishop</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Service of Word &amp; Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Friday – 4<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>St Francis of Assisi – Religious</b>		<b>No Parish Mass today</b>	
<b>Saturday – 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>St Faustina Kowalska – Religious</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass – (Margaret Anderson RIP)</b>	
<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year</b>			
<b>Saturday – 5<sup>th</sup> October +</b>	<b>5.45pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>Mass – (Pro Populo)</b>	
<b>Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> October +</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (Thanksgiving Mass for Fr David)</b>	

**THIS WEEKEND THE SVP WILL BE MAKING THEIR ANNUAL APPEAL**

**WEEK TWO OF ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT**

## Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £425.18

DCP – £30.00

Average Standing Orders: £ 487.00

**Total: £942.18**

*Many thanks for your continued financial support.*

**Next weekend the Cafod Harvest Envelopes will be given out for return on 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> October please.**

**Thanksgiving Mass** – A Thanksgiving Mass & presentation to Fr David will be held **next Sunday 6th October at 10.30am**. Cards for parishioners to sign 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.

**Please Note: This weekend is the last opportunity for anyone wishing to donate towards Fr David's collection and to sign the cards**

**Bring and Share Buffet – Sunday 6 October 2024** – We are very grateful to the Parish Social Committee who are making the arrangements for the 'Bring & Share' Buffet following the Thanksgiving Mass for Fr David. Please could you indicate on the board in the porch by **Sunday 29th September** how many people will be coming from your household and what you would like to bring to the buffet. Please do not worry if you are unable to bring anything or don't know for definite if you can attend. It's just to get an approximate idea of numbers and to ensure that there is a variety of food. The letter & suggestions are available on the parish website under the Newsletter tab.



**The First Thursday Discussion Group** – The second series of talks continues **this coming Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall. The theme for this year is "Parables." This coming Thursday, Graham Ryan will lead a discussion on how parables in the gospels help us to understand Pope Francis' message in his 2015 Encyclical on the environment and sustainability, *Laudato Si*, drawing on our parish's discussion group last Lent. Everyone is welcome to join us.



**Parish Choir – Singers Wanted** – We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of parishioners & musicians in our parish choir – their contribution really does enhance our Liturgy. The choir is looking for more singers of all voice types. Apart from rehearsing for Sunday Mass, we will soon start preparing for the Christmas Carol Concert. Even if you cannot commit to being a permanent choir member but would like to be part of the choir for the Carol

Concert you will be most welcome! Rehearsals take place at the church every Monday evening during term time from 7:30pm-9pm.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Eva on **07876 366177** – or by email: [eva\\_kuntz@hotmail.com](mailto:eva_kuntz@hotmail.com). You will be made most welcome.



**First Holy Communion** - Classes will start on **Sunday 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 on [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.

**The Revised Lectionary** - the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. The revised Lectionary will be taken into use on the **First Sunday of Advent (Year C) – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**. This will mean that the readings contained in the current Lectionaries & Sunday/Weekly Missals will no longer be used. The new Lectionaries for use in our Parish will be available in good time – **Readers are urged to carefully check the readings for the First Sunday of Advent onwards as they will be different to what you have in your current Missals.**

**Sunday Missals** - Various publishers are making available the new Sunday Missals which contain the revised readings – these can be purchased online.



### Mass Intentions

If you wish to make an offering for a Mass Intention by way of the Digital Collection Plate it is most important that you fill in one of the Mass Intention envelopes giving the name of who the Mass is for together with your name and contact number. We have recently received a few Mass intentions by way of the DCP but have no details of who the Mass is for nor the benefactor.



## St Francis of Assisi

Born at Assisi in the year 1182.

From being a light-hearted youth, he changed, gave up his inheritance and bound himself to God, embracing poverty and living the life of the gospels. He preached to all the love of God. He gave to his followers' wise rules which were approved by the Holy See. He laid the foundation of an order of nuns, of groups of penitents living in the world, and of preaching the gospel to infidels. He died in the year 1226.

Thought for the week: 'Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible.'

**St Francis of Assisi**



## October – the Month of the Holy Rosary

The Rosary is a prayer favoured by so many saints in the life of the church – Padre Pio, Pope St John Paul II, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and many, many others. It is a powerful prayer – useful in intercession for ourselves, the Church and the world, a help in temptation and trials, a comfort in tribulation and desolation.

The Rosary is a form of meditation. As we pray the ten Hail Marys in each decade, we ponder on one of the events of the life of Jesus and of Mary - but we do not do this on our own. In a sense, we are putting our hand into that of Mary and she guides us to look at these events through her eyes, with her hearts and her mind. Mary is a great model of this kind of prayer.

We are told in Luke's Gospel on several occasions that she treasured these things in her heart – **she pondered over them**. Mary teaches us through the Rosary to look with her eyes at the life of her Son, to ponder over these events, these mysteries, to contemplate Jesus and the whole marvellous plan of God which is summed up in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. In mediating on the life of Jesus as He was on earth, we are led by Mary to contemplate Jesus as He is now in heaven and to experience His presence now in our hearts. Each recitation of the Rosary is a walk with Mary, a walk whose steps with her bring us ever closer to the true goal of our lives, when we shall see God face to face in heaven and become like Him.

Please do pray the Rosary – for our parish, for our Diocese and our Bishop, for the Church, for our world. We live in times when there is a lot of noise, so many words with very little of substance being said. These are disturbing and difficult moments, when we need as Catholics to become people of prayer and of intercession for our world.

We need to pray for the sick, the dying and those who have died. We need to pray for saints for our age, for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, for families and for married couples, for our young and our old.

We need to pray for the conversion of all people to the Lord, for more labourers in the vineyard to bring the Good News to a world mired in so much bad news, division, and recrimination. **We need especially now to pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world.** We might ask ourselves, “But what can I do? How can I make any difference to all this?” **Pray the Rosary** – we will make a difference just by praying the Rosary and Our Lady will show us what the Lord wants us to do and how we can do it, just as she did.

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

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