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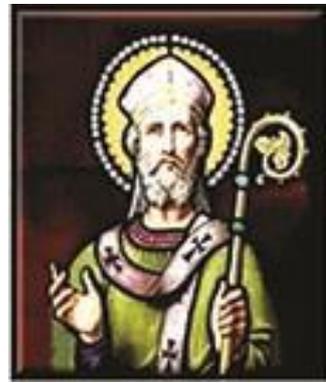
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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	28 May	8:00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	28 May	9:15am	Maria Bell RIP
Our Lady	Monday	29 May	7:00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Wednesday	31 May	6:00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Saturday	3 June	10:00am	James & Honoria Boyle (Foundation Mass) and Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	4 June	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	4 June	9:15am	John William Turner (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	30 May	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition – at the Institute
St Anselm	Tuesday	30 May	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	1 June	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena – at the Institute

Feast Days. Sunday – The Ascension of the Lord.

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for all those killed and injured in the bombing in Manchester.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 103:1.24.29-31.34. R.cf v30, Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13, John 20:19-23.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £237.80 St. Anselm: £212.35 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

This week's second collection. The Church's work using the Mass Media.

Please pray for our sick. Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Kate Gosshawk, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Pat Langerdon and Betty Picknell.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD. Theme: I am with you always, yes to the end of time.

'This is that festival which confirms the grace of all the festivals together, without which the profitableness of every festival would have perished. For unless the Saviour had ascended into heaven, his Nativity would have come to nothing...and his Passion would have borne no fruit for us, and his most holy Resurrection would have been useless.' - St. Augustine
The Ascension of Christ into heaven means that Christ no longer belongs to our world of corruption, sin and death and other material elements that condition our life. Christ belongs entirely to God. He came into this world to lead us into God's presence by taking with his flesh and blood in a transfigured form. As human beings, Christ introduced us to the life of God. In Christ heaven and earth are reconciled. It is the Son alone descended from heaven who can cause us to ascend there with him by his Cross, Resurrection and Ascension.

As children of God, Our life on this earth is now based on the intimate relationship with Christ although physically not present but spiritually present through the power and the authority of the Holy Spirit. In the Holy Spirit, we can call upon Christ because he is always within hearing. Although we can inwardly draw away from him or turn our back on him he always waits for us.

Whenever we recite that aspect of the Creed..."He Ascended into heaven and is seated...at the Right hand of the Father."

The Catechism teaches that it is "Jesus' final apparition that ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolised by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand." CCC#659

May we the Body to follow in hope where Christ, the head has gone before us in glory.

Please note: Due to ongoing redecorating works at Our Lady's, any events this week will be relocated to the Institute.

Prayer Request. Please pray for all the children preparing for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year.

Pentecost Novena: The 2017 Diocesan Pentecost Novena started at St. Gregory's Church on Friday 26th May and will continue at Our Lady's in the Institute until Saturday 3rd June at 6.30pm each evening. The novena is based on prayers, songs and the Church teachings on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

Entrance to Our Lady's Church. The tree and most of the stump has now been removed and the project is complete but we have been advised that the area needs to be left settle over the next three to six months to gauge the impact on the water table and the massive roots which spread across the garden behind the church. The Parish Team will be looking at options for this area and the church entrance at their next meeting in July. We apologise for the problems this gives for disabled access to the church from the ramp on the garden side but we will address this issue once the land has settled.

Welcome after Mass. The Parish Team invite as many parishioners as possible for tea or coffee and biscuits following the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's on Sunday 4 June. This will be held in the Institute unless the sun shines enough for us to hold it on the church lawn.

Parish Finances. The accounts for the last financial year ending 31 March 2017 will be published with the newsletter on Sunday 4 June. James Bellamy will spend about five minutes at the end of both Masses on Sunday 4 June to explain the finances compared to previous years and how we see the financial position in future years.

Dates to Note. The Parish Tea will be held on Saturday 15 July 2017 from 3pm and will be held in the church garden at Our Lady's – the Parish Team will be looking for an indication of numbers during June but please note the date. We will also be holding another afternoon in the cemetery on Friday 14 July 2017 between 1pm and 4pm. We made a lot of progress at the April tidy up and we want to keep the momentum going – any help as always would be welcomed!

