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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	27 August	8:00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	27 August	9:15am	Robert Venes RIP
Our Lady	Monday	28 August	7:00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Wednesday	30 August	6:00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Saturday	2 September	10:00am	Siony Mendiola
St Anselm	Sunday	3 September	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	3 September	9:15am	Joe & Angela Garvey (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	29 August	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	29 August	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	31 August	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray in thanksgiving for Graces received in our lives.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Jeremiah 20:7-9, Ps 62:2-6.8-9. R.v2, St Paul to Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £327.24 St. Anselm: £214.00 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Next week's second collection: National Catholic Fund, which supports the central administration of the Church in this country.

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.

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: You Are Peter And On this Rock, I Will Build My Church.

God the Father reveals to Peter the true identity of Jesus Christ. Peter confessed: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter's confession marks a turning point in the ministry of Jesus. Henceforth, he will concentrate increasingly on instructing his disciples in private about the implications of his identity and what lies ahead.

Jesus made Simon alone, whom he named Peter, the rock of his Church and gave him considerable authority. Jesus entrusts a specific authority to Peter: "I will give the keys of the Kingdom of heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosened in heaven." The power of the keys designates authority to govern the house of God, which is the Church. Peter answers Jesus' question about his identity with an emphatic affirmation of who He is as a Messiah. Jesus identifies Peter as the rock on which he will build his Church, that is, the new assembly of the people of God.

The power to 'bind and loose' connotes the authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgments, serve as a focal point of unity and to make disciplinary decisions in the church through the ministry of the apostles. Peter and the other disciples share in the ultimate authority of God in binding and loosing. The bishops of today share in this same authority of Peter. The individual bishops are the visible source and foundation of unity in their own particular Churches. They exercise their pastoral office over the portion of the people of God assigned to them, assisted by priests and deacons. A bishop's authority in his diocese is represented by his chair in Latin it means Cathedra.

It takes one person chosen by God to change the World to make it a better place. Like Peter, we have been entrusted with authority to change our own destiny, our life and our world.

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.

Church Emergency Plan. All churches in the Diocese have been asked to provide the names and 24/7 telephone number of those in the parish willing to become part of a team which would enable the Church to bring pastoral and other relevant care in the event of a major incident or disaster within or affecting all or part of Northamptonshire. The plan is being made in conjunction with the Northamptonshire emergency services, local authorities and the Northamptonshire Faith Group. A major incident or emergency can be anything from an air/rail crash with deaths and injuries to a major industrial accident, fire, flooding, terrorist attack or any other emergency actions such as the Grenfell Tower fire requiring an evacuation where the role and response of the Church is to minister to the dead and injured and provide pastoral care to relatives and others affected. Emergencies can and do occur anywhere and at any time. If you would be prepared to be included in our church team in case such an emergency arises please ring or email Lorraine at the Parish Office with your name and contact number – if you are not available 24/7 then please let Lorraine know whether you are just available in the daytime or night time. Please can you respond by Friday 8 September.

Upcoming second collections. Here is a list of the second collections until the end of the year: 10th September: Catholic Education Fund, 17th September: Catholic Missionary Society, 8th October: CAFOD Family Fast Day, 22nd October: Mission Sunday, 5th November: Bishop's Maintenance Fund, 19th November: Sick & Retired Clergy, 26th November: Catholic Youth Services.

The Shrine. 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).

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.

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!

Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart. Adoration will resume from Monday September 4th, but with reduced hours. It will be on Mondays from 10.00am to 6.00pm and on Saturdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm. This is to ensure that there will be a minimum of two people every hour. If anyone would be willing to commit to an hour either on a regular basis or as a stand in when someone else is away, please contact Sue (786077), Carmel (404227) or Jean (07980 866516).