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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

On first listening to this Sunday's Gospel, it can seem that Christ was indifferent to the cares and concerns of His Disciples. In the midst of a storm, they were terrified and Jesus was asleep.

But what the Gospel shows us is how we are to have trust that Christ is in control. This can be difficult, especially for those of us who like to be in control.

The Gospel also teaches us that Christ did not come to the assistance of His Disciples until they asked for it. Again, this reminds us that He will never force Himself upon us but rather give His grace and His strength to us when we ask for it.

Ultimately, the Gospel this Sunday encourages us to pray constantly for the strength to face what comes our way and to have trust that Christ is in control!

Oremus pro invicem!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Carlo Acutis

What is most surprising about Carlo's story is how he managed to be profoundly original: offering everyone who knew him the portrait of an exceptionally smiling normality.

Carlo was a boy like any other, and at the same time, he did extraordinary things. He played the saxophone and, still very young, taught catechism to children. He played soccer with his friends, and an hour later, he would be volunteering at the soup kitchen of the Capuchins and Mother Teresa's nuns for the poor.

He had fun with video games, and at the same time, he used the internet to do apostolic works.

Enlightened, animated by an extraordinary faith and love for Jesus in the Eucharist and for Mother Mary that he had lived deeply since childhood. This made him an example capable of involving and inspiring others to action.

Blessed Carlo Acutis
pray for us!

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday - 10am - 2 pm

Tuesday - 10 am - 2 pm

Wednesday - 10 am - 2 pm

Thursday - CLOSED

Friday - CLOSED

Saturday / Sunday - CLOSED

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BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Last Sunday, we received confirmation that our parish will be gifted a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. This is a great privilege for us as it means that we are the only Diocesan Parish to have a relic of this Millennial Blessed who, next year, will be raised to Sainthood.

The relic will be collected in the next week and we will be inviting Bishop David to offer Mass to mark the occasion.

A date for the Mass will be announced when the Bishop's Office has confirmed availability.

In the meantime, let us ask for the intercession of Blessed Carlo to help us become the original saints that God created us to be!

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

To celebrate the vocation of Marriage, there will be a Mass on **Saturday 6th July at 12 pm.**

The date has been changed due to other events taking place across our Deanery!

There will be an opportunity to renew wedding vows and receive a special blessing asking the Lord to continue to bless the Marriage.

There will be a reception afterwards in the Parish Centre.

PARISH PICNIC AND GAMES

Our second annual Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday 7th July at Stockwood Park!

Everyone is invited to bring picnics and take part!

More details to follow in the next few weeks!

VINNY'S PANTRY

Vinny's Pantry will be open on Tuesdays between 5.45 pm - 6.45 pm. The Pantry is open to anyone and everyone who may be in need of essential items as well as a place to have a cup of tea or coffee and speak with one of our incredible SVP Members.

The Pantry is currently in great need of tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, cereal, coffee, soaps, and cleaning products.

OPEN HOUSE

The next Open House will take place on **Monday 8th July** between **5.30 pm - 7pm.**

Open House is an opportunity to book in sacramental celebrations as well as have forms signed.

Please note that some forms require the person signing to have known them for more than two years!

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

This year's Eucharistic Congress will take place at St Mary's College, Oscott, on Saturday 14th September.

If you are interested in attending this event which will feature renowned speakers, please contact Fr Liam Castle on 01582 663706

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please use the following link to register as a member of the Parish (<https://www.caspar.church/me>)

This is a great way to stay in touch with events at the Parish through the Parish Newsletter as well as keep informed about Sacramental Programmes within the Parish.

PHOTOS / BOOKLETS

There are still some photos of loved ones / Funeral Mass booklets left from the Mass of Remembrance - they can be collected from the Sacristy.

PUBLIC ROSARY

There is an opportunity to pray the Rosary outside of the church (Castle Street side) from 4 pm every Sunday. All are welcome to join!

SUNDAY VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

There is an opportunity to pray the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) on Sundays at 4.15 pm. This will be followed by Benediction.

THURSDAY MASS

Please note that there will now be public Mass at 12.45 pm on Thursdays. This Mass will be offered by Fr Eustace in his role as Chaplain to the University of Bedfordshire.

ST THOMAS DAY MASS

To celebrate the Feast Day of St Thomas the Apostle, a saint who tradition says brought Christianity to India in 52AD, there will be a Mass and Reception on Wednesday 3rd July at 7 pm.

Everyone is invited to bring and share and everyone is welcome to attend!

