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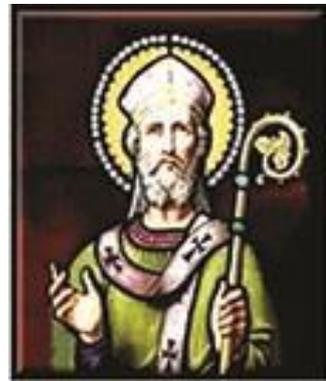
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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	20 August	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	20 August	9.15am	Maciesza Family (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	21 August	7.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Tuesday	22 August	12.00pm	Funeral of Brenda Aindow RIP
Our Lady	Wednesday	23 August	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	26 August	10.00am	Maureen Taitt
St Anselm	Sunday	27 August	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	27 August	9.15am	Robert Venes RIP

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	22 August	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	24 August	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom and discernment to world leaders.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Isaiah 22:19-23, Ps 137:1-3.6.8.R.v8, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £ 332.21 St. Anselm: £237.50 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: Woman, you have great Faith...

Just the previous Sunday (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Jesus was saddened by the little faith of his own disciples. Today, he is struck with admiration at the great faith of the Canaanite woman. Does the Faith of some parishioners sometimes surprise you during the liturgical gathering? Sometimes we tend to think of God as our own exclusive property. But He is the God of the entire world, of both Christians and non-Christians.

The healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter suggests Christ's openness in love and respect for people of other faiths. He rewards the spirit of persistent faith. When the woman heard that Jesus had come to her town, her heart must have leapt in anticipation. As she approached him – presumably with a mixture of desperation and hope – she cried out: "Sir, Son of David, Have mercy on me, O Lord; my daughter is seriously possessed by a demon" (Matt.15: 22). When Jesus told her that He had been sent "only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matt. 15:24), she pressed on in faith: "Lord, help me... even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table" (15:25, 27).

Jesus rewarded her persistent faith. Thus, an outsider (Gentile woman) received the blessings of Yahweh while those from within (Jewish people) looked on! God's power and promises are not limited to his chosen people. They are available to all who follow their own good conscience, care for justice and act with integrity.

May our prayer today lead us to the warmth divine love of Christ, which surpasses every human desire.

Brenda Aindow RIP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brenda Aindow who died recently. The requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady's on Tuesday 22 August at 12 noon, followed by the committal at Counties Crematorium.

First Holy Communion. Registration for children who are to make their First Holy Communion in 2018 will take place in September. Forms will be available in the porch. Classes will begin after 9.15am Mass on 15th October. If you would like further information, please contact Lorraine.

The Shrine. The decorating of the inside of the Shrine has finished and 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).

Congratulations! Today, it is the 11th anniversary of Fr Jerry's ordination. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Make a difference in our schools with CAFOD. Retiring soon or have some time? CAFOD is looking for people to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools to act on their sense of justice by giving assemblies and/or workshops. All training is provided and travel cost reimbursed. We would love to hear from you or someone you know who might be interested: northampton@cafod.org.uk or 01844 274 723. (DBS checks are a prerequisite for these posts.)

Planned giving envelopes. For those parishioners who sometimes attend Mass at the Cathedral, please note that the Cathedral no longer send envelopes from other Parishes back. So if you occasionally attend Sunday Mass there, please do not put our parish envelopes into the collection, but save them until you are next here.

Feast of St Gregory. The Feast of St Gregory falls every year on 3rd September, which this year falls on a Sunday. This day is also the day on which the church was consecrated in 2004. The celebration of the anniversary of the consecration of the church is celebrated on the Sunday, and we will be celebrating the feast of St Gregory on the Friday evening, 1st September, with Mass at 7pm and usual reception afterwards. This year they are also celebrating the 70th anniversary of the establishing of the parish, and Bishop Peter will be celebrating the Mass, together with the priests of the Pastoral Area. Everyone is welcome to join them.

Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart. Following recent thefts, and as a number of their regular 'watchers' are on holiday during the next few weeks and they do not want to have just one person on their own, they have regrettably decided to reduce the hours for adoration until September. **Adoration will only be on Mondays from 10am – 12pm and not on Saturdays.** They will review the situation for September.

Autumn Courses in Northampton. The following courses will be running at various locations, term time only:
Mondays at Billing — 1pm - 3pm, Sept – December St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, January – March The Gospel of John.
Mondays at St Gregory's — 7pm - 9pm (Hall), September - March Matthew; the King and his Kingdom
Mondays at St Gregory's — 7pm - 9pm (Sacristy), September - December Revelation
Tuesdays at Sacred Heart — 10am - 12 noon, September to March Bible Timeline
Tuesdays at St Gregory's — 10am - 12 noon, September to March Acts, the Spread of the Kingdom
Tuesdays at Wellingborough — 7.30pm - 9.30pm September to March Matthew; the King and his Kingdom
Thursdays at Rushden — 1pm - 3pm, September to December Revelation
There is a study guide for all participants in the courses, for which there is a charge. To get the best from the courses, a weekly time of private study, Bible reading and referencing the Catechism of the Catholic Church is recommended. More details soon — these courses are brilliant!

Healing Mass at St Gregory's Church. Every month at St Gregory's there is a healing Mass, for anyone who is sick or housebound, followed by a tea-party. The next Mass will be on Friday 25th August at 2.20pm. If any parishioners would like to attend they would be very welcome.