Help please. The SVP would like to ask if anyone can offer a lift to Sunday mass at Billing for a lady who lives on Rectory Farm. If anyone can help on a regular basis please contact the SVP by phone or e-mail.

SVP Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The annual St Vincent de Paul Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Sunday 2 July 2017. A coach with a tail lift has been will leave the Great Billing turn at 8.15am and then collect from Earls Barton library at 8.30am. The pilgrimage leaves Walsingham at 5pm and will return at around 7.30/8.00pm. For those who are sick, the sacrament of the sick will be made available during the pilgrimage. Cost is £15.00 per person or £5.00 per child. Any surplus raised will go to the SVP conference funds. You will need to bring a packed lunch and suitable clothing. To book your place, please complete one of the booking forms at the back of each church or from any member of the Local SVP to ensure you are included, on 07802 878518 and our e-mail is svp@ourladyandstanselm.org

Sacred Heart Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Are you thinking of coming to Lourdes? Would you be willing to come with us as a helper? We need more helpers for our pilgrimage from 4th - 11th August. Helping involves pushing a pilgrim in a wheel chair for Masses and processions. The cost for a helper is £350. Contact Wendy on 07899 954013 for more information.

A Letter from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The Bishop's Conference has produced a letter for the forthcoming General Election. The letter is an encouragement to all Catholics to play an active part in the election. While voting for any particular political party is a matter of conscience, the bishops encourage people to use their vote at this pivotal time for our nations. The letter can be found at the back of the Churches or online <http://catholicnews.org.uk/election17> Lord grant us wisdom to act always with integrity, seeking the protection and flourishing of all, and building a society based on justice and peace.

FATIMA - 100 years. The Blessed Mother asked for the Rosary to be prayed daily and for reparation. Our Lady spoke, saying: "Look, at my heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Five first Saturdays of reparation were requested to atone for the five ways in which people offend the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Attacks upon Mary's Immaculate Conception,
2. Attacks against her Perpetual Virginity.
3. Attacks upon her Divine Maternity and the refusal to accept her as the Mother of all mankind.
4. For those who try to publicly implant in children's hearts indifference, contempt and even hatred of this Immaculate Mother.
5. For those who insult her directly in her sacred images.

The request is still relevant today and it should not be an option, but our duty of love to her.

Daily Reflection with Mary, the Mother of God:

May 28: The Assumption Mary: Taken Up to Heaven: Let us offer to our Mother today: A smile when someone corrects us or misjudges us.

May 29: Mary: The Queen of Heaven: Let us offer to our Mother today: The "Hail Holy Queen" at each hour.

May 30: Mary: The Channel of Grace: Let us offer to our Mother today: A visit or a conversation with a friend or relative whom we want to encourage to go to Confession.

May 31: The Visitation Mary: Sings of the Love of God: Let us offer to our Mother today: The Holy Rosary said with concentration and affection.

At the end of the Rosary month, our minds and hearts cannot forget the Monday, 22nd Manchester attack and the pains it has brought to so many innocent people, especially Mothers of the victims. May Mary, the mother of sorrows intercede for them.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: This year the programme is a little different, beginning with Mass at the Shrine (Chapel of Reconciliation) at 12 noon, then walking the Holy Mile to the village of Walsingham in the afternoon, arriving at the Abbey Grounds for a short service at 4pm.

Trinity Sunday: 11 June 6pm at Sacred Heart. You've seen the scaffolding outside our church. Does our faith need some scaffolding too? You are invited to a special prayer time followed by strawberries and cream, and an opportunity to look at how we can grow in the fruits and gifts of the Spirit. This will include a new resource called 'The Gift', which is highly recommended by Bishop Peter.

Synod 2018: The Catholic Church in England and Wales is consulting with young people and those who regularly engage with them in preparation for a gathering hosted by Pope Francis in October 2018. The theme of this gathering is youth, faith, and vocational discernment and has already launched the Mega Youth Poll for young people to tell us about their lives, faith and vocational discernment. If you work with or care for young people aged between 13-29 we want to hear your view of young people today though a second survey: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-yourview.

Mega Youth Poll Trailer: www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9Jv4pbU7sU&feature=youtu.be

Please do use this trailer to encourage the young people you know to take the poll.