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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	6 May	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	6 May	9.15am	Leon Lagodzinski (Foundation Mass); Irma Bruchardt RIP
Our Lady	Monday	7 May	6.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Wednesday	9 May	6.00pm	For the sick; Leslie & Joanna Cooper (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Thursday	10 May	7.00pm	Ascension; Herbert & Vera Barber (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Saturday	12 May	10.00am	Felix & Monique Durocher-Yvon MBE & William Rhymer (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	13 May	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	13 May	9.15am	James & Honoria Boyle (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	8 May	7.00pm	Prayer Group
Our Lady	Wednesday	9 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 1:15-17.20-26, Ps102:1-2.11-12.19-20.R.v19, St John 4:11-16, John 17:11-19.

Previous collection amounts: Easter Sunday (Collection for Fr Jerry) £948.30; 8 April - Our Lady £263.76, St Anselm £233.00; 15 April - Our Lady £437.50, St Anselm £247.50; 22 April - Our Lady £283.00, St Anselm £208.00; 29 April - Our Lady £224.40, St Anselm £252.20. Second Collections: Holy Places £184.20 & Priests Training Fund £226.10.

Next 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. Theme: As the Father has loved me so I have loved you.

St. Augustine wrote: Love and do what you will. If you keep silence, keep silence in love; if you speak, speak in love: if you correct, correct in love; if you forbear, forbear in love. Let love's root be within you, for from that root, nothing but good can spring." The word "love" was mentioned 9x in Today's Gospel reading.

Today the church is happy to welcome and receive a group of children into the full sacrament of the Eucharist. This is a special day in their lives. The love of God has been poured into their hearts. Through these children, Jesus Christ reminds us of the true meaning of Love!

As the Father has chosen the Son to lay down his life for us, so as Christians we have been chosen by the virtue of our baptism for love. The Christian love is not a vague good feeling about something- love of chocolate, love of football etc. Christian love is a self-sacrifice, which demands us to give - not just things we possess or our time, but to give ourselves. Love begins with God the Father. God's very being is love. God the Father loves his people more than a bridegroom loves his beloved; his love is victorious over even the worst infidelities and will extend to his most precious gift.

We are chosen for Joy. However challenging the way of the Christian life is, it is a way of joy. There is always joy in doing the right thing. It is true we are Christians and imperfect, but we are the redeemed sinners and there lies our joy.

We are chosen to be friends of Christ. Jesus Christ trusts us so he tells us everything about the Father. God has revealed his innermost secret to us in the external exchange of love. May we realise the purpose of our lives through loving God, Knowing God and serving God in our neighbours.

Parking for Sunday Mass at Our Lady's. In spite of previous reminders this is an ongoing problem where parishioners are not respecting those who live in the village and their right of access to their properties. Please be aware of access to the driveways of neighbouring houses when parking your car on Sundays – Elwes Way is extremely narrow and any cars parked on the pavement stop residents getting cars out of their drives. The presbytery access should also be left completely clear.

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.

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!

CAFOD. "Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent or call 0303 303 3030."

CAFOD - Share the Journey: Date for your diary - Sunday 10 June. Pope Francis has launched Share the Journey, a new global campaign to stand up for the rights of people on the move. CAFOD asks us to join together in walking around the world. On **10 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. Please make a note of the date and prepare to join us for a Sunday afternoon walk. Further details nearer the time. If you wish to know more please contact Val Sudlow - vsudlow@yahoo.co.uk.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS. Friday 7th September 2018 to Sunday 9th September; The ACC Convention Centre, Liverpool and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Local contact: Cath Worthington (07817 320934).

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 3 remaining: Wednesday 9th - the Mysteries of Light, Friday 18th - The Sorrowful Mysteries and Wednesday 23rd - the Glorious Mysteries. The start time is 7pm. We are intending to pray 3 decades each time in English but are looking for people with a second language to lead one other decade. Any volunteers, please contact Felicity Harrison Lorraine in our parish office on 01604 402301 or sacredheartcchurch@btinternet.com. We are also hoping we can all bring a plate of snacks from whatever culture we are familiar with!

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).

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.