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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	26 February	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	26 February	9.15am	Olga Dalrymple-Wilson (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	27 February	6.00pm	Service of Word and Communion
Our Lady	Wednesday	1 March	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday
Our Lady	Saturday	4 March	10.00am	Ralph & Joyce Burgess (Foundation Mass) and Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	5 March	8:00am	William & Mary Weston (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	5 March	9:15am	Alan & Christine Breed (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	28 February	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time
St Anselm	Tuesday	28 February		No prayer group
Our Lady	Thursday	2 March	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for justice for all women and children everywhere.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Genesis 2:7-9.3:1-7, Psalm Ps 50:3-6.12-14.17.R.cf.v3, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £207.07 St. Anselm: £196.20 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you!

Please pray for our sick. Dennis Williams and Gillian Brockway. If you know anyone who is sick, and would like the parish to pray for them, please let Lorraine know and we will include them in the newsletter.

From the desk of Fr Jerry: EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Year A)

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow. It empties today of its strength." Corrie Ten Boom.

Worry No Longer! We are sometimes consumed by anxiety, worry and fear because of our lack of trust. We fail to trust in the tremendous love of God for us. Fortunately, we gain nothing from our worry and fear. We do not eliminate all the sources of our fears; for they will always be with us and we do not increase our lifespan for all our worrying. We even reduce our lifespan. Christ reminds us that we cannot be the slave both of God and money. Divided allegiance or attention between God and money is impossible. However, slavery to God brings perfect freedom as he provides us with all that we need.

If God the Father cares for flowers in the fields, how much more will He not care for us created in his own image? We usually lack faith in God. We doubt his power to accomplish what He has promised for us. The Eucharistic assembly is invited to pray to our heavenly Father with filial boldness; GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. We are too busy ourselves with God's kingdom, on his righteousness and obedience to him and whatever we need for our sustenance will be provided. May we dare to trust in the providence of God.

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

Ash Wednesday	1 st March	9:30am at Sacred Heart 7:00pm at Our Lady's	Day of Fasting and Abstinence, and Distribution of ashes
Stations of the Cross	Every week during Lent	Fridays 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Tuesdays 1:00pm at Our Lady's Tuesdays 7:00pm at St Anselm's	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Dramatization of the Stations by St Gregory's School: Sacred Heart 10 th March 7-8pm Our Lady's 24 th March 7-8pm
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	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.

Volunteer Missionary Movement. Unfortunately, the speaker has had to cancel and so there will be no second collection.

St Anselm's – essential electrical work. This will start on Tuesday 28 February and be completed by Friday 3 March. There will be no power in the church that week and the Prayer Group will therefore not take place.

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: 4th and 18th March, 1st and 14th April.

Stations of the Cross. Some of the children of St Gregory's school will be dramatizing the Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's on 24 March, 7-8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mass and Rosary for Vocations and in loving memory of Fr Damien Walne. Fr Damien's second anniversary is March 7 and there will be Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour on Wednesday March 8 at 7:30pm. We are praying for our 10 seminarians, deaconate, religious and laity.

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

Bozeat Windmill Singers. Saturday 11 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 3 March 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.

Reflection Morning. Saturday 11 March, 10am - 1pm at St Peter's Church, Rushden, NN10 6AG with Brian Purfield from CAFOD including Prayer of Stillness and time with Prayer Stations from Do you love me? (Our Bishops' practical Guide for Catholic Spirituality). All are very welcome. Please email: admin@nores.org.uk to let us know you will be attending or telephone: 01582 723312 Extn.6.

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.

Billing Women's World Day of Prayer. 7pm on March 3rd at All Saints, Little Billing. This the year the service comes from the women of the Philippines. Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate together this special day.

A Half Night of Prayer and Praise. Friday 3 March from 7.30-11.30pm at St Giles Church, St Giles Terrace NN1 2BN. A night of worship, prayer, ministry & intercession uniting churches across the region. Worship bands from across the town. Entrance is free. Refreshments will be available. Please support this special event which aims to attract young people as well as regular supporters of Prayer & Praise. All are welcome to come and go as you wish, stay and pray for as long as you like between 7.30pm and 11.30pm.

Billing Covenanted Churches Together Quiet Morning. Saturday 18 March at the Methodist Chapel. This year's BCCT Lent Quiet Morning will provide a great opportunity to re-focus and put things into perspective. They are delighted to welcome the retired Bishop of Lewes, Wallace Benn, joining them to help in our reflections. The event will commence with coffee at 9.30am and conclude with a bread and soup lunch at 12.30pm. There is no charge for the event but there will be an opportunity to make a donation over lunch.