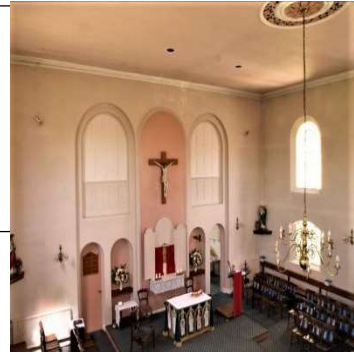


## WELCOME TO OUR

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### “Salutations and Welcome!”

Whether you are visiting our parish this weekend or are new to parish, or a regular attended – it is great you are here!

From the beginning Catholic Church has honoured the memory of the dead and designates **November as a special month**, to pray for and remember those who have died. The month begins with the **Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation of All Saints (Nov 1)**, and the feast of the **Holy Souls (Nov 2)**. Mass will be available on both these days. The traditional ‘**Month of the Holy Souls**’ envelopes are now available.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~”

**Pope Francis’** fourth encyclical letter, ***Dilexit Nos***, on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus, has recently been published. In it, Pope Francis invites and commends us to grow closer in communion, participation and mission with the Heart of Jesus. You can read the Encyclical for yourself either from the parish website or at [cbcew.org.uk/bishop-welcomes-encyclical-on-sacred-heart-of-jesus/](http://cbcew.org.uk/bishop-welcomes-encyclical-on-sacred-heart-of-jesus/)

**Rest In Peace** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia (Pat) Gaysher of Silverstone, who died suddenly last week. May she rest in peace. Her funeral service will be in the Church of St Michael, Silverstone on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 12:00 pm, which will be led by Fr James and the assistance of Rev’d Paul McLeod.

**Parish Garden Help Wanted...** The garden is being transformed and it is very exciting! If you would be able to give even one hour of your time to help with a variety of useful gardening tasks from digging to planting, please contact Helen on 07736 647699.

**Baptism Application** In the first instance, please register and apply online at [northamptoncathedral.org/sacraments/baptism/](http://northamptoncathedral.org/sacraments/baptism/). We have two baptisms to look forward to over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**1st Communion and Confirmation Application Forms** are available from the entrance foyer. If they run out, do email Fr James direct and he will forward the Forms to parents.

**ADVENT 2024** begins on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December this year. Fr James plans to run a simple Course: employing the ancient tradition of *Lectio Divina*. The purpose is not to study the Scriptures but to be still and open enough to hear the echo of God in our lives. Further details to be announced, and the Course will be open to anyone!

### **Forthcoming Meetings and Gatherings**

**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm @ Church:** Meeting with Readers, Church Cleaners, Eucharistic Ministers, and Welcomers. It is an opportunity for Fr James to both thank you for your support and to pass on some information. New volunteers for these roles are always welcome!

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in the Lombard Room:** SVP Meeting

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 7.30-9pm:** A free online presentation for all, to introduce the **new translation of our Lectionary** that will be introduced from the First Sunday of Advent. For more information and to register go to [northamptondiocese.org/courses/the-new-lectionary/](http://northamptondiocese.org/courses/the-new-lectionary/).

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**Q. What's the longest word in the English language?**

**A.**

**"SMILES". There's a MILE in between the first and last letter! Ha! Ha! Ha!**