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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	4 February	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	4 February	9.15am	Stanislaw & Emilia Indyk (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	5 February	6.00pm	John King & Molly Lambert (Foundation Mass); All souls
St Anselm	Tuesday	6 February	7.00pm	Special intentions of those attending this Mass
Our Lady	Wednesday	7 February	6.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Saturday	10 February	10.00am	Paddy & Meg McHugh (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	11 February	8.00am	Bridget Leary RIP
Our Lady	Sunday	11 February	9.15am	William Stratton (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	6 February	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	6 February	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition. Experience the peace and power of silent prayer.
Our Lady	Wednesday	7 February	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine
Our Lady	Thursday	8 February	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for those who have died and those who mourn them.

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation 2018: February's Prayer 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. Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46, Ps 31:1-2.5.11.R.v7, Corinthians 10:31-11:1, Mark 1:40-45.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £262.75 St. Anselm: £148 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

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.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Theme: They brought to Christ all who were sick...possessed by devils.

The healing ministry of Jesus is a manifestation of the inauguration of the Kingdom of God. The gospel of Mark presents Jesus Christ to his audience as a healer...and not a magician. He came as a healer of the broken-hearted because many people had negative perception of sickness and suffering like the people of the Old Testament. It was the experience of the Israelites that illness was mysteriously linked to sin and evil and that faithfulness to God according to his law restores life...(Exodus 15:26)

The story of Job in the first reading is based on the Old Testament perception of sin and evil. The condition of Job is one of sickness and frustration. He describes his life as a breath that will vanish suddenly leaving no hope behind. One day when die we shall be forgotten.

Jesus Christ identifies himself with those who are sick and suffer and his healing work is an extension of his love and mercy. He heals the mother-in-law of Peter and cured many suffering from diseases of one kind or another and cast out many devils. How did he cure them all? What was the source of his divine power?...a prayer at a lonely place is the source of his divine power. Despite the busy schedule, Jesus retreats to the wilderness in solitude in order to commune with the Father. Mark sees Jesus' success as a healer among the crowds as opportunity to preach the good news.

The mission of Christ is to bring total salvation and redemption to humanity and not only physical healing. It is not everyone who understands the mission and the motive of Jesus Christ. Even Simon and his companions did not understand Jesus' deeper intention as they seek him out and call on him to return to the clamouring crowds: "Everybody is looking for you". Jesus does not give in to their demands

but changes his field of mission away from Capernaum to the villages of Galilee, "preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils". While the people struggle with the personality of Jesus as a mere miracle worker, it is the intention of Jesus to proclaim the saving reign of God that brings deeper healing than the physical alone. Many Christians today misunderstand the deeper dimensions of the Kingdom of Jesus in bringing total salvation to humanity by destroying all fear and bondage of woman and man in order to will serve God in freedom.

Our prayer of praise is to the Lord who heals the broken-hearted...

Requiem Mass for the father of Fr Jerry. Fr Jerry would like to invite all friends, parishioners and sympathizers to the requiem Mass for his father at 7pm on Friday 9th February 2018 at Sacred Heart Church.

Women's World Day of Prayer. On Friday 2 March at 2pm at St Anselm's. This year, prayers are for the women of Suriname. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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 3rd 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