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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	19 February	8:00pm	Deceased members of the Kavanagh family
Our Lady	Sunday	19 February	9:15am	William Stratton (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	20 February	6:00pm	Service of Word and Communion
Our Lady	Wednesday	22 February	6:00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	25 February	10:00am	Mary & Joe McDonnell (Foundation Mass) and Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	26 February	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	26 February	9:15am	Olga Dalrymple-Wilson (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	21 February	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time
St Anselm	Tuesday	21 February	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	23 February	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Feast Days. Wednesday – St Peter's Chair.

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for the sick and their carers.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Isaiah 49:14-15, Psalm Ps 61:2-3.6-9. R.v6, Corinthians 4:1-5, Matthew 6:24-34.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £228.14 St. Anselm: £233.72 in addition to £102 from standing orders.

Last week's second collection: £127.79 for Racial Justice Sunday. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Next week's second collection: Volunteer Missionary Movement.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Year A)

A civil rights leader who strove to follow this commandment of loving one's neighbour comments: "I am not speaking of love in a sentimental or affectionate sense. It would be nonsense to urge people to love their oppressors in an affectionate sense. When I refer to love in this context, I mean understanding goodwill (goodness) – we must in strength and humility meet hate with love". Jesus Christ gives a new dimension to the law of Love. To love a neighbour means is to extend it to love a suppose enemy. The Israelites were accustomed to loving one's neighbour; "You must love your neighbour as yourself" (c.f Lev. 19:18). The novelty in Jesus' law is loving someone who hates or opposes you. It is only in loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us that we show that we are true sons and daughters of God. Even in his agony on the cross, Jesus gathers courage and strength to pray and ask for forgiveness for those killing him..."Father forgive them for they don't know what they are doing" LK 23:24.

Hate cannot conquer hate. Love, and only love triumphs over hate.

May our love for each other be pleasing to God.

Volunteer Missionary Movement. At next Sunday's Masses, there will be a volunteer speaker to talk about the VMM, which is an international development and volunteering organisation, placing volunteers on overseas development projects. They help volunteers of all ages to step into communities and get stuck into projects of real value to local people. There will also be a second collection for the charity's vital work overseas.

Diocesan Directory 2017. These are available at the back of the churches for £6.

Divine Mercy Talks. The theologian and author Dr Robert Stackpole STD, is giving talks on the Divine Mercy message and devotion in the Diocese. The remaining dates are **19th February 5 – 7pm at Sacred Heart** and **20th February 7 - 9pm at St. Edmund Campion, Wellingborough NN6 2AY.**

Bozeat Windmill Singers. Saturday 11th March 7:30pm, there will be a fundraising concert by the Bozeat Windmills Singers to raise money for the SVP. Tickets are £5. Contact the parish office or call SVP on 07504 465707 for tickets or they will be available on the door.

Fairtrade Fortnight. 24 February – 12 March. By choosing Fairtrade products, we play our part in enabling farmers and workers to bring about change today in their own lives and communities, as well as sending out a signal for justice in wider international trade. Please support Fairtrade by choosing Fairtrade products where possible.

Karuri School Project Quiz. We are having another quiz in aid of the school on Friday, March 3 at St Gregory's School, Booth Lane, Northampton. The quiz starts at 7.15pm. Teams can be any number, cost is £2 per person. To register your team, contact John on 07982511029.

Women's World Day of Prayer. March 3rd. 2pm - 4pm. This the year the service comes from the women of the Philippines and will be held in the Methodist Church in Earls Barton. Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate together this special day.