**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES**

Are there any more returns?!

The course will be just for **ONE YEAR**, and children must be **7 years old and upwards, i.e. School Year 3 or upwards**. As ever, regular attendance at the classes throughout the year, and at weekend Mass, is essential. The classes run on Saturdays, during term time, in the Parish Hall from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

The programme asks you, the parents, to be generous with your time and your commitment, staying with your child for the sessions, and following up at home, so that they receive the maximum benefit from the course. It is a great time to be involved in the parish and the Church, so please make the most of all the opportunities that are offered for you and your child.

Classes will resume on **Saturday 5th September** and the parents meeting will be on **Thursday 17th September at 7.00pm** in the Parish Hall.

**MISSIO BROWN ENVELOPE COLLECTION**

Many thanks for all your returns so far. Please do still bring back, as soon as possible, any more envelopes that you have and put them in the Missio box on the table at the back of church.

**MY DAY BY DAY**

Copies of the August issue are available on the entrance table, price £1.20.

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS**

A reminder that there is a box at the back of church for your used stamps as CAFOD can sell them on and use the proceeds to help people who face injustices of poverty, conflict and the climate crisis.

**LETTER FROM ARCHBISHIP RICHARD MOTH**

"Dear brothers and sisters,

As you may know, Pope Leo has appointed me Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Northampton. I am aware that this is a difficult time of uncertainty for our whole diocese. Amid these challenges, I want to thank you sincerely for everything you are doing to support your parish priest and deacons and keep our communities vibrant and stable. You are all in my prayers.

Over the past weeks, I have met with the diocesan leadership teams and trustees to understand the current situation and plan the way forward.

It is my intention to spend a good part of one day a week in the Diocese and, in between times, to liaise with Canon Michael Harrison, in his capacity as Vicar General, and with Canon Christopher Perry, in his role as Moderator of the Curia.

Please join me in praying for everyone affected by the ongoing situation involving Bishop David. Let us also pray for one another as we work together in the Vineyard of the Lord in our parishes, schools and religious communities."

You can also read the letter on the notice board at the back of church.

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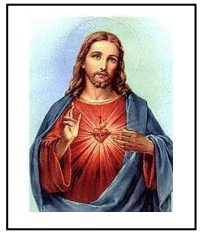

**17th Sunday, Year A**
**26th July 2026**

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| Saturday | 25th | 17th Sunday | Mass | 6.15pm | Francesca Fallanca anniv |
| Sunday | 26th | 17th Sunday | Mass<br>Mass | 9.00am<br>11.00am | For the parish<br>Angelina Tomea anniv |
| Monday | 27th | Feria | Com Service | 10.00am | |
| Wednesday | 29th | Funeral | Service | 11.00am | Teresa Black |
| Thursday | 30th | Feria | Mass | 10.00am | Martin McDonagh RIP |
| Friday | 31st | St Ignatius Loyola | Rosary<br>Mass | 9.30am<br>10.00am | |
| Saturday | 1st Aug | No 18th Sunday | Benediction<br>Confessions<br>Mass | today<br>5.45-6.00pm<br>6.15pm | Kathy Lingham anniv |
| Sunday | 2nd | 18th Sunday | Mass<br>Mass | 9.00am<br>11.00am | Ken Cotter RIP |

**Plate collection for the weekend of 19th July: £ 617.19**
**Dona collection: £ Total: £ 210.00 Many thanks**

**WELCOME, FR JOHN**

We give a warm welcome to Fr John Beirne, who will be covering the Masses for me this weekend.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

If we had wedding bells, they would ring out to congratulate Elisabeth Brown and Stephen Howell who will be married this Sunday. We wish them every happiness.

**MASS OF ANOINTING: Saturday 15th August**

The SVP annual Mass of anointing will take place on Saturday 15th August at 1.30pm. There will be a list at the back of church next weekend for those wanting to attend. Please put your name and phone number, also stating whether you will require transport. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass.