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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	23 July	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	23 July	9.15am	Hugh & Bernadette Dalrymple-Wilson (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	24 July	7.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Wednesday	26 July	6.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Saturday	29 July	10.00am	Pat Nutt; Tony Wootton RIP
St Anselm	Sunday	30 July	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	30 July	9.15am	Charles & Teresa Padbury (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	25 July	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	25 July	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	27 July	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Feast Days. Sunday 23 July – Day of Prayer for Europe, Saturday 29 July - St Martha.

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for all those who are sick in mind, body or spirit.

Liturgy of the Word. Kings 3:5.7-12, Ps 118:57.72.76-77.127-130.R.v97, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £269.61 and St. Anselm: £428.00 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, Betty & Denis Williams and Sonia Borucki.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Theme: The Day of Harvest or Judgment

The Parable of the Weeds illustrates God's forbearing patience towards Sinners. All have sinned and fall short of the kingdom of God (Romans 3:23). We are struck with the impatience of the slaves to destroy the weeds. The master, on the other hand, calls for patience. This is the lesson of the parable; the master advocates for patience and tolerance until the final day of harvest. It must be noted that the wheat and the weeds look so alike that clearing the weeds will surely lead to the destruction of the wheat. A time will come when the difference between the wheat and the weeds will be clear; that is, harvest time.

The Kingdom of God is a made up of saints and sinners on this earth, until the final judgment by God's angels. Like the wheat and the weeds, it is difficult to clearly point out who is good or bad. The so-called good persons will have traces of evil in his/her life. There are also instances of good conduct in one person, which is supposedly evil before God's judgment. God is patient with us and gives us the time to bear fruit while on this earth. We need Patience, forbearance and tolerance towards one another. Nevertheless, the weeds must be controlled, lest they prevent the wheat from bearing good fruits. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#823), the church on earth is endowed already with a sanctity that is real though imperfect. The Church strengthens her members through great means of salvation despite their condition or state of life.

The Father himself who is perfect calls us all to a life of perfection.

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).

Talk on the Holy Spirit. Saturday 29 July 1.30pm – 3.30pm at Northampton Cathedral. The talk will be given by Charles Whitehead, who is an internationally known speaker, chairman of the International Charismatic Consultation on World Evangelisation and former president of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service in Rome. Charles has a unique insight into how the Spirit is moving in the world today and a real heart for Christian unity. Admission is free. Light refreshments available from 1pm. At 1.30pm there will be Welcome, Prayer & Praise followed by talk on the theme 'Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done' and how we can live out these words in our world today. There will be an opportunity to ask Charles questions about his work. All are welcome.

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.

Food Bank. The Food Bank at Restore in Northampton is quite low on a stock of products and is appealing to parishes to see if they can support a summer restock. There is a list on the notice board of items that they stock and if anyone can help with these by bringing them to church on July 30 and August 6 and leaving them in the porch that would be much appreciated.

7th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage. Saturday 29 July. 2.30pm Old Rite Mass, at The Bridgettine Convent, Fulmer Common Road, Iver, SL0 0NR. You are welcome to attend the Mass even if you are not doing the walk (a lift from Uxbridge to the Convent may be possible, contact us). For those who wish to, you can then join the pilgrimage walk to Beaconsfield (7 miles approx.) where Chesterton lived, converted, died and is buried. We will say the prayer for the Beatification of GKC at his graveside. The prayer can be found, in a number of languages at: www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk. Or join us at 9.15am outside the abortion centre at 8 Mattock Lane, Ealing, W5 5BJ where we stop for a few minutes prayer before walking on to Iver along the canal. If you'd really like to walk the full 27 miles, meet us at 7.30am outside St George's C of E Church, Aubrey Walk, London, W8 7JG, where GK Chesterton was baptised as a baby. For more details or to join the pilgrimage, text 07795205114, email catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk or follow @CatholicGKCSoc on Twitter.

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.

Northampton Cathedral development campaign: Our Cathedral in Northampton is the Mother Church of our Diocese. If you have ever visited it you'll be aware of its beauty but also its limitations in not being able to offer hospitality or in accommodating special events and groups. Exciting plans have been developed for the future of the Cathedral and the fundraising campaign is underway. For further information about the project and how you can lend your support, visit the Cathedral website at <http://northamptoncathedral.org/the-cathedral/cathedral-centre> where you can watch a video presentation about the proposed Centre. The Campaign Office is based in Bishop's House and Angela Madge, the Campaign Administrator, will be happy to hear from you. Angela can be contacted on 01604 712065 or via email: cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com.