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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	18 February	8.00am	John Wilson RIP
Our Lady	Sunday	18 February	9.15am	Olga Dalrymple-Wilson (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	19 February	6.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Tuesday	20 February	2.00pm	Funeral of John McDonough RIP
Our Lady	Wednesday	21 February	6.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Saturday	24 February	10.00am	Alan & Christine Breed (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	25 February	8.00am	Deceased members of the Mullins Family
Our Lady	Sunday	25 February	9.15am	Mikolaj & Wanda Galan (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	20 February	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.
Our Lady	Wednesday	21 February	2.00pm	Stations of the Cross and Prayer at the Shrine

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018: February's Intention: For Consecrated Life and their vocation within the church.

Pope Francis' Special Intention: February: Say "No" to Corruption: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Exodus 20:1-3.7-8.12-17, Ps 18:8-11.R.Jn6:68, Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25.

Last Week's collections. Our Lady: £227.77 St. Anselm: £263.15 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

Next Week's second collection. CAFOD Fast Day.

Please pray for our sick and elderly. Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Pat Landergan, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki, Ian Smith and Dennis Williams.

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT. Theme: Theme: Jesus was tempted by Satan.

Mark's presentation of the temptation of Jesus is the shortest among the Gospel, suggesting that his readers know the details of the story. In his presentation, it is the Spirit who sends Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan for forty days and forty nights, a biblical number that connotes a period of testing preceding a time of salvation.

The brevity of Mark's account is to sharply contrast the Spirit and the desert, Jesus and the Satan, angels and the wild beasts in order to underscore the truth that Jesus represents the power of God unleashed against the hostile, wild and destructive forces of Satan. Mark therefore assures us, we who are surrounded by wicked, evil and hostile forces of darkness and that Jesus represents our ultimate victory.

Satan has not yet been totally being defeated just as the battle of Jesus with Satan continued to the cross. The struggle with Satan continues until the end of time. We will therefore, continuously encounter tension and the paradox of testing until the strong man, Satan, mortally wounded by Christ, will be finally and totally destroyed.

May Jesus' temptation and victory over Satan be an encouragement for us to persevere in our battle with Satan and the forces of evil, wickedness and darkness. Victory will ultimately be ours.

John McDonough RIP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of John McDonough who died recently. His funeral will be at Our Lady's on Tuesday 20 February at 2pm.

Mary Mullins RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Mullins who died recently. Her funeral will be at Sacred Heart on Friday 23rd February at 1.30pm.

SVP Phone Number. Please note that we have had to change our phone number, our new number is 07568 313234. Please contact the SVP on this number from now on.

Help please. The SVP have a couple of families that are in desperate need of some furniture, if anyone has a single bed, a cot, stair gate or any other items of furniture including white goods, please contact the SVP on the email or number at the top of the newsletter. Thank you.

Parish Prayer Time. From now on, the Parish Prayer groups that took place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Our Lady's will no longer take place. Prayer at the Shrine on Wednesday at 2pm will be led by Deacon Peter or any other member of the clergy. Please note that the church is always open to any group who wish to pray.

Mass and Rosary for Vocations. Wednesday 7 March 2018. There will be a Mass for Fr Damien at 6pm followed by Rosary and Exposition at 6.30pm. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Diocesan Directories. 2018 Diocesan Directories are available for £5 at the back of the churches.

Women's World Day of Prayer. On Friday 2 March at 2pm at St Anselm's. This year the service has been written by the women of Suriname in South America. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Billing Women's World Day of Prayer. This will be held at All Saints Church, Little Billing on Friday 2 March at 7pm. See poster for details.

Helping Our Parishes Pass on the Faith. A day of exploring resources for evangelisation and catechesis. All are welcome especially catechists, members of Timeline groups and parish evangelisation teams. A coach will leave Sacred Heart on Saturday 17 March at 8.15am going to St. Teresa's Church Hall, in Beaconsfield, Bucks. The day begins at 10am and finishes at 4pm. For further information please contact Catherine Mulligan on 07732636304 or via Lorraine at the parish office, or Alex Heath at Nores on 01582 723312.

Diocesan Mass for Married Life. Celebrated by Bishop Peter on Saturday 3 March at 12 noon at Holy Family Catholic Church, Trelawney Ave, Langley, Slough SL3 7UD. Gathering from 11.30am. Bishop Peter will give his pastoral blessing to couples celebrating milestones in their marriage. If you are celebrating such a milestone, please contact Eamonn & Paola Mc Morrow on 07412 151517 or mfl@northamptondiocese.com. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments available after Mass.

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School. There are some vacancies at the school. Please see the school website for more details: www.stgregoryscatholicprimaryschool.org.uk

Cathedral Development Campaign. The Cathedral Development Campaign received a boost recently with the news that work could begin as soon as July this year! Father Mark Floody, Dean of the Cathedral, announced the news at Mass last weekend. Having raised a magnificent £2.4 million, our diocese is confident to authorise the beginning of this building project. To see Fr Mark's presentation, please go to the Cathedral website northamptoncathedral.org/live/ and click on the recordings tab navigating to the homily of the Sunday Mass on 4th February recording; or to donate and/or find out more, please call Angela Madge on 01604 712065 or email cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com

CAFOD's Family Fast Day. This is on Friday 23rd February and is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23 February can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity? With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat. And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously.

Stations of the Cross	Every week during Lent	Fridays 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Wednesdays 2.00pm at Our Lady's Tuesdays 7.00pm at St Anselm's	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Palm Sunday	25 March	Normal Sunday Mass times	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Maundy Thursday	29 March	7.00pm at Sacred Heart 7.00pm at Our Lady's	Thursday of the Lord's Supper. Renewal of commitments of Eucharistic Ministers
Good Friday	30 March	3.00pm at Sacred Heart 3.00pm at Our Lady's	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday	31 March	8.00pm at Sacred Heart	Blessing of Fire and Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	1 April	Normal Sunday Mass times	Mass and Renewal of Baptismal vows.