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17 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 Psalter Week 1		Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year	
First Reading	<b>Daniel 12:1-13</b> <i>When that time comes your own people will be spared.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	<b>Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.</b>		
Second Reading	<b>Hebrews 10:11-14. 18</b> <i>By virtue of one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!</b>		
Gospel	<b>Mark 13:24-32</b> <i>He will gather his chosen from the four winds.</i>		
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November +	6.00pm 6.30pm	<b>Confession</b> <b>Mass – (Pro Populo)</b>	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November +	10.30am	<b>Mass – (Deceased family &amp; friends of the Ayles family)</b>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul	9.15am 10.00am	<b>Adoration</b> <b>Mass – (The Patterson family Int.)</b>	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November <i>Feria</i>	9.00am 9.30am	<b>Adoration</b> <b>Mass – (David O'Connor RIP)</b>	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November St Edmund - Martyr		<b>No Parish Mass today</b>	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November The Presentation of the BVM	10.00am 10.30am 12 noon	<b>Mass – (K I Chacko RIP)</b> <b>Adoration</b>	
Friday – 22 <sup>nd</sup> November St Cecilia – Virgin & Martyr	9.15am 10.00am	<b>Adoration</b> <b>Mass – (Fr Richard Maroney RIP – 1<sup>st</sup> Aniv.)</b>	
Saturday – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November St Clement I – Pope & Martyr St Columban - Abbott	9.15am 10.00am	<b>Adoration</b> <b>Mass – (Tom Busby RIP – 1<sup>st</sup> Aniv.)</b>	
<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>			
Saturday – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November +	6.00pm 6.30pm	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Mass – (Pro Populo)</b>	
Sunday – 24 <sup>th</sup> November +	10.30am	<b>Mass – (Oscar van Reyk RIP)</b>	

**Please Note: Fr Biju is available for Confessions during Adoration**

## LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

- Offertory: £296.65
- Digital Collection Plate: £25.00
- Standing Orders of £487.00
- TOTAL: £808.65

### Second Collection this weekend: Bishops Ministry Fund

**NEXT WEEKEND** - 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November we have Bishop David's missionary appeal on behalf of The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers).

**Assisted Dying Bill** - The MP for Milton Keynes North, Chris Curtis, will be at the Olney Centre **next Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November between 1.30pm and 4.30pm**. This will be a public forum and not specifically about any one issue but you may wish to visit and ask him about his views on the **Assisted Dying Bill** currently going before parliament and to let him know your views as a Christian.

**Parish Forum** – The next Parish Forum will be held in the **Parish Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to share your views and ideas for developing your Parish – everyone is welcome to attend. If there is something particular you wish to raise but are not able to attend in person then please speak to either Fr Biju or Deacon Peter before the meeting – you can of course send an email to Fr Biju – [frbiju.chittuparamban@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:frbiju.chittuparamban@northamptondiocese.org)



**CASPAR** – In line with the decision made by the Diocese, we are beginning to use CASPAR, a new parish database system designed to improve communication and streamline parish management. We kindly ask you all to register as a parishioner either via the web page: [www.caspar.church/me?ID=56071](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56071) or by scanning the QR code here (also available in the porch). You will need your own email address and will be prompted to create a password. The

sign-up process is simple, and we only collect your name and email address. Rest assured, all data is kept secure and is fully GDPR-compliant. You can delete your entry anytime you like. If you are not confident in using the internet or do not have an email address, please contact Denise who will help you to sign up. Thank you.



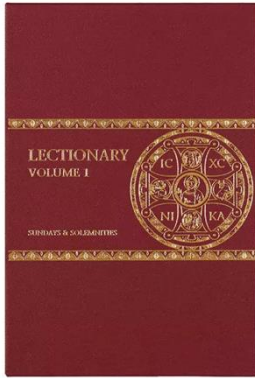
**Blessing of Graves** – during this month when we dedicate our prayers to the Holy Souls, Fr Biju is offering to bless the graves of your loved ones. If you would like the grave of a loved one blessed during this month of November then please speak directly to Fr Biju who will be happy to arrange this for you.



Our annual parish Christmas Concert will be held on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm** here in our church. An evening of carols, readings and prayer followed by seasonal refreshments in the parish hall. Everyone welcome! This year the proceeds from the concert will go to 'Olney is Kind.'

# Helping Hands

**Church Cleaners** – we are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church building in which we can worthily worship the Lord. We remain ever grateful to the willing team of volunteers who keep our church clean and tidy. Sadly, due to ill health and ageing the number of volunteers is now reduced to only three. We are seeking more young volunteers to help keep our church looking resplendent – if you can give some of your time each month to help with this task, please add your name to the list at the back of the church or speak to Julia Scott or Fr Biju. Thank you.



