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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	20 May	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	20 May	9.15am	John William Turner (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	21 May	6.00pm	All souls; Ursula Welch (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Wednesday	23 May	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	26 May	10.00am	Bishop Francis Thomas (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	27 May	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	27 May	9.15am	Kevin Carabine RIP

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	22 May	7.00pm	Prayer Group
Our Lady	Wednesday	23 May	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Feast days: Monday - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, Thursday - Feast Our Lord Jesus Christ, Friday - St Bede the Venerable.

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. Deuteronomy 4:32-34.39-40, Ps 32:4-6.9.18-20.22. R.v12, Romans 8:14-17, Matthew 28:16-20.

Last week's collection. Our Lady: £245.70 St. Anselm: £211 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

Last week's second collection. £144.43 for 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY. Theme: The Holy Spirit will be my witness...

The Solemnity of Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the gift of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and apostles of Jesus Christ. John describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, a Witness, the Spirit of truth or Counsellor who issues from both the Father and the Son. Today is also the birthday of the Church. The role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the disciples is to direct, counsel and strengthen them in the mission of life. Since in bearing witness to Jesus, the disciples cannot accomplish this task by relying on their strength and knowledge alone.

Do we think it is too late to dream again? To the spirit all creatures turn for their sanctification; all who live virtuously seek him, and are, by his influence, refreshed and help towards their own natural end.

Another name of the Spirit of God is the Spirit of truth. Jesus said, "when the spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth." The spirit is a light of understanding to every mind that discovers the light of truth. Additionally, the Holy Spirit "will lead the disciples to the complete truth" by explaining to them all that Jesus had taught them. The Paraclete will assist the disciples to grasp fully the true meaning of Jesus' words and deeds.

He will not bring any new teaching. The Holy Spirit will lead them to a fuller understanding and appreciation of Jesus' deeds and words. Though by nature he is inaccessible, yet through his generosity men and women can receive him in themselves. But all do not share him in the same measure; he distributes his power in proportion to a person's faith.

Let us always ask the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Counsellor to direct, counsel and strengthen us to be true witnesses of Jesus Christ in our world. May he also lead us to a full understanding and appreciation of all that Jesus said and did.

Blue Collection Envelopes. There are still some blue boxes on the table at the back of the Our Lady's church: Please collect these as soon as possible.

Mowing Rota at Our Lady's, Great Billing. No volunteers have come forward to help with mowing the grass at Our Lady's and the Institute. Please contact James Bellamy on 01604 811517 or 07785 285003.

Thank you! A big thank you to Hazel and Paige Toolaram who have helped prepare our communicants for their first holy communion every Sunday over the past 7 months and also to Mary our organist and to our choristers. **Congratulations** to the children and thank you to their parents and guardians for their support and love.

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.

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. Wednesday 23rd - the Glorious Mysteries. The start time is 7pm.

Annual SVP trip to Walsingham. Sunday 1 July 2018. The sacrament of the sick is available for those in need during the pilgrim Mass. The day ends with Benediction before leaving the shrine at 5pm. A coach with wheelchair access has been booked and will collect and drop off from Billing and Earls Barton. Any pilgrims wishing to attend this wonderful day please complete a booking form and add your name to the list at the back of the churches or speak to one of the SVP members.

SVP Conference of Our Lady's hosts a drop in coffee morning at Bellinge Community House. They offer cakes, coffee and company to any resident from Bellinge who wants to call in. It is open on the first and third Saturday of every month. The SVP would welcome visitors and volunteers to the sessions. Please ring the SVP number on 07568 313234 or just call by.

Prayers please. Please pray for pupils at Thomas Beckett as they sit their GCSE's and A-level exams over the coming weeks.

CAFOD - Share the Journey: Catholics worldwide are sharing the journey of people on the move, whether they are leaving, arriving, settling or returning. Most come from the world's poorest countries, and seek shelter in neighbouring poor countries. 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.

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!

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.

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.

Annual Altar Servers Mass. Saturday 16 June 2018 at 12 noon at the Cathedral. Bishop Peter will celebrate Mass. This is a great occasion when the Altar Servers, their families, friends, parishioners come together to thank God for their ministry of service. Following the Mass, there will be a buffet lunch. Altar servers are asked to be at the Cathedral from 11am onwards ready to process into the Cathedral by 11.45pm. Parish MC's are asked to register their servers on arrival. Please ensure that all your servers bring their albs/cotta.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage. Walsingham on Sunday 22 July. Chief celebrant will be Bishop Alan Hopes of East Anglia. The day begins at 11am with reconciliation at 11am, Mass at 12 noon, The Walsingham Story (children's costume pageant) at 2.30pm and Adoration, Benediction and prayer balloon launch at 4pm. A day of faith and fun for all the family. Bring a picnic lunch. All welcome.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. 24-31 August 2018. If you are interested in going on the pilgrimage as an assisted pilgrim or helper, please visit www.catholicassociation.co.uk or contact Deacon Michael Fleming on mvf@btinternet.com.