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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	1 October	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	1 October	9.15am	Christopher Padbury RIP (1 st anniversary)
Our Lady	Monday	2 October	7.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	4 October	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	7 October	10.00am	Peter Cottrell (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	8 October	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	8 October	9.15am	Dot Bridgman (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	12 September	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	12 September	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Wednesday	12 September	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine
Our Lady	Thursday	14 September	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Feast Days. Monday – Holy Guardian Angels, Wednesday – St Francis of Assisi.

Prayer Advocates' Intention. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Isaiah 5:1-7, Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £204.49 St. Anselm: £228 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Next week's second collection. CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day.

Please pray for our sick and elderly. Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Kate Gosshawk, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Pat Langerdon, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki and Joan Ritchie.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: THE REPENTANCE OF THE FIRST SON. "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." -Blessed John Henry Newman
 The invitation of Jesus to enter the Kingdom comes in the form of parables. As a characteristic feature in his teaching ministry, he always asks for a radical choice. The parables are like a dressing mirror. Jesus and the presence of the Kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of every parable. One must enter the Kingdom, that is become a disciple of Christ, in order to know the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven.(CCC#546)
 Jesus uses the Parable of the two sons to show the two basic responses we give to God's invitation for an intimate relationship with him. The more virtuous of the two sons was not the one who merely said he would do his father's will but the one who, although refusing at first, later repented and actually fulfilled his request.
 Repentance is not only by verbal confession but also by true contrition. It is not enough to give lip service to the importance of the Will of God rather his Will must be carried out in our actions.
 Jesus points out that the tax collectors and the prostitutes; those regarded as hopeless are excluded from the Reign of God. Rather they are the ones who will enter it. While the religious leaders, who have accepted God's invitation through initiation but have nonetheless, rejected it through their refusal to accept John's call to repentance and the authority of Jesus will miss it.
 The call to repentance is always timeless. At every moment of our lives, we are invited to repent and to accept what is good, what is better and even what is best.
 Without Repentance, we cannot celebrate the Mercy of God. Without Repentance, we cannot have true contrition. May the Cross of Christ bring us true Repentance.

First Holy Communion. Registration forms are now available in the porch for children who are to make their First Holy Communion in 2018. Classes will begin after 9.15am Mass on 15 October. For further information, please contact Lorraine.

The Shrine. Everyone is welcome to join in each week for Holy Hour on Thursday afternoons, 1-2pm. Our Holy Mother Church calls us to come to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In response to our petition, Mary, the mother of God, offers to teach us how to pray with our hearts and not only with our lips. "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love embracing both trial and joy." – St Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897).

Prayer at the Shrine. Grateful thanks are due to those who are lending their growing support to Prayer at the Shrine on Wednesdays at 2pm. On Wednesday 27 September it was led by Fr. Andrew Behrens and on Wednesday 4 October will be led by Deacon Peter Griffin. This is part of a continuing plan to open up prayer at the Shrine to all of the parishes in our Pastoral Area and to further develop the availability of the Shrine across our Diocese. The other devotions that take place at the Shrine will continue as usual.

Retreat for Young Leaders. NYMO are launching their programme for young leaders in October, 'The Salt and Light Project'. It is a year long programme for young people aged 16+ who wish to take on a leadership role within the parish. The programme begins with a retreat for young leaders on 13-15 October. The young leaders will receive support from NYMO and an adult mentor from the parish. The programme concludes with a project in the parish and for the parish, led by the young leader. If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of the programme, please contact Fr Jerry.

SVP Awareness Month. Are you interested in joining the SVP? A quote from SVP Patron John Battle's advice to anyone who is considering becoming an SVP volunteer. "Just do it. Make time for it. We can all make a bit of time. It might mean less telly watching. But we will meet people who will pull us through". If you would like to know more, please speak to one of the SVP members, alternatively call 07802 878518 or email svp@ourladyandstanselm.org and one of the SVP team will get back to you. Come and join us at Bellinge Community House on Saturday 7 October (and every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month). We're there from 10am to 12 midday, come and join us and see how we are trying to help the local community.

CAFOD. Friday 6 October is CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day, when we are asked to give up something and contribute the money to help those less fortunate than ourselves. This time the focus is on farmers in El Salvador. Please give generously to next weekend's second collection, either in the envelope you received as you came into church today or loose in the basket. There are spare envelopes in the porch if you want one. If you are a taxpayer and able to Gift Aid please do so - it adds 25% to your donation so if, for example, you give £4, CAFOD actually receives £5. Thank you.

St Gregory's Primary School. The school will be hosting a coffee morning to help raise money for Macmillan on Friday 6 October 9.15am - 11am and are extending the invitation to the local community and the parishes. Everyone is welcome to join them for tea/coffee and cake and the opportunity to have a look round the school.