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MASSES THIS WEEK

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| St Anselm | Sunday | 6 August | 8:00pm | For the parish |
| Our Lady | Sunday | 6 August | 9:15am | Thomas & Catherine Shervin (Foundation Mass) |
| Our Lady | Monday | 7 August | 7:00pm | No Mass today |
| Our Lady | Wednesday | 9 August | 6:00pm | For the sick |
| Our Lady | Saturday | 12 August | 10:00am | Alan Thomas O'Connor (Foundation Mass) |
| St Anselm | Sunday | 13 August | 8:00am | For the parish |
| Our Lady | Sunday | 13 August | 9:15am | Jan & Anastazja Wieliczko (Foundation Mass) |

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Our Lady | Tuesday | 8 August | 1:00pm | Parish Prayer Time and Exposition |
| St Anselm | Tuesday | 8 August | 7:00pm | Prayer Group and Exposition |
| Our Lady | Thursday | 10 August | 1:00pm | Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena |

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Daniel 7:9-10.13-14 Psalm 96:1-2,5-6,9. R.vv1,9. Peter 1:16-19, Matthew 17.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £252.18 St. Anselm: £238.00 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 and Sonia Borucki.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD. Theme: This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.

Rather than escaping with his heavenly visitants to glory, Jesus remains to complete his journey to Jerusalem.- James Edwards

The Christian Faith handed down from our Fathers is based on personal witnesses of what they saw, heard and touch about the mysteries of Christ. The transfiguration took place on a high mountain before the three witnesses chosen by Christ himself: Peter, James and John. A cloud covers Him and a voice from heaven says: this is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!

The experience of the Transfiguration discloses Christ divinity and confirms Him as the Son of God. He confirms that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to enter into His glory. This is to confirm that Christ's passion is the will of the Father. The clouds indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit. The whole Trinity appeared. The apostles through this transfiguration are strengthened in their faith in anticipation of the passion of Christ.

In our own personal lives as Christians, we were transfigured during our baptism. At our baptism, we were prayed over with Water to the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. Christ through the other sacraments manifests what his Body contains and radiates. Everyone is called to encounter a foretaste of Christ glorious body in the sacraments so that Christ can change our lowly body to be like his glorious body. Sometimes a personal quite prayer life can be compared to our experience of the Transfiguration, where we tap into our souls in order to enrich all areas of our life- personal relations, physical, mental, and emotional health.

Our Prayer today is: May our Jesus Christ save us through his cross and resurrection.

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).

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.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart: Following recent thefts, and as a number of their regular 'watchers' are on holiday during the next few weeks and they do not want to have just one person on their own, they have regretfully decided to reduce the hours for adoration until September. **Adoration will only be on Mondays from 10.00 - 12.00 and not on Saturdays.** They will review the situation for September.