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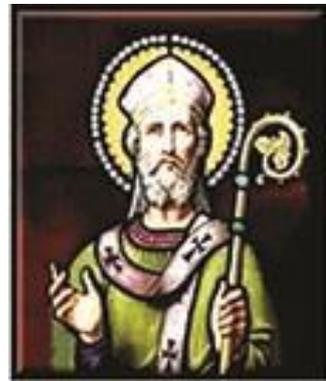
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MASSES THIS WEEK

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| St Anselm | Sunday | 3 December | 8.00am | Barbara Mary White (Foundation Mass) |
| Our Lady | Sunday | 3 December | 9.15am | Antonia 'Tola' Matthews (Foundation Mass) |
| Our Lady | Monday | 4 December | 6.00pm | All souls |
| St Anselm | Tuesday | 5 December | 7.00pm | Special intentions of those attending this Mass |
| Our Lady | Wednesday | 6 December | 6.00pm | For the sick |
| Our Lady | Saturday | 9 December | 10.00am | Mgr Frank Diamond (Foundation Mass) & Exposition |
| St Anselm | Sunday | 10 December | 8.00am | For the parish |
| Our Lady | Sunday | 10 December | 9.15am | George & Peggy Whitehead (Foundation Mass) |

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Our Lady | Tuesday | 5 December | 1.00pm | Parish Prayer Time and Exposition |
| St Anselm | Tuesday | 5 December | 7.00pm | Prayer Group and Exposition |
| Our Lady | Wednesday | 6 December | 2.00pm | Prayer at the Shrine |
| Our Lady | Thursday | 7 December | 1.00pm | Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena |

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for the special Graces available to us all at this time of Advent.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11, Psalm. 84:9-14. R.v8, Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £245.68 St. Anselm: £240.70 in addition to £85 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 Landergan, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki and Ian Smith.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B). Theme: Be on your guard, stay awake.

Christmas preparations start with the Advent Season readings from the Gospel of Mark. Mark tells a story about a man who was travelling abroad and left his servants in charge of his affairs. His parting words to his servants were: "Be on your guard and stay awake." Jesus Christ in this story tells his listeners that He will be coming back, therefore, we should be constantly on the watch for his return. Since the Ascension, this final and ultimate revelation have been imminent. (CCC#673) Jesus by its union to the divine wisdom in the person of the Word incarnate enjoys in his human knowledge the fullness of understanding of the eternal plans he had come to reveal.(CCC#474)

What time are we living in now? We live between two comings of Christ. His first coming at Bethlehem over two thousand years ago and a time when we anticipate his second coming at the end of time when he will return in majesty and power.

We live in a time of the Spirit and of the witness, but also a time still marked by 'distress' and the trial of evil, which does not spare the church and rushers in the struggles of the last days. It is a time of waiting and watching. (CCC#672)

Advent is the time to show Our Lord that we are prepared for His return.

Our Prayer today is Holy Spirit, Lord, Giver of Life, soften my hearts as I pray, "Come, Lord Jesus, Come."

Choir: We are looking for singers to join with the choir for the Carol Service and Midnight Mass at Our Lady's, Great Billing. If you are interested please see Mary Huntley after the service today or come along to our Choir Practice on Monday at 7pm.

Parish Meal. We have booked the Oriental Paradise restaurant again this year for Thursday 25 January 2018 arriving at 7.30pm to eat at 8pm. We hope that as many parishioners as possible can make it. Tickets at £16 each will be available from the Parish Team after each Mass in December from today.

Mass and Rosary for Vocations. Saturday 9 December at 10.30am at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Knox Road, Wellingborough. Mass and Rosary will be offered for Vocations and in loving memory of Fr Damien Walne. We will be united with all other prayer for this cause around the Diocese. We currently celebrate the ordination of Fr Michael Bates this year and pray for our 8 seminarians. We pray for all religious and lay vocations and remember Jesus' advice, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, pray then the Lord of the harvest to send labourers...' All welcome.

Diocesan Vacancies: Area Catholic Youth Minister – Corby The Catholic Parishes of Corby are seeking a youth minister to help shape the Catholic youth programme in the town, inspiring and developing young leaders, integrating young people into the life of the parish and deepening their relationship with God. Applicants should be a practicing Catholic with knowledge and understanding of Catholic Teaching with some form of Youth Ministry experience.

Communications and Events Coordinator – NYMO (Luton based) The Diocesan Youth Ministry team (NYMO) is recruiting for this role to support the youth ministry team in the delivery of professional events for young people and youth leaders. Strong organisational and problem solving skills, positivity and a desire for constant improvement will be essential qualities in any applicant. Closing date for applications will be 5 December 2017. Full details for both roles and how to apply can be found by visiting www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or call Paula Wynn on 01604 714840.