**REVISED LECTIONARY** – From the 6.30pm Vigil Mass on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)** our parish will start to use the readings from the Revised Lectionary. This will mean that the Readings in your current missals **will not be correct**. New Missals containing the revised readings can be obtained from various sources including the CTS; Pauline Books; Amazon. Before you purchase, please ensure that it states on the cover:

**‘PEOPLES EDITION – With the New Translation of the Lectionary’**

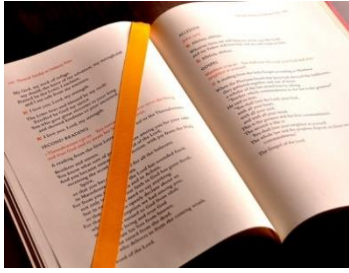
**Special Note for Readers** – If you are on the Readers Rota from 30<sup>th</sup> November, it is most important that you look at the revised readings before Mass. We have a copy of the Revised Lectionary (Study Edition) which you can use to prepare yourself for the readings.

**Love Christmas Campaign** - Caritas has launched the annual Love Christmas Campaign. **Anyone wishing to contribute gifts please leave at the back of the church by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** Suggested Gifts - anything that you would give as a gift to a family member or friend will be suitable and will be distributed to someone appropriate within the Milton Keynes deanery. Please do not include non-gift items such as pasta, tinned food, toothpaste, hand sanitizer etc these will be gratefully accepted by your local foodbank. Suggested Gift Ideas: Chocolates, shortbread, luxury biscuits, selection boxes, games and toys, puzzles, dolls, craft sets, action toys, fidget toys, balls, playing cards, family games, activities, board games, winter clothing (scarves, gloves, socks, and blankets). Nail varnish, hand cream, toiletries, colouring books, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationary set, books, make-up, hair accessories, hairbrush, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationary set, toiletry gift packs, Play doh. Suggested Additional Gifts for babies and toddlers: Cuddly toy, bath toy, building blocks, animal figures, musical toys, socks, gloves, and blankets. Suggested Additional Gifts for Elderly People Individual Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, lap blanket, insulated mug, gloves, scarf. **Caritas Northampton do incredible work within our diocese & parishes and very much deserve our support** – further information: <https://northamptondiocese.org/caritas/>



**Newsletter – Deadline** - Items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter should be submitted to Denise no later than **5.00pm on Wednesday afternoon**. Whilst we will do our best to include your item this cannot always be guaranteed.

## Scripture Reflections on 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (Year B)



**From Fr. Biju's desk...** Today's readings give us the assurance that our God will be with us all the days of our lives and that we will have the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, guiding, protecting, and strengthening us despite our necessary uncertainty concerning the end time when "Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." Each year at this time, the Church asks us to consider our "four last things" – Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell, or the end, judgment, reward, and punishment.

**First Reading: Daniel 12:1-13** - is taken from the prophet Daniel and was originally given to comfort and give hope to the Jewish people persecuted by a cruel pagan Greek king, Antiochus Epiphanes. It also advises us to live wisely and justly in the present time, instead of worrying about the unknown future.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14** - in today's second reading, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews challenges us to look to the future with hope and serenity because Jesus, having secured the forgiveness of our sins and our sanctification through the sacrifice on the cross, sits forever at God's right hand as the one Mediator between man and God.

**Mark 13:24-32** - Today's Gospel, taken from Mark, offered hope to early Christians persecuted by the Roman Emperor Nero, by reminding them of Jesus' words about His glorious return to earth with great power and glory as Judge to gather and reward the elect. Daniel and Mark continue to remind us that God will ensure that the righteous will survive the ordeal and will find a place with Him. Through the parable of the fig tree, Jesus warns us all to read the "**signs of the time,**" reminding us that we must be ever prepared to give an account of our lives to Jesus when He comes in glory as our Judge, because we cannot know "**either the day or the hour**" of His Second Coming.

Let us recognise the "second coming" of Jesus in our daily lives through everyday occurrences, always remembering that Jesus comes without warning. Let us be able to welcome Jesus in His Second Coming as we faithfully do the will of God by daily serving our brothers and sisters, recognising Christ's presence in them, and by being reconciled with God and with our brothers and sisters every day.

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*



Thought for the Month of Holy Souls: "We must say many prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, for one must be so pure to enter heaven"

**St John Mary Vianney**