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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	3 September	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	3 September	9.15am	Joe & Angela Garvey (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	4 September	7.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	6 September	6.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Saturday	9 September	10.00am	Service of Word and Communion
St Anselm	Sunday	10 September	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	10 September	9.15am	John Walsh (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	5 September	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	5 September	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	7 September	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for staff and pupils at schools as they prepare for the beginning of a new school year.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Ezekiel 33:7-9, Psalm 94:1-2.6-9.R.v8, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £309.99 St. Anselm: £167.50 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

This week's second collection. National Catholic Fund, which supports the central administration of the Church in the UK.

Next week's second collection. Catholic Education Fund.

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: "Jesus said ...let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."

The friendship of Jesus and Peter has changed today. It was in the previous week (21st Sunday in Ordinary) that Jesus was happy with Peter because of Peter's acknowledgement that Jesus is the Messiah. In today's gospel, Peter is asked to get behind. This is because it was very difficult for Peter to accept the fact that the Messiah was destined to suffer and to die on a cross. In response, Jesus compared Peter with Satan, one who would lead him to abandon the sacred plan of God. Jesus then told his disciples about the necessity of carrying one's cross if you want to be his/her disciple.

A true disciple of Christ must renounce oneself and carry one's cross and follow Him. To be a true follower of Christ is to surrender oneself totally to God. In the first reading, Prophet Jeremiah describes his cross as the insults, mockery and all the rejections he experiences from the people of Israel.

Are we ready to carry our crosses daily and follow Jesus Christ? Saint Paul warns those who refuse to carry their crosses and wish to take refuge in the world. Such people should not model themselves on the behaviour of the world but must change their behaviour with their new mind of Christ. This is the surest way to discover happiness and know what is good, what is pleasing to God and what the perfect thing to do is.

The cross is a symbol of salvific suffering for all Christians. We experience the usual reluctance to accept the cross because of the excruciating pain and suffering associated with it. But what is consoling to us is to know that Christ equally experienced the same reluctance in the flesh and he was victorious by the power of the Holy Spirit.

First Holy Communion. Registration for children who are to make their First Holy Communion in 2018 will take place in September. Forms are now available in the porch. Classes will begin after 9.15am Mass on 15th October. If you would like further information, please contact Lorraine.

Church Health and Safety. Just a reminder that the First Aid boxes are kept in the sacristies at both churches and in the Institute kitchen. Each location has a large green plastic box and inside the box we also keep the Accident Books which need to be filled in should anything happen at either church or in the Institute. Should an accident of a more serious nature happen then this must also be reported to Lorraine at the Parish office.

Thomas Becket exam results. While the national figure shows a drop in the pass-rate, at Becket, the pass-rate has actually improved. A total of 51% achieved a standard pass or above in English and maths. Two weeks ago they saw fantastic "A" level results, where all of their Year 13 students have secured university places and a 99% pass rate. This, together with a renewed emphasis that Mr Ciran Stapleton is bringing on the Catholic ethos of the school should be a good encouragement to parents and children considering their options for secondary education in Northampton. Congratulations to the students and their teachers!

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).

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), 5th Sept - March Matthew; the King and his Kingdom
Mondays at St Gregory's — 7pm - 9pm (Sacristy), Sept - December Revelation
Tuesdays at St Gregory's — 10am - 12 noon, Sept to March Acts, the Spread of the Kingdom
Tuesdays at Wellingborough — 7.30pm - 9.30pm Sept to March Matthew; the King and his Kingdom
Wednesdays at Sacred Heart - 7.30pm - 9.30pm, 5th Sept to March Bible Timeline
Thursdays at Rushden — 1pm - 3pm, Sept 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! If anyone wishes to attend any of their courses the contacts are Monica Oatridge on 01933 396986 or by email: mollygogs@yahoo.co.uk, or Carol Little on 07889420675.

Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart. Adoration will resume from Monday September 4th, but with reduced hours. It will be on Mondays from 10am - 6pm and on Saturdays from 10am - 2pm. 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).

Parish Safeguarding Representative. Mary Brooks has been our representative for many years and, now that she has moved outside of the parish, she feels it is time to hand over to someone else within our two churches. We would like to thank Mary for representing us and carrying out her work so thoroughly over this time. Our new Parish Safeguarding Representative will be Lorraine.

CAFOD Supporters' event. All welcome. Do join us to hear about CAFOD's work with a focus on El Salvador: Saturday 16 September at Sacred Heart, Pyramid Close, Weston Favell, Northampton NN3 8DP. Saturday 23 September at Our Lady of Grace, Squirrel Lane, High Wycombe HP12 4RY. Both days are from 10.15am – 2.30pm (coffee/tea from 10am with shared lunch from 1.30pm). Please book a place - 01844 274724 or northampton@cafod.org.uk.

Annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham. Sunday 17 September. Led by Rt Rev. Robert Byrne CO, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. Cost £15. For booking on coach from Sacred Heart (pick up 7.40am), phone Rose asap 01536 460909.

The Rosary Link for Vocations. Please join us at Our Lady of Walsingham, Corby on Thursday 7 September at 7pm to offer the Mass and Rosary for priests and vocations and in loving memory of Fr Damien Walne. Refreshments afterwards. Also at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Wellingborough on Saturday 9th September. Mass is at 10.30am and rosary after. For more information contact Donna on 01933 400157

Traidcraft. Liz Hurrell will be running a Traidcraft stall after 8am Mass at St Anselm's on 17th September. Please support this wonderful organisation.

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for September: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity seen.