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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	13 May	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	13 May	9.15am	James & Honoria Boyle (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	13 May	2.00pm	First Holy Communion
Our Lady	Monday	14 May	6.00pm	All souls; James McNicholas (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Wednesday	16 May	6.00pm	For the sick; Dennis Stratton (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Friday	18 May	7.00pm	Mark and Gillian Brockway (Thanksgiving)
Our Lady	Saturday	19 May	10.00am	No Mass this morning
Our Lady	Saturday	19 May	8.00pm	Pentecost Vigil Mass
St Anselm	Sunday	19 May	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	19 May	9.15am	John William Turner (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	15 May	7.00pm	Prayer Group
Our Lady	Wednesday	16 May	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018. May: Month of Prayer for preparing for confirmation, and all confirmed and their vocation within the church

Pope Francis' Special Intention. May: The Mission of the Laity. That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Apostles 2:1-11, Ps103:1.24.29-31.34.R.cfv30, Galations5:16-25, John 15:26-27;16:12-15.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £326.60 St. Anselm: £285.20 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

This week's second collection. Mass Media.

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. Theme: So that they may be one like us

The Community seems to be God's strategy and God's leaven inside the dough of creation. It is both the medium and the message. It is both the beginning and the goal of human happiness.

Jesus, in his Priestly Prayer, prays to his Holy Father for unity without compromising the revealed truth. A unity resembling his relationship with the Father in the Holy Spirit. He says, "so that they be one like us". The unity of the disciples will show how true they are to the name of the Father since the Father and the Son are one. We are very familiar with the havoc wrought by disunity in any human institution; families, friends, communities and countries. Nothing good can come out of disunity. In this prayer, Jesus unites God and the world; the Word and flesh; eternal life and time; love that hands over itself over and the sin that betrays it; the disciple present and those who will believe in him by their word; humiliation and glory; joy of Christ and sadness of Christ's physical absence. (CCC#2748)

Jesus further prays to his Father to protect his disciples from the evil one. Evil is not an abstraction, refers to a person, Satan, the Evil one, the angel who opposes God. The devil is the one who 'throws himself across' God's plan and his work of salvation accomplished in Christ. (CCC# 2851)

Also, Jesus prayed that the father consecrates disciples in the truth by the means of his word. Being sanctified or consecrated in the truth means receiving, obeying and living out the word of God. It involves our hearts and minds to be made one with the mind of God as we read Scriptures and petition the Holy Spirit to bring us to life in Him.

May God's word consecrate our minds and the Holy Spirit sanctify our hearts so that we may be instruments of unity wherever we find ourselves.

First Holy Communion. Children from our parish will be making their First Holy Communion today at 2pm. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers. We wish them every blessing, and hope and pray that they will continue to increase in their love of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Blue Collection Envelopes. The following boxes are still awaiting collection on the table at the back of the Our Lady's church: B Raca (17), D Archer (33), P O'Connor (21), A Firkins (2), P Wall (35) and B Grabowiecki (6). Please collect these as soon as possible.

Mowing Rota at Our Lady's, Great Billing. We really would appreciate some volunteers to help with mowing the grass at Our Lady's and the Institute. Last year there were two of us on the rota and it was quite a commitment. If you have 1½ hours once a month from now until October then it would make a big difference. Please contact James Bellamy on 01604 811517 or 07785 285003.

Fr Stephen McGuinness RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr McGuinness who died last weekend.

Prayers please. Please pray for all those children at St Gregory's and Thomas Beckett as they sit their SAT's, GCSE's and A-level exams over the coming weeks.

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Coffee morning. On 25 May and 8 June at 9:30am – 10:30am. We would love our parents or members of the community to come and join us on our coffee mornings. Everybody is welcome!

Corpus Christi. Our annual Corpus Christi celebration will be on Sunday 3 June at 3pm. The theme will be "Abide in my love" John 15:9. This is a celebration for all parishioners, both young and the elderly. All are welcome.

CAFOD - Share the Journey: This year, Pope Francis encourages us all to "welcome our brother and sister migrants and refugees with arms wide open" and to call on world leaders to do the same when they develop new agreements on refugees and migration at the United Nations. On 10th June we will walk in solidarity with our global neighbours fleeing their homes. We will be walking around the reservoir at Sywell Country Park – a distance of only 2.5 miles. The miles we walk will be added to the total from across England and Wales.

Eucharistic Congress - Adoramus. The bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool, September 7-9 2018. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. These are rare and exciting opportunities to deepen our faith and understanding. With dynamic speakers, this is too good to be missed. We have a number of places assigned to us in our Pastoral Area, but early booking is recommended as we can only hold onto those places for a short period of time. Booking forms and information are available at the back of Church. If you have any questions, please contact our local contact, Cath Worthington on 07817320934 or go to <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/> and go to the Adoremus link.

International Family Rosary in May at Sacred Heart: During the month of May we are continuing to pray the rosary in a very family friendly, community way. There are 2 remaining: Friday 18th - The Sorrowful Mysteries and Wednesday 23rd - the Glorious Mysteries. The start time is 7pm.

2018 Pentecost edition of 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration. The Holy Catholic Church professes her faith in the Holy Spirit as "the Lord, the giver of life." As we prepare for Pentecost Novena, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and Diocesan Shrine will be hosting a 24 Hour Eucharistic adoration of the Lord on Friday 18 May. The Eucharistic adoration begins with a Holy Mass at 7pm on Friday and will be concluded with a Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday at 8pm. This is an initiative intended to give an opportunity for people to pray and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is an opportunity "to discern and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in the context of Eucharistic adoration. Interested persons can put their name down for a slot on the sign up sheet in the porch or contact Lorraine in the office on the email address or telephone number at the top of the newsletter. Come let us worship the risen Lord "in Spirit and Truth." (John 4: 24).

Pentecost Novena 2018. The church begins a Novena in honour of the Holy Spirit on Friday 18 May. This is a traditional prayer linked with the instruction of Jesus Christ to Apostles. The apostles were to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Jerusalem. This is the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. I would like to encourage parishioners to privately pray this novena.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (To be recited daily during the Novena)

On my knees I before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth." Amen.

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s). 25-27 May 2018. Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life. Location: Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org.

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.

Lay Ministers of the Eucharist. An annual reflection morning will take place on 16 June, 10.30am-1pm at the Pastoral & RE Centre, Westbourne Road, Luton. There are also three training course evenings on 23 May, 6 June and 13 June, 7.30-9pm. For more information or to book a place, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

Curial Vacancies – HR and Finance Administrator (Full Time) Diocesan Property Coordinator (Full Time): There are currently two new curial roles being advertised on the Diocese website based in Northampton. For further details please visit www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or call Paula Wynn, Diocesan HR Advisor on 01604 714840. The closing date for applications will be Monday 21st May 2018.