



Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence

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6 th October 2024 Psalter Week 3		Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year	
First Reading	Genesis 2:18-24 <i>They became one body.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.		
Second Reading	Hebrews 2:9-11 <i>The one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are the same stock.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16 <i>What God has united, man must not divide.</i>		
Saturday 5 th October +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday 6 th October +	10.30am	Mass – (Thanksgiving Mass for Fr David)	
Monday 7 th October Our Lady of the Rosary	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Fr David Barrett – Int.)	
Tuesday 8 th October Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Mr Hewitt Sr – RIP)	
Wednesday 9 th October St John Henry Newman - Priest	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Margaret & Thomas Rogerson RIP)	
Thursday 10 th October Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Anne Bagnell RIP & family Ints.)	
Friday – 11 th October St John XXIII - Pope	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Michael McLaughlin RIP)	
Saturday – 12 th October St Wilfrid of York - Bishop	10.00am 10.30am	Mass – (Judith Emery – Healing) Adoration with Confession	
Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year			
Saturday – 12 th October +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday – 13 th October +	10.30am	Mass – (Charlie Creed RIP – 1st Aniv)	

WEEK THREE OF ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £450.15

DCP – £25.00

Average Standing Orders: £ 487.00

Total: £962.15

Many thanks for your continued financial support.



CAFOD is the UK Caritas agency for Overseas Development providing support for peoples affected by poverty, wars, and injustice globally. Our Parish continues to provide generous and meaningful help. **This weekend** a representative from our parish CAFOD Group will be making the annual CAFOD Harvest appeal and envelopes will be distributed at each Mass. Please return your envelope the following weekend – **12th/13th October**. Please do think about how you live in our world today compared to the many. Thank you for your continued support.
Parish CAFOD Group.



First Holy Communion – IMPORTANT – there will be a meeting for Parents on **Monday 7th October at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall**. Classes will start **next Sunday 13th 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 or call her on 01234 711212 for a registration form.



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.



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. You will be made most welcome

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) – 1st 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.

Priestly Vocations – The National Office of Vocations have released two video presentations that give an insight into the life of a priest. You can view these via the Diocesan website: <https://northamptondiocese.org/vocation-promotion/>

Abortion – s.9 Public Order Act 2023 and buffer zones. On 31st October Section 9 of the Public Order Act 2023 will become law, making vigils outside abortion centres a criminal offence. This will probably include silent prayer. It effectively takes away that last line of defence for women and their unborn babies. Please write to your local MP letting them know that you disapprove of this law and want it repealed. You can find a handy tool on the SPUC website to do this. Why not join SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) and help us make abortion unthinkable. You can find further details on the SPUC website: www.spuc.org.uk

Safeguarding. Within our diocesan safeguarding structures, the Healing and Reconciliation Group is focussed entirely on representing the voice of survivors and reaching out to those who have been hurt by abuse. As a diocese we are particularly keen to encourage membership from those who have lived experience of abuse. We value your insight and would like to be able to listen, hear and act upon your advice to help improve our response to those who have been hurt by abuse. To make further enquiries please contact safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or go to: safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org



The Gospel on a String - Most of us have at least a few precious photographs in our homes—or perhaps on our phones! They keep the most important people and events of our lives in our minds, so that they are not just distant memories but a part of who we are today. The Rosary is much like our precious photos or other mementos: it is a simple, tangible way of keeping the most important person in our

life—Jesus—front and center. But because the Rosary is a prayer, not just an object, it actually connects us to Jesus and helps us to deepen our relationship with Him.

Pope Saint John Paul II wrote that the Rosary is a way of “remembering Christ with Mary,” who knows Him as only a mother can. St Luke tells us that Mary continually meditated on the mysteries in her Son’s life and “pondered all these things in her heart.” (Luke 2: 19)

We do something similar when we recall important memories and share them with others, gradually developing a different perspective on past events as we mature and see them in a different light. Think of how differently most people see their parents once they have children of their own! By reflecting on the events of Jesus’ life in the Rosary, we can also grow in our understanding of them.

Just as learning from our special memories comes naturally and does not involve any formal study, so the Rosary is “simple yet profound” – again, in the words of Pope Saint John Paul II. It is an unchanging series of the most basic prayers of our faith repeated

while thinking about the most important events in the life of Jesus and, by extension, of his mother Mary. It does not require a vast knowledge of the Bible or the Catechism of the Catholic Church—but those of us who enjoy reading and studying will find that it will only enrich our recitation of the Rosary. For music lovers, you may prefer to think of the rosary as the background music while our focus is on that moment is the life of Christ. The reason the Rosary is so “profound” is simply that it originates in God’s own Word. Popes Pius XII and Paul VI have called it “*the compendium of the entire Gospel*” (**or, the Gospel on a string**) because it encompasses all the highlights of the history of our salvation – namely, the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries.

Whether we are new to the Rosary or have been praying it for years, we should try to meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary in a way that lets us really tap into its riches and keeps us in touch with the most important person in our lives – Jesus. Some people find it helpful to use a pamphlet with Bible verses or pictures related to the Mysteries; others need nothing but the prayers themselves. Some people enjoy praying the Rosary in a group; others prefer to go at their own pace. Just saying one decade of the rosary daily, for some, slowly and with great attentiveness, might be their preference. Everybody’s approach to praying the Rosary is a little different, just like everybody’s relationship with Jesus and His Mother is unique.

When we spend the time, it takes to pray a Rosary in the company of our Saviour and His Mother, we start to find that they become a bigger part of our lives and that the events of their lives become part of our own. We learn how to live as mature Christians by being with them and observing how they lived, just as we learned to be mature adults by living with our parents or other guardians. None of us is obligated to pray the Rosary, but when we know that it is not a boring series of prayers but a way of deepening our relationships with people who already love us more than words can say—Jesus and Mary—it becomes something that we want to do. It has been my personal experience that it truly is the **GOSPEL ON A STRING!**

Sr Johanna Marie Melnyk, OSB

Adapted from a retreat on the Rosary at Turvey Abbey, 18 May 2013.

Thought for the Week: *"To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ."*

St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter 'Rosarium Virginis Mariae'

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