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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	10 June	8.00am	Fr Dennis Roberts (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	10 June	9.15am	For the parish
Our Lady	Monday	11 June	6.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	13 June	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	16 June	10.00am	Fr Stephen McGuinness RIP & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	17 June	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	17 June	9.15am	Reg Anstey (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	12 June	7.00pm	Prayer Group
Our Lady	Wednesday	13 June	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018. June: for our Vocations to ministry in the Church - priesthood, diaconate, lay ministries.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. June: that social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Ezekiel 17:22-24, Ps 91:2-3.13-16.R.cf.v2, Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34.

Last week's collection. Our Lady: £297.20 St. Anselm: £289.60 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

Last week's second collection: £187.40 for Day for Life.

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

10TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: "Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother"

The spiritual family of Jesus includes all the faithful people of God. Those who belong to this family have common experiences, interests, goals and some expectations. They must understand the Power of God at work in Jesus and also understand the will of God in the Holy Scriptures.

The members of Jesus' family wanted to spare him (and perhaps themselves) from further embarrassment as his ministry grew. This is to the extent that Jesus could not make time to eat and his words took on deeper and darker meanings. They were convinced that he was out of his mind and therefore they sought to restrain him. Although they had good intention, their concern arose from a misunderstanding (similar to that of the Scribes) of his mission.

The Scribes acted out of ignorance and jealousy, trying to discredit the power of God in Jesus, claiming that it was by Satan's power that he cast out demons. Jesus responded by arguing that he was not a collaborator of the Devil or Satan. On the contrary, he was demonstrating his power over the evil one. For Jesus Christ, God's will is to understand and obey the Scriptures, however radical or difficult it might seem.

Personally, Do we try to control the Power of God like the relatives of Jesus? Do we fear that God might call us out of our comfort zone to a more challenging situation? Like Adam in the first reading are hiding from the voice of God? Jesus Christ assures us through the life of St. Paul, that though we may look outwardly falling into weaknesses and "decay", the inner person of faith is renewed day by day.

Perhaps God wants us to reconcile a broken relationship, or perhaps he wants us to be more generous with our resources or with our lives in the parish. Perhaps we are hiding from the voice of God because of our past mistakes! How often do we want to protect ourselves from the very God who loves us, even to die on the cross? In this Mass, let us seek to follow and obey God completely, always echoing the prayer of Jesus, "Your will be done" (Matt. 6:10).

Corpus Christi. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped to make our procession a success last Sunday. It was wonderful to have so many people join us on a beautiful day!

Votive Candles – Our Lady's. We believe that the votive candles when lit are causing the new paintwork to colour and we feel that it would be a pity to go back to a church that looks unpainted. We are therefore going to remove the candle holders from next week and research candles that can be internally illuminated. We have searched for a nice illuminated option suitable for our church in the past without success but if anyone sees something nice at other churches please take a photo and find out the supplier name and we will investigate. Removing votive candles may be an emotive subject for some so if you feel strongly about it feel free to ring James Bellamy 07785 285003.

Missio Red Box appeal. A thank you and appeal will take place next weekend when we welcome Fr Vincent Oates MHM to our parish. Thank you to all parishioners who already support this wonderful Association through the red boxes. If you have not yet thought of supporting the Association, perhaps this thank you and appeal might persuade you to think about doing so. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

First Holy Communion – this year’s communicants. On 24th June at 2.30pm in the Institute, Fr Jerry would like to meet with the parents and children who made their First Holy Communion last month.

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.

CAFOD - Share the Journey. Today’s the day we walk in solidarity with our global neighbours fleeing their homes. Join us at Sywell Country Park between 1.30 and 2.30pm to walk around the reservoir (only 2.5 miles) and add our miles to the total from across England and Wales. See you there.

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.

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.

Northampton Catenians: are celebrating their 100th year since their foundation on 12 Nov 1918, starting with a Centenary Golf Day on 10th August at Overstone Park Golf Club. This event has the hallmark of a very special day which golfers would not like to miss. We have placed information fliers about the event on Church Notice Boards showing a brief format for the day as well as contacts. Alternatively email teljoy1@aol.com as soon as possible for a booking form.

Photography competition. Emmanuel Church in Weston Favell Centre is running a photography competition to celebrate the beauty that surrounds us in Northampton East. Three age categories: Ages 0 - 11, 11 - 18 and 18 - 100+. It will be split into two photography categories - Nature/Wildlife and Urban/Buildings. The competition will run from 4-30 June. First prize is £40 voucher and second prize is £20 voucher. Please see the poster in the porch at Our Lady’s for more details.