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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Easter Sunday	1 April	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Easter Sunday	1 April	9.15am	Mollie Elizabeth Padbury (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	2 April	6.00pm	All souls
St Anselm	Tuesday	3 April	7.00pm	Special intentions of those attending this Mass
Our Lady	Wednesday	4 April	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	7 April	10.00am	Private Intention & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	8 April	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	8 April	9.15am	Slawek Ostrowski (RIP)
Our Lady	Sunday	8 April	3.00pm	Divine Mercy Sunday

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	3 April	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	4 April	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018. April: celebrating our Baptismal Vocation especially the contribution of single people to the Church.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. April: For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Apostles 4:32-35, Ps 117:2-4.15-18.22-24.R.v.1, St John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £353.52 St. Anselm: £252 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity! **Easter Sunday collection:** For the priests of the parish.

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

EASTER SUNDAY. Theme: He saw and he believed.

The sight suddenly penetrated to John's mind; he realized what he had happened- and he believed. It was not what he had read in scripture, which convinced him that Jesus had risen; it was what he saw with his own eyes. Christians today celebrate the victory of the empty tomb. It is a celebration based on the conviction that our relationship with Jesus, broken by his death on the Cross, is renewed by his resurrection. Nevertheless, the empty tomb alone is not the basis for the resurrection. The basis for the resurrection is our faith in the Risen Lord, who foretold that he would suffer, die and rise again on the third day. He fulfilled this promise by rising from the dead. They saw and believe. Christians are people of the resurrection and alleluia should always be the song on our lips. We must look beyond the positioning of the linen cloth, "see and believe", like the beloved disciple, and believe in the Risen Lord. He rose from the dead in fulfilment of Scriptures, which insist, "that he must rise from the dead". As we celebrate the resurrection of the Son of God, the cornerstone of our faith, we come to the realization that the resurrection is not simply an event after death but should be a reality of our everyday life. We must let go and die to our old and sinful ways and allow the new life in the image of the Risen Lord to germinate, sprout, mature and bear fruit for eternity. May Christ, our Passover fills us with Joy.

Mass to celebrate married life. The annual Mass to celebrate married life, which was postponed due to inclement weather on the 3rd March 2018, will now take place at 12 noon on Saturday 14 April 2018 at The Holy Family Catholic Church, 226 Trelawney Ave. Langley, Slough, SL3 7UD. All are welcome to attend and if you are celebrating a significant milestone, and haven't already done so - please contact Eamonn & Paola McMorrow mfl@northamptondiocese.com or telephone 07412151517.

St George's Charity Dinner and Dance. Saturday 21 April Tickets for the Catenian's Annual Black Tie Charity Dinner Dance are now on sale priced £40 for a three-course meal with wine starting at 7pm at the Marriot Hotel, Eagle Drive, Northampton with dancing from 10pm to midnight. For tickets and further details speak to any member of the Catenian Circle, email frank_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk or Tel/Txt 07712 160064.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 10 June. This year the programme is a little different, beginning with Mass at the National Shrine at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Peter, then at 3pm gathering outside the Chapel of Reconciliation for the procession along the Pilgrim Route to the Priory Grounds and on arrival at the Abbey Grounds there will be a short service at the site of the original Holy House. If you wish to attend, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

Fr Jerry would like to wish all parishioners a blessed and holy Easter.