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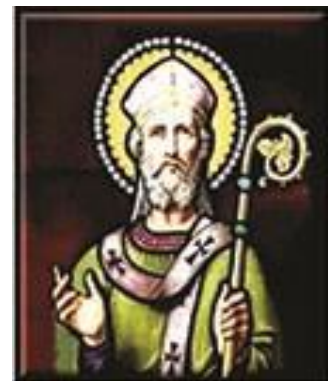
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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	23 April	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	23 April	9.15am	Patricia & Gerard Green (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	24 April	7.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	26 April	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	29 April	10.00am	Iolanthe Mary Clarke (Foundation Mass) and Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	30 April	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	30 April	9.15am	Carlos Munoz Rodriguez (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	25 April	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	25 April	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	27 April	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena
St Anselm	Sunday	30 April	9.00am	Tea/Coffee after Mass

Feastdays. Monday – St George, Tuesday – St Mark.

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for all sick members of our parish: Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Kate Gosshawk, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Pat Langerdon and Betty Picknell.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Acts of the Apostles 2:14.22-33, Ps 15:1-2.5.7-11.R.v11, St Peter 1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35.

Last week's collections. Fr Jerry very much appreciated the generous collection he received from the parish at Easter.

From the desk of Fr Jerry. SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER. Theme: Peace be with you.....

"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."--St. Francis de Sales

Jesus Christ repeatedly revealed himself to his disciples after his resurrection to drive home the fact that he was alive. Since he was no longer constrained by space and time, he was able to stand among his disciples although they had closed the doors of the house in which they stayed. He gave them the promised gift of peace, the kind of peace that the world cannot give. This peace simply means total well-being or wholeness. Surely, it is only Jesus Christ who gives total well-being.

He then commissioned his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit to forgive sins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation has its roots in this text as well as Christ's authority to Peter to bind and loose (c.f Matt. 16:19; 18:8). One potent way of experiencing the fountain of Christ's mercy is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through this sacrament, Christ restores us to his friendship and to the life of grace. We should not doubt the efficacy of this sacrament like Thomas wanting to put his finger into the holes of Christ's side. We should rather approach this sacrament with awe, humility and a contrite heart as Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" The gospel accounts have been recorded so that we may come to believe in Jesus Christ or continue to grow in faith.

"Jesus, we trust in thee!"

St Anselm's – Tea/Coffee following Mass. We will be having an informal get together in the church after the 8am Mass on 30 April for those who would like to stay behind for a chat after Mass.

Red Boxes: Please can you bring your red boxes in for collection on 30 April or 7 May. Thank you for your on-going support.

Church Cleaning. We have discussed and agreed with those who volunteer to clean both churches that this will be taken over by an external cleaning company from 8 May (Our Lady's) and 1 June (St Anselm's). We would like thank the many volunteers who have carried out this task - some for many years, some more recently and others who used to be on the rota - and we hope that you can each now enjoy a little more relaxation and let others take over your responsibility. Each church will be cleaned every two weeks. The Institute and toilets are already being cleaned by the same company which will carry out the work in the church.

Status on Tree at Our Lady's. It has taken longer than expected to reduce the tree to its current height but we hope that over the next two weeks it will be reduced to the ground. The grinding of the main stump will then take place together with the tidying up and grinding of stumps in the area behind the benches. Any remaining work should not interfere with normal afternoon or evening Mass or prayer time.

List of the sick. Fr Jerry would like to include a list of sick parishioners in our newsletter, so that we can keep them in our prayers. Please contact Lorraine if you would like to add any names to the list.

Forthcoming events at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Friday 5 May Rosary Rally 10.30am - 3.30pm. For more information, please contact Mariann French on 01933 65950, 07796 156766 or maf54@btinternet.com.

Saturday 13 May Celebration of the Centenary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima 10.00am - 3.30pm. For more information, please contact Clair Rees on 07983 494438 or pilgrimage13thmay@outlook.com.

Sunday 18 June Corpus Christi Procession. For more information, please contact Deacon Peter on 01604 811432 or topcroft@ebarton.co.uk.

Thomas Becket School Reunion. 8th July 2017. Class of 1983 – 50th birthday reunion. Tickets are £15, are required in advance and must be purchased before end of May. Contact their Facebook group – Thomas Becket Northampton Class of 1983 or contact Kate Brennan on tatie.morris@gmail.com or 01676 521659.

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 28th at 2.20pm. If any parishioners would like to attend they would be very welcome.

Second Collections. Please note the following dates for the second collections, until the end of August 2017:

- 7th May - Diocesan Priests Training Fund.
- 28th May - Mass Media.
- 18th June - Day for Life
- 2nd July - Peter's Pence.
- 9th July - Apostleship of the Sea.