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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	15 January	8:00am	Michael Bailey RIP
Our Lady	Sunday	15 January	9:15am	Angela Cox (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	16 January	6:00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	18 January	6:00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	21 January	10:00am	Priest's Intentions followed by Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	22 January	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	22 January	9:15am	De Bless Family (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	17 January	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time
St Anselm	Tuesday	17 January	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	19 January	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Feast Days. Saturday – St Agnes.

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for peace in the world.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Isaiah 8:23-9:3, Psalm Ps 26:1.4.13-14. R.v1, Corinthians 1:10-13. 17, Matthew 4:12-23.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £251.38 St. Anselm: £205.50 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

This Week's Second Collection: Peace Day.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

John the Baptist, in the Gospel points out Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. This designation of Jesus by the Baptist underscores the mission of Christ. This mission is akin to the mission of the Suffering Servant in the book of Isaiah (Is. 52:13-53:12), who is led to the slaughter like a lamb bearing the sins of his people.

The Spirit of God coming down and resting on Jesus Christ describes the permanent relationship between the Father and the Son and between the Son and believers. The Spirit will remain with Jesus Christ who will then be its dispenser and will also strengthen him to fulfil his mission. Just as the Spirit was given to Jesus, the Servant of God to undertake his mission, so should we see ourselves as empowered by the Spirit to undertake our missions on earth as Christians.

Basically, our mission on earth is the performance of our various duties as Christians, sons, daughters, parents, teachers and others. May the Holy Spirit which descended on Jesus Christ strengthen us to dedicate ourselves to our various duties. Amen.

Michael Bailey RIP. We are saddened to announce the death of Michael Bailey on 10 January 2017. Michael, with his wife Josephine, were parishioners of Our Lady's and St Anselm's before moving up to Cumbria for their retirement a few years ago. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 25 January in Cumbria. May he rest in peace.

Mrs Annelie Johnson RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs Annelie Johnson who died on Christmas Eve. She was a wonderful and dedicated teacher at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School and will be greatly missed. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There will be a joint service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Anselm's Church Earls Barton at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 22 January. The service will be attended by Christians from the Catholic, Anglican, Methodist and Baptist denominations in Earls Barton and District. There will be a Shared Lunch afterwards at the Methodist Hall in Earls Barton. It would be good to see as many as possible attending from our Catholic parishes. Please bring along a food contribution if you are planning to attend the Shared Lunch.

Parish Meal. Our parish meal is on Wednesday 1 February. Tickets will be available at both churches today. To collect your tickets, please see Karen O'Rourke at Our Lady's and Pauline Osbourne at St Anselm's.

Washing Machine & Kitchen Chairs. The SVP are looking for a washing machine for a family relocated by the Women's Refuge and six kitchen chairs for a family with five children who have no chairs. Please email svp@ourladyandstanselm.org or ring 07504 465707 if you can help.

Gloves & Umbrellas. There are a number of pairs of gloves and umbrellas that have been left in Our Lady's over the last few weeks and these are on a table at the back of the church to the right. Please could you remove these as soon as possible - any still remaining at the end of the month will be taken to a charity shop.

Hope Centre Big Sleep Out. On 27th January, the Northampton Hope Centre will be holding the Big Sleep Out in Abington Park, which will take place between 7:30pm on the Friday evening and 7:30am on Saturday morning. The Hope Centre is a charity organisation that relies on donations and fundraising to provide the wonderful service it does and every penny raised can help to change the lives of the homeless within Northampton. To find out more, or to register for the event, contact Sue Wright sue@northamptonhopecentre.org.uk or call 0845 519 9371.

Help Needed. Northampton has been declared to be a "Town of Sanctuary". The aim is to welcome people displaced by war and repressive regimes. Northampton has over 130 unaccompanied children who have arrived in the County by various routes, usually the backs of lorries. These children are in the care of the County Council. This causes a great strain on the Council's resources and some of the children are placed out of County. We want to gather local people from Northampton who can help in several ways such as people who can foster children or by helping with English language or social skills. These children have had trauma both in their home countries and the journey to the UK. For this they will need help in the future. Can you or anyone you know help? Northampton County Council have agreed to a new fast track process for those who might want to foster refugee children. Instead of 6 - 12 months the application could just take 2 months. We need to show our council that there are enough people with the commitment, time and space to help these children. If this could be you please contact Georgina Hickman 07508 1633787 or ghickman@helpfulhumans.eu.

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s). Theme: Discerning God's Call Dates: 27th - 29th January 2017 Location: New Cross, London. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit their website www.fcjsisters.org.

Faith and Forgiveness. Saturday 28th January 10am-4pm. A Day of Renewal at The Monastery of Christ Our Saviour, Jacks Lane, Turvey, Beds MK43 8DH. The day will include talks, prayer and Mass. Suggested donation £10 (for the monks) pay on the day. Refreshments will be provided, please bring a plate of food for a shared lunch. Please enter the Monastery at Jacks Lane by the speed camera, turn left through the double gates where someone will direct you where to park. All welcome, bring a friend.

Divine Mercy Talks. The theologian, author and director of the John-Paul II Institute in Massachusetts, Dr Robert Stackpole STD, is giving talks on the Divine Mercy message and devotion in four parishes of the Diocese. Dr. Stackpole is an expert on all matters concerning the message of Divine Mercy, as given to us by Our Lord through St. Faustina, and has written several books on the topic. For more information please contact Wanda Leckie on 01536 511200. 17th February 6:30pm at St. Patrick's, Gainsborough Road, Corby NN18 0RJ, 18th February 11:30am – 3pm at St. Edward's, London Road, Kettering NN15 7QQ (Bring a packed lunch, tea & coffee provided), 19th February 5 – 7pm at Sacred Heart and 20th February 7 - 9pm at St. Edmund Campion, Henshaw Road, Wellingborough NN6 2AY.

Vacancy – Diocesan Representative for The Medaille Trust: 16 hours per week. The Medaille Trust was founded in 2006 by a number of religious congregations and exists to raise awareness of the plight of trafficked men, women and children, to provide relief to these victims through safe housing, opportunities for physical and psychological healing and rehabilitation. They are now looking for a Diocesan Representative for the Northampton Diocese with sympathy for such a charity who has good people skills, the ability to make presentations in schools and churches, help raise awareness and achieve sustainable funding. For a full Job Description and an application pack please visit their website, www.medaille-trust.org.uk or email recruitment@medaille-trust.org.uk. Closing date is 30th January 2017.