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MASSES THIS WEEK

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| St Anselm | Sunday | 24 June | 8.00am | Jan Grzesiukowicz RIP |
| Our Lady | Sunday | 24 June | 9.15am | For the parish |
| Our Lady | Monday | 25 June | 6.00pm | All souls; Laurence Keenan RIP |
| Our Lady | Wednesday | 27 June | 6.00pm | For the sick |
| Our Lady | Thursday | 28 June | 5.30pm | Reception of the Patrick Costello RIP |
| Our Lady | Friday | 29 June | 8.00am | Funeral of Patrick Costello RIP |
| Our Lady | Saturday | 30 June | 10.00am | No Mass this morning |
| Our Lady | Saturday | 30 June | 1.00pm | Wedding |
| St Anselm | Sunday | 1 July | 8.00am | For the parish |
| Our Lady | Sunday | 1 July | 9.15am | Anna Hayes (Foundation Mass) |

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| St Anselm | Tuesday | 26 June | 7.00pm | Prayer Group |
| Our Lady | Wednesday | 27 June | 2.00pm | Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer. |

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018: June: for 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. Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24, Ps 29:2.4-6.11-13.Rv2, Corinthians 8:7.9.12-15, Mark 5:21-43.

Last week's collection. Our Lady: £332.70 St. Anselm: £202 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

Next week's second collection. Peter's Pence. This is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father. Our contributions are intended for use by the pope in his worldwide humanitarian efforts. Victims from natural disasters, wars, diseases and other catastrophic events receive assistance from Peter's Pence. Economically strapped dioceses and churches, hospitals and Catholic education programs are also among recipients of these funds.

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. Bernard Johnson, Chav Nguyen and Maureen Taitt.

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST. Theme: "Indeed the hand of the Lord was with him".

The celebration of the earthly birthday of John the Baptist marks the coming of the new dispensation or new era.

His personality represents the Old Testament and at the same time introduces the New.

He represents the Old Testament because he was the last of the Old Testament prophets. His parents were committed to the old laws. Therefore in keeping to the old law, they planned to name their first-born son at the time of the circumcision, which occurs on the eighth day. The act of circumcision represented the initiation of the child into the covenant of Israel.

As part of the old law, the first-born son must be named after the Father. During the naming ceremony of Elizabeth's son, her family members intended to name the child after his father, "Zachariah". They wanted him to take after his father's trade, that is, to be a priest. They wanted him to be like his father. His mother objected and suggested another name, "John", which was confirmed by Zachariah, as he wrote on a writing tablet, "His name is John", which means, "Yahweh has shown favour" or "Yahweh is gracious". This is the name given by the angel before he was born. The Lord called him before he was born, from the womb of the mother his named was pronounced by the angel.

The birth of John the Baptist demonstrates the beginning of a new era. Despite the mysterious circumstances of the parents, his birth brought joy and excitement to the hill country of Judea. Zachary fell silent and lost the power of speech. The mother was old and barren. In the new covenant, the people of God are called to focus their hearts on the joy of the Holy Spirit. This is a type of excitement that people want to treasure in their hearts. To safeguard this Joy of the new covenant, John the Baptist "proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel."

Today we celebrate our new spiritual birthday and our special gift is Christ. We must realize that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. God knows us more than we presume to know ourselves May John who becomes our VOICE lead us to the WORD.

Parish Open Meeting. We will be holding a meeting in the Institute on Wednesday 4 July starting at 6.45pm and following Mass at 6pm. This will be an opportunity to provide an update on the parish, its finances and any matters you may wish to raise. All parishioners are invited.

No Saturday Morning Mass. There will not be 10am Mass or Adoration at Our Lady's on Saturday 30 June. Those who wish to have Adoration are welcome at Sacred Heart Church, where Adoration is 10am-2pm.

Missio Red Box appeal. Fr Vincent Oates MHM wishes to thank you for your welcome last weekend. If you did not become a member of APF – Mill Hill by taking a Red Box and you wish to do so, OR to find out more about APF - Mill Hill, please contact your APF – Mill Hill Local Secretary.

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School. Is your child starting school in September? St Gregory's Catholic Primary School have spaces available in their Reception classes for September 2018. If you would like to come and visit our school and see the fantastic opportunities we offer, please ring the school office on 01604 403511 to book a visit.

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.

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 Vacancies: Parish Youth Liaison Worker (Full Time) We are currently recruiting for a Parish Youth Liaison Worker to join our youth office, NYMO. The closing date for applications will be Monday 25th June 2018. For further details of these vacancies, please visit www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or call 01604 714840.

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.

Summer Reflection Day. 30 June 2018 at Monastery of Christ Our Saviour, Jack's Lane, Turvey MK43 8DH. Theme: Talking of Love with tasters in prayer. Coffee at 10.15am and start at 10.45am. Mass, Prayer of Stillness and Time with Prayer Places. The day finishes at 3.45pm. Keynote address by Br John OSB. Places are limited so booking is essential via NORES office admin@nores.org.uk or ring 01582 723312. For disability enquires ring 01234 888858. Cost of day is £15 with booking, tea, coffee available all day, please bring a packed lunch.

Eucharistic Congress - Adoramus: 7-9 September 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. 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. Any questions contact Cath Worthington on 07817320934 or go to <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/> and go to the Adoremus link.