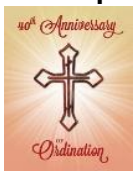
FUTURE EVENTS: Some dates for your diary

Saturday March 21st: Murder Mystery
Saturday July 11th: International food evening

and especially - FATHER JOHN'S 40th ANNIVERSARY



This year Father John celebrates his 40th anniversary of the Priesthood (Ruby) More details will be following, but please keep free the date: **Saturday 20th June** and be available for a party after the Saturday evening Mass!

JOURNEY WITH JESUS THROUGH LENT

During Lent, the Pastoral Development Vicariate is offering the opportunity for weekly online small-group sessions (various days & times are available) to help deepen your relationship with Jesus through Scripture. Each 45 minute session invites you to pray and reflect on Scripture for the coming Sunday. The programme runs once a week for six weeks, starting the week of 16th February. Sign up at https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/

CAFOD's BIG LENT WALK: Starting Ash Wednesday, 18th February

Fr John has again decided to be part of CAFOD's Big Lent Walk (walk.cafod.org.uk) The challenge is to walk 200km over the 40 days of Lent i.e. 5km/day. It will be a parish effort and Fr John will walk 5km each Tuesday for the 7 weeks of Lent and encourages others to cover the other days. Could you adopt one day of the week throughout Lent in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need around the world? Start from your own home, march around the park with a friend, or stride wherever you fancy! A sign-up sheet is ready and waiting at the back of church.

SUDAN PETITION

CAFOD, alongside 12 other leading aid charities such as Christian Aid and Oxfam, has launched a petition calling on the UK Government to take urgent, concrete action to end the suffering in Sudan, calling for a ceasefire, protection for civilians, and increased humanitarian aid. Almost 12 million people have been driven from their homes. The petition, which will be submitted to Downing Street, aims to combat the severe hunger and displacement crisis.
Follow the link to sign the petition: Urge the UK Government to act on Sudan

LLCB CONCERT: Saturday 14th March

A Charity Concert, with proceeds for Keech Hospice, 7.30pm at Hockliffe Street Baptist Church. Tickets are £10 from LLCB Band Members or on the door.

COME AND SEE – Discernment Day for Men: Saturday 28th March

Are you a man who is wondering whether God may be calling you to the priesthood? The Diocese warmly invites you to "Come and See" — a day of prayer, reflection, and questions for men who are thinking about or discerning a vocation to the priesthood. At Our Lady of Christian and St Lawrence, Olney. To register your interest or for more information, please contact: Fr Pius: vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org or phone: 01753 523147

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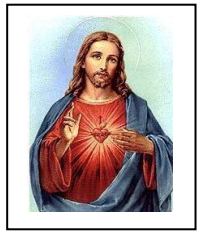

5th Sunday, Year A
8th February 2026

Saturday	7th	5th Sunday	Mass	6.15pm	Sylvia el Charif RIP
Sunday	8th	5th Sunday	Mass Mass	9.00am 11.00am	Special intention For the Parish
Monday	9th	Feria	Mass	10.00am	Margaret & Jack George RIP
Thursday	12th	Feria	Mass	10.00am	Joe & Colette O'Malley RIP
Friday	13th	Feria	Mass	10.00am	Fr Cyril Henslow RIP
Saturday	14th	6th Sunday	Benediction Confessions Mass	10-10.30am 5.45-6.00pm 6.15pm	Peter Norton anniversary
Sunday	15th	6th Sunday	Mass Mass	9.00am 11.00am	Jacqueline Asprilla RIP Tony Murphy anniversary

YOUTH SVP PANCAKE MORNING: Sunday 15th February

Next Sunday the Youth of our parish will be making pancakes in the Parish Hall after the 11 o'clock Mass. They will serve some favourites such as lemon and sugar, or why not try a Nutella and fruit special! All donations much appreciated and will be donated to the Salvation Army. Let the pancake flipping commence!

J&P WINTER WALK: Saturday 14th February, 10.30am

JUSTICE & PEACE 30 YEARS

Come along and join parishioners on a 2-mile stroll to appreciate the winter season. We'll gather at 10.30am at the canal near Tesco, head a mile along the tow path to the Globe, stop for a coffee and then return. Contact Mary.flach@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

FILM NIGHT SUCCESS.

As a result of the J&P latest Friday Film Night where the moving film 'Triumph of the Heart' was shown, £103 was raised and will be sent to the charity 'Freedom from Torture'.

ONLINE MARRIAGE PROGRAMME: Thursday 12th February

Does your marriage need some TLC? Need help with communication and trust? Retrouvaille helps marriages and can bring hope and healing to relationships. Please phone: 07887 296983 or visit: www.retrouvaille.org.uk