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Solemnity of All Saints

1st November 2026

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Solemnity of All Saints Mass Readings:

First reading: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14
"Behold a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages".

Responsorial Psalm**:** Ps. 24 (23) (17): 1-2, 3-4b, 5-6
Response: Such are the people who seek your face , O Lord.

Second reading: 1 John 3: 1-3
"We shall see God as he is."

Gospel Acclamation:
Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a
"Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven."

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 31st October	4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm Solemnity of All Saints (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 1st November	11:00am Solemnity of All Saints
Monday 2nd November	09:00am Rosary 09:30am COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) 5:30pm COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)
Tuesday 3rd November	*Henry Kaminski, RIP* 5:30pm Rosary 6:00pm Mass
Wednesday 4th November	*St CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP* 09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Friday 6th November	09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Saturday 7th November	4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8th November	11:00am Mass of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon, Wed, Fri at 08:45am and Tues at 5pm.
Confessions: During exposition or after any weekday Mass.

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: **£461.19**
Standing order: **£ 450 (estimate per week)**

SECOND COLLECTION
There will be a second collection this week for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund. This ensures our diocese can continue to provide pastoral and medical care for our sick and retired clergy who have given decades of dedicated service to our parishes.

TEA AND COFFEE
Every Sunday and Wednesday after mass in the LOMBARD ROOM

ALTAR SERVERS
We would welcome new altar servers. No experience necessary! Please speak to Fr Jude after Mass or contact Dave Brennan (details on page 1).

REPOSITORY
Cards, rosaries, crosses, icons, and much more available in the Lombard Room and at the back of the church after mass; please contact Pat or Janet if you wish to buy or order any religious item. New stock just in, including a range of Christmas items!

RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)
A call for all those new to the Catholic faith and those who wish to deepen their faith! Please contact the priest or email the parish office to express your interest. Classes will begin in the first week of Advent.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2027 REGISTRATION EXTENSION!
If your child wishes to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2027, registration forms are still available. You can collect a form from the parish board in the narthex or download it from the parish website. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office by 13 December, leaving in the office after mass or posting in the letter box at the Presbytery House. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Oliver Low, who will be happy to help: oliverlow@gmail.com
We look forward to accompanying our young people and their families on this important step in their journey of faith. If you have already submitted forms, please confirm by email to the parish email address.

ALL SOULS DAY, 2 NOVEMBER
Mass on Monday 2 November will be a commemoration of all the faithful departed. If you would like to book a mass for your deceased loved one, forms and envelopes are available on the font. Please drop completed forms and envelope into the plastic box by the repository table at the back of church.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TOWCESTER (CTT) ARE LOOKING FOR A TREASURER!
CTT are looking for a volunteer to act as Treasurer. There are only about ten transactions per year, plus five meetings (although attendance would only be required at one). For more information please contact Oliver Low on oliverlow@gmail.com.

DIOCESE

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER
For the proper use of wealth. Pope Leo IV invites us this November to pray that wealth may be used not for selfish gain, but in the service of the common good and those who have less.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY, 15 NOVEMBER

This Safeguarding Sunday we join churches across the country in reflecting on the theme "Love Protects", inspired by St Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 13. Safeguarding is an essential expression of our Catholic faith: recognising the dignity of every person, listening with compassion, and taking responsibility for creating communities where children, young people and adults are safe, respected and valued.

The Diocese of Northampton, through all its places of work and activities, is committed to the highest standards of safeguarding. We recognise the God-given dignity and value of every person and are committed to ensuring that all people are valued, supported and protected from harm. We have a zero-tolerance approach to abuse and take all safeguarding concerns seriously. In line with the Catholic Church in England and Wales allegations of abuse and situations where adults or children are at risk of harm are reported to the statutory authorities. The Diocese follows national safeguarding policies and guidance established by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. For more information please visit the safeguarding pages on the Diocesan website: https://northamptondiocese.org/safeguarding

PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS MORE



PRAY that, for the glory of GOD and in the pursuit of His justice, I may be trustworthy with confidences, keen in study, accurate in analysis, correct in conclusion, able in argument, loyal to clients, honest with all, courteous to adversaries, ever attentive to conscience. Sit with me at my desk and listen with me to my clients' tales. Read with me in my library and stand always beside me so that today I shall not, to win a point, lose my soul. PRAY that my family may find in me what yours found in you: friendship and courage, cheerfulness and charity, diligence in duties, counsel in adversity, patience in pain—their good servant, and God's first. AMEN.

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PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(to be used especially by those not receiving the Eucharist)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.