

WELCOME TO OUR

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“Hello!” It is good to welcome you here... If you are visiting our parish this weekend or are new – a special welcome!

The Lives of Saints: Friends for the Pilgrimage Home The celebration of World Mission Sunday is a popular day for a pope to canonise new saints — not only those who ministered or gave up their lives in lands traditionally known as mission territories, but women and men from every walk of life and from around the world. World Mission Sunday 2024 is no different. Pope Francis is scheduled to declare saints: Blessed Giuseppe Allamano, founder of the Consolata Missionaries; eight Franciscan friars and three Maronite laymen who were martyred in Syria in 1860; Canada-born Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis, founder of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family; and Blessed Elena Guerra, an Italian nun who founded the Oblates of the Holy Spirit.

Saints of God abiding in the arms of mercy, pray for us!

Every blessing - Fr James

This World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis asks us to go and invite everyone to share in the banquet of God’s love. and to unite in prayer with one another and with us – a global family. Online donations and further information can be found at missio.org.uk. You are most welcome to collect a red *Missio* box and their recent magazine and prayer card. Second collection envelopes available or make your donation online via their website.

Forthcoming Meetings and Gatherings

Tuesday, 29th October at 7pm @ Church: Meeting with Readers, Eucharistic Ministers Welcomers, etc. **New volunteers for these roles are always welcome!**

Wednesday, 30th October at 6pm in the Lombard Room: SVP Meeting

Wednesday, 6th November 7.30-9pm via Zoom: An online presentation for all, to introduce the new **translation of our Lectionary** that will be introduced from the First Sunday of Advent. Visit northamptondiocese.org/courses/the-new-lectionary/ for more information and to register – it is FREE!

The Catholic Church designates November as a special month, to pray for and remember those who have died. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints (Nov 1), and the feast of the Holy Souls (Nov 2). Special *November envelopes* will be available from next weekend and Mass will be available on both these days.

ADVENT 2024 begins on Sunday, 1st 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. This is planned to be something open to anyone!

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.

Help Wanted... The fabulous work in the parish garden continues apace with more work on the trees hopefully taking place this coming week! However, we need help to improve the toilet facilities, Lombard Room and entrance foyer. Please contact Fr James if you can help – especially if have practical experience!

And finally! A father was informed proudly by his young daughter that he knew what the Bible meant. His father smiled and asked, somewhat sceptically, “Well, what do you think it means?” “That’s easy Daddy, it stands for ...
Basic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving Earth”. Food for Thought indeed 😊