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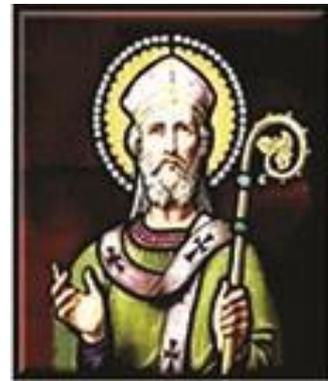
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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	15 October	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	15 October	9.15am	De Bless Family (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	16 October	7.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Wednesday	18 October	6.00pm	For the sick; Mrs Lynch RIP
Our Lady	Saturday	21 October	10.00am	Helen Indyk (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	22 October	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	22 October	9.15am	Sheikh Abu Sulieman (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	17 October	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	17 October	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Wednesday	18 October	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine
Our Lady	Thursday	19 October	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Isaiah 45:1.4-6, Ps 95:1.3-5.7-10. Rv7, Thessalonians 1:1-5, Matthew 22:15-21.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £193.52 St. Anselm: £153.10 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

This week's second collection. £424.33 for 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: Divine Invitation to the Wedding Banquet

"If Christ did not want to dismiss the Jews without food in the desert for fear that they would collapse on the way, it was to teach us that it is dangerous to try to get to heaven without the Bread of Heaven." - St. Jerome
The invitation to a wedding banquet is one of the favourites images used to describe the joy of God's Kingdom established by Jesus Christ. The marital relationship between human beings and God has a transcendent dimension since its full realization is in the life of the world to come. It is puzzling to note that the king in the Gospel cast out a guest for not being properly dressed for the occasion when the guests are "anyone you come upon" on the byroads. Maybe the poor fellow came from the field where he had been working all the day. The answer is that the passage consists of two parables that have fused together by Matthew.

The moral lesson of the parable is our preparedness to accept God's invitation to the wedding banquet. The Eucharist is an anticipation of the heavenly banquet. The wedding garments represent our good deeds that will permit us to participate worthily in the Messianic Banquet. If we are not well prepared through our good deeds we will not be accepted into the Wedding Banquet – unfortunately, we will be thrown out.

Our Prayer today is "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

First Holy Communion. Classes will begin after 9.15am Mass today, 15 October.

Confirmation Application Forms. If you or your child would like to be confirmed please collect an Application Form from the back of the church or email frank_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk for an electronic copy. Forms will need to be returned at the Registration meeting in November - dates on the forms. Miriam, Kathleen and Frank.

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. 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.

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School and Nursery. If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2018 or starting nursery after their third birthday, there are a number of open days over the next few weeks for parents to have a look around the school/nursery and meet the staff. The open days will be on 19th-20th October 9.30am-11.30am, 6th November 6pm-7pm, 9th November 9.30am-11.30am and 2pm-3pm.

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.

NORES lecture: Open Invitation to our NORES lecture 2017 as part of Our Catholic Schools Week. 4pm - Sunday 15 October at NORES. Our theme is CALLED and CHOSEN: the call of all the baptised, the response of people to the ordained ministry and how both calls are for mission in the Church. The lecture will be given by Rev. Canon Dr. David J Oakley. KHS STL, MEd, PhD, Rector of St Mary's Seminary, Birmingham, where many of our diocesan seminarians study for the priesthood, and where Canon John Udris of our diocese is Spiritual Director.

Recruiting Catholic Leaders. Are you someone who could serve our children by teaching, working or volunteering in a Catholic school? We are looking for Teachers, Leaders and Governors across the Diocese. For details, talk to your parish priest or contact NORES on 01582 723312 or main@nores.org.uk

NYMO. Sunday 5 November. The Archdiocese of Birmingham are hosting a fireworks evening at Oscott College for young people. There will be live music, bonfire and fireworks (food will also be sold). This is a great chance for our young people to enjoy each other's company, meet other young Catholics and have great fun in a safe environment. They will also have the opportunity to meet our seminarians and see inside a seminary! A coach will leave Northampton at 5.30pm and return at 10pm. The cost is £10 for a ticket plus £10pp for travel. This opportunity is open to all those aged 14+ (or 11+ if accompanied by an adult). Please see the postcards at the back of the church for more information or contact NYMO on 01582 720627 or fiona@nymo.org.

Monday evening Mass. When the clocks go back at the end of the month, Mass on Monday evenings will change to 6pm for the winter months. The first Mass at the new time will be Monday 30 October.