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and please continue to pray for priests!

“Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus! Amen”

JOSEPH RICHTER

We will be hosting a seminarian from the North American College during the month of July.

Joseph is from the Diocese of Bismarck in North Dakota and is currently in his first year in Rome having spent several years in Seminary in the United States.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Walsingham for the Sanctity of Life - Saturday 3rd August 2024. Led by Bishop David Oakley.

Coaches leave St Mary's Dunstable at 7.20am, St Joseph's Luton at 7.40am (No parking – Vigil Mass that evening), Our Lady's Luton at 8.00am. Adults £24.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. Seats reserved only with payment. Bring a packed lunch and drinks.

For more information go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org and to book kevin.drew@btinternet.com or 07802 525581.

SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

The self defence classes continue **THIS WEDNESDAY** at 7 pm in the Parish Centre.

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for: Sally Rhodes, Tommy Hannigan, Connor McFadden, Margaret Malone, Alexander El-Lamaa, Margaret Spring, Agnieszka Daniel, Christopher Parfitt, Jimmy, Tina, John McCormick, Jane Matthews, Mary Williams, Michael Curtin, and all who are sick.

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Please pray for: Maureen Friels, Jim Seery, Thomas O'Boyle, Francis Farrell, Augustine Abara and all our loved ones who have died.

PILGRIMAGE TO NORTHERN FRANCE

You are invited to join Bishop David on pilgrimage to Northern France from 15-22 October 2024.

For more details visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/france/>

ALTAR OF DIVINE MERCY

It is hoped that during the summer, a side altar will be added beneath the Divine Mercy Image.

The purpose of this altar, along with the images of St John Paul II and St Faustina, is to emphasise the incredible mercy and love of God and to act as another area of popular devotion.

MORNING MASS

The Morning Mass that currently takes place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7.30 am will be moved to 7 am from July. This is in response to parishioners who would like to attend Mass before work.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“God loves each of us as if there was only one of us!”

- Saint Augustine

BECKET FESTIVAL

Bishop David will preside at Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Translation of the Relics of one of our diocesan patrons, Saint Thomas Becket will take place at 11am on Saturday 6 July.

The Festival will close with Solemn Vespers of Saint Thomas Becket at 4pm on Sunday 7 July. The Becket lecture will take place at 3pm on the same day. The lecture this year will be focussed on Venerable Ignatius Spencer who has strong links to Northampton and we look forward to listening to Fr Gerard Skinner deliver the lecture.

Please visit:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/relics/> for a full programme of events.

MASS READINGS AND PRAYERS

Please scan the QR code to access the daily Mass readings and prayers.



PARISH OFFERTORY

A huge thank you to all those who are able to support the mission of the parish through their financial offering.

£1689.64

Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY 23rd June</p> <p>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS</p> <p>11 am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS</p> <p>4 pm Rosary 4.15pm Adoration and Benediction</p> <p>5 pm MASS</p>	<p>Christian Hamrick Int., Reed Robinson Int., Fr Joseph Ferme Int., Fr David Lee Int., Mary Trevers RIP.</p> <p>Carmel McManus Int., Kathleen Maguire RIP, Joe Maguire RIP.</p> <p>Pro Populo.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY 24th June</p> <p>Nativity of S. John the Baptist</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p> <p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>Ann Gee RIP., Elsy Vincent RIP.</p> <p>Sefin Francis Int.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY 25th June</p> <p>S. Cadoc</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p>	<p>Joseph MJ RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY 26th June</p> <p>Votive Mass of S. Joseph</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p> <p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>Emanuala Coy Int.</p> <p>Kathleen McGreevy RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY 27th June</p> <p>S. Cyril of Alexandria</p>	<p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>University of Bedfordshire., Mary Neilson RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY 28th June</p> <p>S. Ircaneus</p>	<p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>Fr Pdraig Hawkins Int.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY 29th June</p> <p>Votive Mass of Our Lady</p>	<p>9am ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>9.30 am MASS</p> <p>1 pm Baptisms</p>	<p>For the Dignity of all Life, Sefin Francis Int., Mary Travers RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY 30th June</p> <p>SS Peter & Paul</p>	<p>9am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS</p> <p>11 am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS</p> <p>4 pm Rosary 4.15 pm Vespers and Benediction</p> <p>5 pm MASS</p>	<p>Brendan Purdy RIP.</p> <p>Owen Heavy RIP.</p> <p>Pro Populo.</p>