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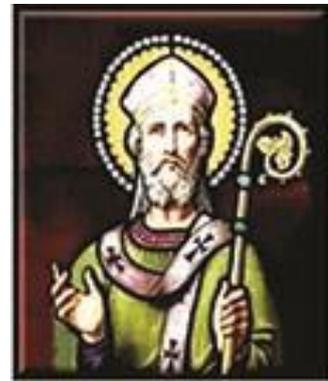
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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	19 March	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	19 March	9.15am	Christine Rawkins RIP
Our Lady	Monday	20 March	6.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	22 March	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	25 March	10.00am	Antonia 'Tola' Mathews (Foundation Mass) and Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	26 March	8.00am	Eileen Weston (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	26 March	9.15am	Pat Mc Nevin RIP; Special Intentions – F. Harrison

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	21 March	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition and Stations of the Cross
Our Lady	Thursday	23 March	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Feast Days. Monday – St Joseph,

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for our parish.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13, Psalm 22. R.v1, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £240.30 St. Anselm: £233.00 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Last Week's Second Collection: £453.34 CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

From the desk of Fr Jerry. THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus Christ is the living Water. Jesus Christ quenches our spiritual thirst with the living water: the love of God which is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Although Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for water, ultimately, it is the woman who requests for the life-giving water. Jesus' answer to the woman's question whether he is greater than Jacob clearly underscores that whatever he (Jesus) has to offer surpasses what the Old Testament could give. In Jn. 8:58, Jesus will repeat his pre-eminence in relation to Abraham: "Very truly I tell you, before Abraham was, I am".

As the encounter between the Samaritan woman and Jesus continues, the former gradually warms up to the true identity of Jesus Christ. She recognizes Jesus as Sir, then as a prophet but not necessarily like the Old Testament prophets but someone more than a prophet. Jesus finally reveals himself to the woman as the Messiah. Leaving her water jar, the woman goes to tell her townsfolk to come and see the Messiah. The Samaritans come to faith, that is, they believe in Jesus Christ, not necessarily on the testimony of the woman but more importantly, on their own encounter with Jesus. May the Samaritan woman lead us to a deeper faith-encounter with Jesus, the Messiah and the one who quenches our thirst with living water.

Lent and Easter dates: The following are dates and activities of Lent and Easter which require active, conscious and full participation:

Stations of the Cross	Every week during Lent	Fridays 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Tuesdays 1:00pm at Our Lady's Fridays 6:00pm Our Lady's Tuesdays 7:00pm at St Anselm's	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Palm Sunday	9 th April	Normal Sunday Mass times	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Maundy Thursday	13 th April	7:30pm at Sacred Heart 7:00pm at Our Lady's with Watching before the Altar of Repose (Adoration) after Mass	Thursday of the Lord's Supper. Renewal of commitments of Eucharistic Ministers
Good Friday	14 th April	9:30am at St Anselm's	Ecumenical Walk of Witness followed by service at the Baptist Chapel
		3:00pm at Sacred Heart 3:00pm at Our Lady's	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday	15 th April	8:00pm at Sacred Heart	Blessing of Fire and Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	16 th April	Normal Sunday Mass times	Mass and Renewal of Baptismal vows.

Update on Tree Removal. Work will continue on the tree this coming week from Tuesday morning. There will be no access to Our Lady's between the hours of 8am – 5.30pm throughout the week. However, there will be no work carried out on Thursday and therefore Holy Hour will go ahead. We apologise for the cancellation of activities in the church during the day time whilst this urgent work is completed. This is for health and safety reasons.

Confessions. During the season of Lent, Fr Jerry will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation and confessions at St. Anselm at 11am on the following Saturdays: 1st and 14th April.

Hymn Books and Mass Sheets. Because of the congestion in the porch at the end of the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's please leave your hymn book and Mass sheet at the end of pew where you have been sitting and these will be collected up when the church has emptied.

Planned Giving Envelopes. The blue collection envelopes for the next year will be given out after both Masses on Sunday 19 March 2017. Collections using the envelope scheme is particularly important to the parish in that it allows us to reclaim 25% of your weekly offering through the Gift aid tax refund scheme. If you are a tax payer and would like to join this very simple scheme then please see James Bellamy after Mass on that day to complete a very quick form. For those of you with blue envelopes please note we will be confirming that the postal address that we have for you on our records is up to date.

Cemetery Spring Tidy Up. The Parish Team would appreciate your help for the cemetery tidy up on Friday 7 April from 1pm. The gardening is extremely light work and you only need bring a pair of shears and a trowel. We have moved the date to a Friday in an effort to encourage the help of more parishioners. If 30 people turned out we could tidy up all the graves in two hours. Please show us your support. The cemetery is behind St Andrew's C of E Church in Great Billing.

Monday Evening Mass. Please note that Monday evening Mass will return to 7pm from 27th March.

Vocations Weekend. The Diocese of Northampton will be holding a vocations weekend for men who would like to explore a vocation to the Priesthood. The weekend will be held here at the Cathedral from the 7th-9th April. Accommodation will be provided. For more details please contact Fr Mark at the Cathedral on 01604 714556. Please remember our students and those attending the weekend in your prayers.

A day of creativity and reflection at Turvey Monastery. Saturday 1 April 9.30am-5pm. Lead by Br John Mayhead and Br Herbert. We will be using clay in the morning to inspire our inner creativity. You may then choose to continue after lunch with the clay, draw, paint, write, sew or just relax embraced by the peace of Turvey Monastery. Experience as an artist not necessary. Clay and some basic art materials supplied. Lovely lunch, tea and coffee included, cost £35 full payment goes to support the Monastery. Please bring an apron or wear clothes you don't mind getting messy. For more information or to book contact Johan 07900864674 email barberjohan@gmail.com