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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Our Gospel parable today reminds us all that we are called - as followers of the risen Christ - to prepare the soil of our lives - with great faith and with courageous hope – so that when the gift of communion with God comes we are ready to receive it fully.

God doesn't need us to be perfect to work with us nor does He require the most ideal conditions in which to work – thank goodness for that or I'd certainly have no chance of being redeemed and loved! But He does require us to bring our ordinary – simple selves before Him – and prepare the soil of our hearts to receive Him and His eternal love - now and always.

Let us pray that on our great journeys of faith - we may constantly prepare the soil of our hearts and so be ready to receive the great gift of God's love for us.

Oremus pro invicem!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Pope Saint John Paul II

Karol Józef Wojtyła was born in the Polish town of Wadowice on the 18th May 1920. The linguistically skilled Wojtyła wanted to study Polish at university but encouraged by a priest friend, he decided to study theology and become a priest. Eventually, Wojtyła rose to the position of Archbishop of Kraków and then a cardinal

John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope since Adrian VI in the 16th century, as well as the third-longest-serving pope in history after Pius IX and St. Peter. John Paul II attempted to improve the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, and the Eastern Orthodox Church in the spirit of ecumenism, holding atheism as the greatest threat.

He has been credited with fighting against dictatorships for democracy and with helping to end communist rule in his native Poland and the rest of Europe.

Saint John Paul II
pray for us!

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday - CLOSED
Tuesday - 10 am - 2 pm
Wednesday - 10 am - 2 pm
Thursday - CLOSED
Friday - CLOSED
Saturday / Sunday - CLOSED

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FATHERS DAY

Wishing all the Fathers of the Parish a very Happy Fathers Day!

Today is a day to thank God for the vocation of Fatherhood - both spiritual and biological - and to pray that the Lord may help Fathers in their mission to lead people to Heaven.

Today is also a day to pray for our Fathers who have already gone to their eternal reward!

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, please contact Fr Liam Castle on 01582 663706

BETHANY MASS

The next Mass for our brothers and sisters with SEN will take place at the Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday 16th June at 3 pm.

All are welcome to the Mass and the refreshments afterwards.

LITTLE HELPERS OF OUR LADY

The Little Helpers of Our Lady will be meeting after the 11.30 am Mass **THIS SUNDAY** (16th June) in the Parish Centre.

The Little Helpers apostolate is to support the work of the parish in any practical way!

All are welcome to join!

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.

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

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!

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

A letter requesting a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis has been submitted to the postulator in Assisi. It is hoped that we will receive this incredible gift in the next few months.

When we have a date for the arrival of the relic, we will organise a number of events and information evenings.

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!

PRAYER 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”

DAY OF FASTING FOR LIFE

Catholics are invited to fast on Saturday 22nd June to pray for the protection of life in all of its stages.

SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

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

This is a fantastic opportunity to keep fit, meet new friends, and learn some valuable skills.

All are welcome, regardless of ability!

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/>

ROTAS FOR LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

The new rotas for Lectors and Extra - Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers are now available for collection from the sacristy on Sundays.

If you are unable to collect them on Sundays, please collect them from the Parish Office during opening hours.

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for: Seamus Wilhare, 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.

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

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.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I have nothing left. But I have my heart and with that I can always love."

- Blessed Chiara Badano

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.

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Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY 16th June</p> <p>11th 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>Fr Dominic Geiger Int., Sadie Cummins RIP, Teresa Roe RIP.</p> <p>Pro Populo., Fathers of the Parish., David Family Int., Judit Pasamar Int., Maggie Jenkins RIP.</p> <p>Pro Populo, James Seery RIP, Val Lynn RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY 17th June</p> <p>Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p>	<p>Lilian Keya Int., Maureen & Jimmy Sherry Int., Kathleen Maguire RIP, Margaret Jennings RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY 18th June</p> <p>Votive Mass of the Holy Angels</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p>	<p>Bernadette Fitzgerald RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY 19th June</p> <p>Dedication of the Cathedral</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p> <p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>John Peter McAndrew RIP.</p> <p>Patrikc McDonagh RIP, William Doherty RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY 20th June</p> <p>S. Alban</p>	<p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>University of Bedfordshire.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY 21st June</p> <p>S. Aloysius Gonzaga</p>	<p>7.30 am MASS (LATIN)</p>	<p>Joyce Rasaiya RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY 22nd June</p> <p>SS Thomas More & John Fisher</p>	<p>9am ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>9.30 am MASS</p>	<p>Liz McDowell Int., Fr Barrie McKenzie Int.</p>
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